



Child, Esther

February 6, 2012

Child, Esther, age 85, formerly of Moundsville, WV died Monday, February 6, 2012 in Liza's Place, Wheeling, WV.

She was born July 1, 1926 in Benwood, WV the daughter of the late Thomas Harry Shepard and Lorena Sigler Shepard Kearns.

She was a 1947 Graduate of OVGH School of Nursing; worked at OVMC for 20 years; retired from Reynolds Memorial Hospital as a RN and 3rd Floor supervisor with 20 years of service; and was a Christian by faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Edwin, Thomas, and James Shepard; and two sisters, Anna Virginia Shepard, and Ada Mae Merrill.

Survivors include a daughter, B. Jane (G. Roger) Clark of Moundsville; three grandchildren, Trevor Clark of Columbus, OH, Rachel (Ben) Potters of Christiansburg, VA, and Robin (Aaron) Hoback of Chester, VA; five great-grandchildren, Grace and Gavin Clark, Shane and Alex Potters, and Jude Hoback; and special friends, Joan and Wayne LeMasters.

The family wishes to sincerely thank all those who provided excellent care and comfort for Esther this past year.

The family will receive friends on Monday, February 13, 2012, from 11:00am until time of Memorial Service at 12:30pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville with Aaron Hoback, Minister officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Red Cross, River Valley

Chapter, 4471 National Rd., Wheeling, WV 26003

A memorial photo tribute may be viewed at www.valleyoflife.com/echild.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I am sad to hear of "Mrs. Child's death. I don't think I ever called her "Esther".. back in the old days, it was a professional thing.. met her in 1969 when I started working at RMH (1969-1980)after I got married. She taught me a lot on 3rd floor. She supported me lots of times when challenged by difficult patients AND doctors. Boy, she could get mad when anyone said anything bad about us or treated us badly. I remember when she told me about living on the ocean, when storms cause the tide to come up.. she wondered what the "lapping" sound was... it was the ocean against the house. I remember her acquiring hepatitis and being out patient... she hated that! She taught me loads, and I had nothing but respect for her, as all of us did. My heart reaches out to all of you.

Joan Hazard - May 23, 2012 at 05:20 PM

JR

“ Dear Jane and Family, So sorry that Charlie and I can't be there for you at this difficult time but our thoughts and prayers are there with you. Love to all of you! Judy and Charlie

Judy & Charlie Rose - February 12, 2012 at 01:04 PM

JA

“ Thanks, Suzanne. I really appreciate that. Jane

Jane - February 11, 2012 at 05:17 PM

SE

“ *Jane & Family, What a beautiful person your mother was in the many, many years that I've known your family. Growing up in McMechen just two blocks from you to finally meeting your mother once again at RMH in the 1980's (she was my Head Nurse on 3rd floor!) Who would have thought? She taught me many ethical, emotional and practical skills as a person and a Nurse. I will always remember her in my heart as one of the most influential persons of my lifetime. My dad is (I'm sure) waiting for her at the gates of Heaven! Suzanne Scully Estep*

Suzanne Scully Estep - February 11, 2012 at 02:58 PM