



Armenta G. Shepherd

November 2, 1929 - March 9, 2015

Shepherd, Armenta G., age 85, of New Martinsville, WV, died Monday, March 9, 2015 at Wetzel County Hospital, New Martinsville.

She was born November 2, 1929 in McMechen, WV, the daughter of the late Herman Bonnell and Opal Parker Hammel.

Armenta was a school bus driver for 24 years for Wetzel County Schools. She was a member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ and Women of the Moose Lodge 931, both in New Martinsville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rossie Shepherd Jr. on July 27, 1985; three brothers, Herman B. Hammel, Jr., Clarence B. Hammel and Clyde Page Hammel; and a sister, Rose Goudy.

Survivors include four sons, Jerry David (Brenda) Shepherd, Timothy Bruce (Carmen) Shepherd, Anthony Paul "Tony" (Debbie) Shepherd and Thomas Joseph (Lisa) Shepherd, all of New Martinsville; two sisters-in-law, Alice Hammel and Bernice Hammel; ten grandchildren, J.D., Jeremy (Sarah), Chad (Velisha), Dustin, Reneé, Russell (Ellen), Ryan, Erica, Taylor and Sam; and five great grandchildren, Hannah, Noah, Jacob, Jackson and Vivienne.

Family will receive friends on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, where funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Victor Hunter officiating.

Burial to follow in Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Love Ladies of First Christian Church, P.O. Box 274, New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Cemetery Details

Northview Cemetery

219 N. State Rt. 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your mothers' passing. Loved living next door to her. There was never a dull moment. I remember her and my mom talking back and forth while sitting on their front porch. You could hear your mom when she laughed all the way down the block. She was a very nice and kind person. She raised good boys! Again, I'm sorry for your lose. I lost my mom 14 months ago and still haven't completely healed.

Debby Young Burkhart

debby burkhart - March 18, 2015 at 07:02 PM

JB

“ I remember Armenta as my bus driver while I was growing up. She was always so jovial, high-spirited and obviously loved her job. So sorry for your loss.

Jeanie Booher - March 18, 2015 at 01:42 PM

CF

“ I hadn't heard if your mother's passing until this evening. Please accept my deepest condolences and my regrets that I missed her service.

Christy McDowell and family - March 14, 2015 at 08:15 PM

CT

“ Jerry, Tim, Tony, and Tom, it was with profound sadness that I learned of the passing of your Mother. During my years at Magnolia High School and in coaching both Tony and Tom, I had a very warm and personal relationship with both her and your Dad. They were wonderful people who always displayed nothing but kindness and caring to those they met. No doubt your Mom will be missed greatly by the New Martinsville and Wetzel County communities. As I write this note, I can hear your mother's laugh. She was a gem and a joy to be around. As you all celebrate her life, know that we too celebrate the legacy she left to the New Martinsville community and to the friendship and joy she brought to all those she interacted. Take care,

Charlie Toth

Charlie Toth - March 12, 2015 at 11:26 AM

BY

“ so sorry to hear of armentas passing, we had a lot of fun in our canasta game. she wa a special person. and will be missed. betty yoho

betty yoho - March 12, 2015 at 10:47 AM

MN

“ Tony & Debbie I am so sorry to hear of Armenta's passing.. She was always such a sweet lady to me.. I am sure she is gonna be missed. Love & Prayers go out to you & your families.

martha neff - March 12, 2015 at 08:19 AM

MN

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martha neff - March 12, 2015 at 08:19 AM

JD

“ Great Aunt Armenta always had the best stories! So sorry to hear of her passing. She will be missed.

Jen Daniels and family

jen daniels - March 12, 2015 at 08:08 AM

DP

“ So Sorry to here about Armenta! She was a wonderful lady who was always laughing and carring on with the ladies at Quinets...They always had their favorite table and had soo much Fun... Hugs and Prayers

Dawn Elliott Parsons - March 11, 2015 at 08:16 PM

PA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Will miss hearing her sitting in the driveway blowing thehorn for tony to come out. Then asking bob, where's my Tony? She always made sure to yell over and tell us hi when she ame up tp Tony and Debbie's. She was one of a kind. Pam and Bob

pam - March 11, 2015 at 08:00 PM

DH

“ To all of you, you were Blessed to have been raised by a wonderful woman, mother, and wife. Armenta, was a fantastic human being, in every aspect. Each one of you, have carried on the joy and laughter from your Mom. She had a glowing spirit that made you want to hear another story.



She was always fun to be around. She would always have that wonderful smile, and never let the moment pass without saying something funny, and kind.

She should have been a comedian, with that jolly laugh.

Armenta, was a person who really cared about each one of us. She made you feel loved.

I have been Blessed by knowing her. My life has been made richer, for walking the planet with her.

Now, God has your Mom on the front row, and is laughing when Armenta says anything at all.

She knew she was loved by all of us. The generations of children who shared time with her, carry wonderful thoughts with them of your wonderful Mom.

You will see her again.

God Blessed her, and all of you by having you together as a family. Thank you, Armenta for all the years of fun and adventure.

David Hahn - March 11, 2015 at 04:53 PM

MH

“ Arminta was a great neighbor. Used to stop and talk with her when I was walking the dog. She always had a smile and a funny story to tell.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hunter - March 11, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Armenta G. Shepherd.



March 11, 2015 at 03:54 PM



“ Amy Geho lit a candle in memory of Armenta G. Shepherd



amy geho - March 11, 2015 at 12:41 PM



Your mom will deeply missed. When I would come clean I always enjoy our talks from the times rode her bus and about what was going on in town. She loved showing what she order from QVC and have open boxes up what she order because forgot what she order. I will always remember her smiling.

amy geho - March 11, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to you all. Mrs. Shepherd was one of my favorite people growing up. Never saw her that she didn't make a fuss. Sending love, hugs & prayers...

Susan Watson Connors - March 11, 2015 at 11:41 AM



(Susan Watson)

Susan Watson Connors - March 11, 2015 at 11:42 AM

SL

“ Susie Longwell lit a candle in memory of Armenta G. Shepherd



Susie Longwell - March 11, 2015 at 09:47 AM

SL

“ Sally Longwell lit a candle in memory of Armenta G. Shepherd



Sally Longwell - March 11, 2015 at 09:46 AM

JT

“ My most sincere sympathy! Mrs. Shepherd always had a smile and I loved to hear her laugh! With love, Jan

jennifer Coffield Tobin - March 11, 2015 at 08:55 AM

AN

“ To the Shepard family Jeremy and Sarah and Tim and Carmen my thoughts and prayers are with you all and I know how hard this is and know that she is loved by many and will be missed by many



Angel - March 10, 2015 at 10:42 PM



“ *She was the "Best" School Bus Driver I had! Every morning she was greeted with a hug and at Christmas she knew she would always have a tin of Candy & Cookies that my mother would make for her. She will be dearly missed!*

Zack Mandy Lamp - March 10, 2015 at 06:49 PM



“ *Zack Mandy Lamp lit a candle in memory of Armenta G. Shepherd*



Zack Mandy Lamp - March 10, 2015 at 06:44 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Armenta G. Shepherd.*



March 10, 2015 at 05:55 PM



“ *On behalf of First Christian Church I extend our love and sympathies to the entire family at this time. We are grateful for Armenta's life and service. "Blessed are they who die in the Lord."*

Pastor Vic Hunter

Victor Hunter - March 10, 2015 at 04:24 PM

HD

“ *Holly Demarco lit a candle in memory of Armenta G. Shepherd*



holly demarco - March 10, 2015 at 03:46 PM

BM

“ *Bobbi Cecil Meadows lit a candle in memory of Armenta G. Shepherd*



Bobbi Cecil Meadows - March 10, 2015 at 03:21 PM

BM

So sorry for your loss I just loved her she was my bus driver for years. RIP Mrs. Shepherd you will be truly missed.

Bobbi Cecil Meadows - March 10, 2015 at 03:23 PM

JB

To the Shepherd Family, I am so sorry to hear of Armenta's passing, I worked for her and got to know her on the Parks and Rec Commission long ago, we always had a good time, she was a lovely person. John Batton

John Batton - March 10, 2015 at 03:47 PM

BM

So sorry to hear of Armenta's passing. She was a very nice neighbor on Second St. when we first got married. She kinda looked out for us. God Bless you all, with our deepest sympathy, Doug and Barb McAdams

Barb McAdams - March 10, 2015 at 06:07 PM

LW

My thoughts and prayers to you Jerry and Brenda, your brothers, and all of the grandchildren. I remember her fondly. She had an infectious laugh. I told my husband that she was the first lady bus driver I ever knew...I was so impressed that she could handle that big yellow bus with all the kids!

Linda Lasure Williams - March 13, 2015 at 01:13 PM

II

“ Oh the stories I could share, the times I sat and had talks with her and oh some of the things she saw, but what I remember is she was always rooting for me and her love of her children and we always could laugh even when there was nothing to laugh about. We all knew when she yelled Jerry David , Timothy Bruce, or Anthony Paul, things were going to get interesting. Tom was the baby, so we all had to watch out for him. I will miss her kindness and smile. Deepest sympathies to all. Love, Deaner

Iris R Isaacs - March 10, 2015 at 03:18 PM

KT

“ So sorry to hear about your Mom...you're in our thoughts and prayers...Ben & Kathy Tharp

kathy tharp - March 10, 2015 at 02:00 PM

BP

“ Barbara Palmer lit a candle in memory of Armenta G. Shepherd



barbara palmer - March 10, 2015 at 12:57 PM