



Marcella Gaye Starkey McMahan

July 13, 1920 - May 19, 2014

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On May 19, 2014 Gaye joined her husband John, sister Virginia Altizer, brother Larry Paul, parents Ellis & Edith Starkey and a host of other family and friends in Heaven.

Born July 13, 1920 on a farm in Crown City Ohio and baptized at Good Hope Baptist Church, Gaye graduated from Mercerville Hannan High School at the age of 16. During World War II she lived in Huntington and worked at Libby Owens Glass. When John returned from the war they married and built their lives in St. Albans, WV. Gaye excelled at providing a loving home. There was nothing she would not do for her family, except drive a car. Ever considerate and gracious, she was afraid her cautious driving would impede others. A seamstress extraordinaire, she could create anything in a snap with or without patterns. Gaye gave of herself generously through sewing for others, and with food she grew, canned and prepared as well as with her constant smile, prankster sense of humor, and kind & gentle nature. All she ever wanted was for those around her to be happy. She hugged everyone including co-workers at Stone & Thomas where she retired after 16 years of service.

The last few years as Gaye needed assistance she finally located a piece of Heaven at Shining Starr in Hurricane where earthly angels loved & spoiled the

“Spunky Queen” just as she deserved. The family is forever thankful for Kerri, Tammy, Ginger, Missy, Mandy, Rachel & their families who made her final years so special. She loved this expanded family.

Left with wonderful memories, Gaye is survived by her children Sandra Ashley (David) of St. Albans and Hal McMahon (Linda) of Huntington and grandchildren Elizabeth Caitlin Ashley of Charleston, Cameron McMahon Ashley of St. Albans & John Foster McMahon & Christopher Carr McMahon both of Huntington in addition to many nieces, nephews, & friends.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Friday May 23, 2014 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans with Reverend Ravi Isaiah officiating. Entombment will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm Friday until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation, 623 Lee Street West, Charleston, WV 25302. You may also share memories or condolences with the family at www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177
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Funeral Service

MAY 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marcella Gaye Starkey McMahon*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Sandra & family,*

Thinking of you at this time.

Vicky Whitehill

Vicky Whitehill - May 23, 2014 at 08:16 AM



“ *Sandy, your mom was such an important part of my teenage years. I'm not sure how she managed to put up with our silliness, always laughing late into the night. She was such a sweetheart and took good care of us. What a lovely lady!*

I know she will be missed.

Thinking of you during this difficult time,

Kathy Austin Moore

Kathy Austin Moore - May 22, 2014 at 03:00 PM



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