



Ruby J. Valentine

October 26, 1929 - May 10, 2009

Washington- Ruby J. Valentine, 79, of Washington died at 11:25 AM on Sunday, May 10, 2009 at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. She was born on December 26, 1929 in Lawrenceburg, TN to Vardie and Vera (Wilson) Wilburn. She married J.C. Valentine on March 15, 1947 in Florence, AL. He preceded her in death on March 25, 2001.

Survivors are 2 sons, Stan (Sandy) Valentine of East Peoria and Christopher (Julie) Valentine of Jacksonville, IL; 1 daughter Linda (Tom) Abbott of Washington; 3 sisters, Marie Hodge and Melanie Gray, both of Summertown, TN and Grace (Harold) Pugh of East Peoria; 1 brother, Ray (Ginger) Wilburn of Lawrenceburg, TN; 6 grandchildren, Kelly (Larry) Green, Phil (Toni) Abbott, Jason Valentine, Doug Valentine, Samantha Valentine, and Jack Valentine, 4 great-grandchildren, Erica Bartsch, Adam Green, Tiffany Abbott, and Cassidy Abbott, and 1 great-great-grandson, James Daniel Bartsch.

She was preceded in death by her husband, an infant son, and one granddaughter, Laura Valentine.

Ruby worked at Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria for 30 years in laundry and housekeeping, where she served as both a Manager and also a Union Steward. She was a member of Crossroads Baptist Church in Peoria, where she was active with the Jolly 60's group. In later years, she attended Beverly Manor Baptist Church in Washington. Ruby also served as a precinct judge in Peoria County.

Services for Ruby will be held at 10:00AM Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Deiters

Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington, IL. Pastor Michael McCoskey and Pastor James Clark will officiate. Burial will follow at Parkview Cemetery in Peoria. Visitation will be held from 5-8 PM Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at the funeral home, where additional visitation will be from 9-10 AM on Thursday prior to the service.

Memorials in her name may be made to Crossroads Baptist Church, St. Jude Children's Hospital, or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ Linda, We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. We will always remember her as a wonderful neighbor and we are very blessed to have known her. She is in a better place where all things are beautiful, just the way she liked them. Once again you have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Frank and Joyce DeWitt##imported-end##

May 25, 2009 at 12:18 AM



“ Chris you and your family our in our prayers. He will swallow up death forever and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all.##imported-begin##Jack and Tena White##imported-end##

May 13, 2009 at 05:35 PM



“ Stan I was sorry to hear about your moms passing, know that you are in my prayers, Twinkle sends her prayers and love also, call me if you need too##imported-begin##Ginny Nailing##imported-end##

May 13, 2009 at 05:12 PM



“ Aunt Grace,
We are sorry for your loss. We will be thinking of you.

David, Rhonda, Brandon and Emily Pugh##imported-begin##David and Rhonda Pugh##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 05:05 PM



“ Linda-You are in my prayers. Be comforted by the knowledge her suffering is over and that she and your dad are together again with the Lord. My condolences to your family.##imported-begin##Wendy Davidson##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 03:41 PM



“ Tom & Linda,

Darryl & I are very sorry to hear about your loss. I loved going to your parents house with you as a little girl - I remember Kelly & I picking the Rhubarb that your mom always grew...Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time and always.##imported-begin##Darryl & Karen Suttle##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 02:21 PM



“ Chris & Julie, Jason & Samantha --

Our deepest sympathies. Moms are always there - from our first breath & thru everthing we do, giving us support & many sayings to repeat to our children! I've found that doesn't change - because they still dwell within our hearts. Take comfort in telling and hearing the stories of special moments that will flow from the gathering of family and friends. We will be there with you in spirit - both this week and in the future.

Lin & Jim, Carrie & Jay Mann, and Pollygram##imported-begin##Lin MANN##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 11:40 AM



“ Chris,

I am very sorry to hear about your mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Allen##imported-begin##Allen Greenwood##imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 05:38 AM



“ we are are very sorry for the loss of ruby she was a very nice lady now she is going to a heaven our sympathy goes out for her family may begod be with all of you##imported-begin##moe & carol helems##imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 10:19 PM