



Rosemary Murray Clendenin

September 21, 1932 - May 28, 2020

Rosemary Murray Clendenin passed away after a brief illness on Thursday, May 28, 2020, in Palm Bay, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence B. Murray and Minnie A. Murray and the husband she adored, Albert Dale Clendenin. She is survived by three daughters, Kathryn Sandy (Mark), Jayne Pauley (Bob), and Janet Williams (Jerry). She also leaves behind six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Rosemary was born September 21, 1932. She was a 1950 graduate of St. Albans High School.

A life-long learner, volunteer, true Red Dragon she surely was. She chaired the Main Street Memory in 2000 and was the All-Class Reunion Program Editor-in- Chief in 2004.

As a member of the SAHS Alumni Association, she took great pride in the Association's ten thousand dollar contribution to the Kanawha Valley Foundation.

Rosemary was a Girl Scout leader, ran the St. Albans Day Camp for numerous years, and enjoyed directing the Camp Clyde Browder Swim Camp. She was presented the Volunteer of Excellence Award by the Mountain Laurel Girl Scout Council. Rosemary taught swimming for the Red Cross in Putnam

and Kanawha Counties, and served several terms on the Red Cross Board.

Proud of her mountain state, Rosemary gave Step-On tours. Extensive research and a lively personality made her tours interesting and popular. Proud of her Irish heritage and her Roman Catholic faith, Rosemary donated many hours to hot dog sales, bake sales, Mardi Gras parties, bereavement dinners at St. Francis of Assisi in St. Albans and later, Holy Trinity in Nitro where she was a lector. If anyone wanted something accomplished, they contacted Rosemary.

A celebration of her life will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Nitro, WV on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Presided over by Father Leon Alexander, Mass begins at 11:00 am. She will be laid to rest beside Albert Dale in Fairplain Cemetery in Ripley following the service. You may also visit her tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories and offer condolences to the family.

In lieu of flowers, she requested donations be made to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2219 22nd Street, Nitro, WV 25143, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1023 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans, WV 25177 or Black Diamond Girl Scout Council, 321 Virginia Street, West, Charleston, WV 25302.

The family thanks Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home in Melbourne, Florida and Chapman Funeral Home in Winfield, WV for their support.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 12848 Winfield Road, Winfield is honored to serve Rosemary and her family.

Cemetery Details

Fairplain Cemetery

Ripley, WV

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
2219 22nd Street
Nitro, WV 25143

Tribute Wall



“ *Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosemary Murray Clendenin*



Chapman Funeral Homes - June 03, 2020 at 08:45 AM

CM

Girls you were all your mom talked about! I am so sad and shocked for she was always a spit fire and seemed so healthy. God must have been ready for her and she is with him now 🙏 So sorry for your loss.

❤️ *Claudia Heindl McDonald*

claudia mcdonald - June 04, 2020 at 07:51 AM

PF

I am so....so very sorry for your loss. Your Mother was beautiful inside and out. I would have loved to have had just a little of her energy. She was a very intelligent, caring and Loving Lady. I'm so sorry I wasn't in contact with her the past few years. I only hope one day, I will see her smiling face again. I know when I do, her arms will welcome me. My prayers are for you and your family. Pamela Farley

Pamela Farley - June 04, 2020 at 11:13 PM

KR

What a beautiful tribute to your mother. I never met any of her daughters. I met Rosemary working on the SAHS 2000 All Class Reunion. We hit it off immediately! We worked hard together and in so many ways so very much alike. Rosemary was a wonderful, loving friend. I will miss her. Until the service today, I did not know she had broken her hip. She was a great and loyal friend. I am so sorry for your loss. And as your mom would say - Peace and Prayers. Kris Radford, Class of 66.

Kristin Radford - June 13, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *Rosemary Murray Clendenin*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Kitty, Jayne and Janet Your dear mother meant so much to me. She was one of my mother's, Rosemary Young, good friends, having been one of her bridesmaids on the morning of her own wedding that afternoon. She and my mother worked together at St. Francis doing all the things mothers do to make things better for their children. She was my girl scout leader and through her dedicated service made my life so much fuller and meaningful. She was a true friend to the end, helping ease the loss of my mother at a time when I needed comfort. So I hope that I can offer a little comfort myself in telling you how very much I loved your mother and that I will miss her very much. The world is a little less with her absense. My thoughts are with you. Mary Beth Young Pierce*

Mary Pierce - June 17, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rosemary Murray Clendenin.*



June 10, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rosemary Murray Clendenin.*



June 05, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ *Jayne, Janet, and Kitty I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother. She was a very special lady showering kindness on everyone she met. I remember her as being one of the ideals for how a person and mother should be, you were very lucky to have called her mother. Rest In Peace Rosemary.*

Judy Greenwood Scherer - June 05, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ *Kitty, Jayne and Janet- Sending love and condolences on your Mother's passing. Rosemary was such a wonderful mentor when we taught swimming together through the Red Cross and the bond we had from attending St. Francis and Kitty and I being classmates. May she Rest In Peace. Best, Mary Pat Davis Hanson*

Mary Pat Hanson - June 04, 2020 at 08:43 PM

GB

“Kitty, Janet, and Jayne, so sorry for your loss. Losing anyone is sad but it seems losing your Mom is the worse. When the tears come, just remember the joy she brought to so many, although it doesn't make the pain any less, it brings the thoughts of the good days.

Our Moms were great friends and loved working with the Girl Scouts, although I would say they had their best times at Camp Clyde Browder

Gary D Hartman, Virginia Beach - June 04, 2020 at 12:37 AM