



Velma Inez Sowards

February 7, 1922 - May 4, 2014

Our Mom, Velma Sowards, 92, of Hurricane moved to Heaven Sunday, May 4, 2014.

Born February 7, 1922 in Hurricane, she was a daughter of the late, G.M. (Ken) and Lola Sovine Fisher. She was also preceded in death by three sons, Ivan Sowards, Ronnie Sowards and Harold Lee (Lillian) Mitchell; her sister, Freda (Paul) Gibson; two brothers, D.V. "Pete" Fisher and Ivan (Nina) Fisher; two grandsons, H. Douglas Mitchell and Charles "Hank" Graley; one great-grandson, Michael Mitchell.

She is survived by two sons, Vernon "Jackie" Sowards (Louise Miller) and Paul D. Sowards (Tammy) all of Hurricane; six daughters, Carolyn Miller (Bill) and Bernice June Shy all of Huntington, Margaret Jefferson (Jim) of West Hamlin, Mary Call (Paul) of Hurricane with whom she made her home, Connie Williams (Jack) of Barboursville, Shirley Sheppard (Randy) of Milton and her "other" daughter, loving granddaughter and long-term caregiver, Susan Reynolds (Rickey of Culloden; 20 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Eva Young Fisher, several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of family and friends who are left to cherish her memory.

Our Mom was a lifelong resident of Hurricane and a devoted Christian, Baptist

by faith. She had started January 1, to read her Bible for what would have been the 23rd time completely cover to cover. She also did the "Bible Quiz" in her local paper, The Hurricane Breeze submitting questions for over 17 years and only quit earlier this year because of declining health. She helped spread The Word and met many people who became loving friends. She also was a faithful listener to the Ministry and Christian music on her favorite radio station WEMM. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

Mom was a loving, hard working, gentle lady who was well-known for her huge vegetable gardens and home canning as well as her "country" home-cooking and loved nothing better than to have all of her kids home for Sunday dinner. "She looketh well to her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness" Proverbs 31:27

We would like to thank Gerling Health Care, especially David, Stacie and Debbie, Dr. Randall Peterson and "her girls", Ellen, Marcia, Ashley, Monta and Jill at Putnam Family Practice. She loved you all and thanks for treating her like the Queen we all thought she was. Thanks also to HospiceCare, especially Tammy, Lynn and Pete for your care as well.

Funeral service will be held at 11am Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial will follow in the Kingery Cemetery, Hurricane. Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Tuesday at the funeral home. You may visit www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share sympathies with the family.

Mom, we love you and miss you. Enjoy your first Mother's Day in Heaven. "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted" Matthew 5:4

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley

Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Sowards family.

Cemetery Details

Kingery Cemetery

Hurricane, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Velma Inez Sowards*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *ANGELA SCHNEIDER(susie Brownings Cousin) lit a candle in memory of Velma Inez Sowards*



ANGELA SCHNEIDER(susie brownings cousin) - May 07, 2014 at 10:46 AM



“ *So glad we got together when we came home from Texas last August. Great times, funny stories, good memories. You will be greatly missed. You were the oldest left of our family and now my aunt Bonnie will be the oldest. So glad that there is no more suffering here on Earth and you are having a great reunion celebration with ALL those gone on before!
Go Rest High on that mountain! You have a lot to be guardian angels for! There will be tears and sadness but GOD'S PERFECT TIMING let you take your wings and fly! You are now perfect and we will meet again! Family is united once again and happy tears are flowing here on Earth!*

Barbara Warner-Geffs - May 05, 2014 at 10:29 AM