



## Dorothy K. Downing

September 6, 1943 - October 28, 2014

Downing, Dorothy K., age 71, of New Martinsville, WV died Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at OVMC, Wheeling.

She was born on September 6, 1943 in New Martinsville a daughter of the late Finley Ruth and Mabel Riggerbach Ruth Potts.

Dorothy was a retired elementary school teacher with 26 years of service. She was a member of the New Martinsville United Methodist Church; loved reading; enjoyed being with her grandchildren and was known for doing cartwheels down the hallway on the last day of school.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her step-father, Ray Potts; one sister: Nancy Riley; brother-in-law, David Riley and a nephew, David Cozart.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Downing; two daughters: Sherry (Mike) Wood of Washington, WV and Kathie (Tad) Telarico of Charlotte, NC; one brother: Finley Ronald Ruth of Warren, OH; five grandchildren: Emily and Meredith Koerber, Cameron Wood, Mia and Jack Telarico; several nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and also on Saturday from Noon until time of services at 1:00 p.m. at the Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 751 Third St., New Martinsville with Rev. Sharletta Green officiating. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Interment**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

### Visitation

OCT **31**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

### Visitation

NOV **1**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“*Mrs. Downing my was my 5th grade teacher, and oh, how I loved her! She was a kind, sweet, gentle soul, a true lady. I am very sorry for the family's loss. My prayers and condolences go out to all.*

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**Jennifer Blair** - November 06, 2014 at 03:39 PM

JI

“*Justin Isaacs lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



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**Justin Isaacs** - November 03, 2014 at 10:21 PM

ED

“ I had the privilege of being a student of Dorothy's for the 1987-1988 school year. Prior to being in her class in the third grade, I had a tough time with other students and teachers. Getting good grades wasn't difficult, but fitting in was something I never experienced. Mrs. Downing kept a keen eye on me, my work, and made sure that I was treated well while in her presence. She nurtured the subjects and skills that I had an aptitude for, and never let me give up on myself. My life as a student and person began to turn around with her giving me focus. Sometimes, I would call her up on the phone just to chit chat about random things that an 8 year old would talk about, and although I'm sure I bothered her a time or six, she would take the time to talk for five or ten minutes. Her words still mean a lot to me.

Thank you,

*Edward Davis (formerly Edward Ash)*

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**Edward Davis** - November 03, 2014 at 02:47 PM

CJ

“ Cris And Tonya Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing



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**Cris and Tonya Jenkins** - October 31, 2014 at 07:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy K. Downing.*



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October 30, 2014 at 09:49 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. Remember her always as an upbeat, happy person; during our years of teaching.*

*Teresa Shackelford*

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**Teresa Shackelford** - October 30, 2014 at 07:00 PM



“ *Ron,  
Sorry to hear about your sister ..  
Randy & Carole Lamb*

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**r c lamb** - October 30, 2014 at 04:01 PM



*Thanks Randy & Carole for your condolences.*

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**Ron Ruth** - November 02, 2014 at 02:36 PM



“ *Sherry and Kathie---I was very sorry to hear about your mother. Please know I am thinking of you and your family as you celebrate her life.*

*Kathy Caldwell Cecil*

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**Kathy Caldwell Cecil** - October 30, 2014 at 01:19 PM

DS

“ So sorry to read of Dorothy's passing. She was always so friendly and always smiling. Sincere sympathy to her family and many friends.

*Donna Oliver Smittle*

Donna Smittle - October 30, 2014 at 01:12 PM

RR

*Thank You, Donna*

Ron Ruth - November 02, 2014 at 02:54 PM

MW

“ Mandy Ware lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing



Mandy Ware - October 30, 2014 at 10:53 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy K. Downing.



October 30, 2014 at 10:48 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. We grew up together and spent many fun times together. My condolences to her family.  
*Judy Muhleman Hoffner*

Judy Hoffner - October 30, 2014 at 09:48 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy K. Downing.*



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October 30, 2014 at 09:24 AM



“ *Gary Chambers lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



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**Gary Chambers** - October 30, 2014 at 09:14 AM



“ *Amiee Wilson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



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**Amiee Wilson** - October 30, 2014 at 08:21 AM



“ *Mike Reed lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



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**Mike Reed** - October 30, 2014 at 08:05 AM

LC

“ Dorothy always will be remembered for her zest for life, her smile & her laughter. Condolences to her daughters, grandchildren, brother Ron & extended family.  
*Lori Snyder Couch*



**Lori Snyder Couch** - October 30, 2014 at 08:04 AM

RR

*Lori, Thank You for your kind thoughts and condolences.*

**Ron Ruth** - November 02, 2014 at 02:57 PM

LH

“ *Leandra Hohn lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



**Leandra Hohn** - October 29, 2014 at 09:33 PM

KW

“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Your mom is now at peace and safe in heaven. We love you lots. Aunt Kathy, Uncle Don, Uncle Ron, Aunt Patty. God Bless*



**Kathy Ward** - October 29, 2014 at 07:21 PM

LH

“ *Sending sympathy and compassion to Dorothy's family. So very sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my prayers and in my heart. Much love to all - Linda Hill*

**Linda Hill** - October 29, 2014 at 05:40 PM

ED

“ *Edward Davis lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



Edward Davis - October 29, 2014 at 05:36 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dorothy K. Downing.*



October 29, 2014 at 04:18 PM



Michelle  
Breeding

“ *Michelle Breeding lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



Michelle Breeding - October 29, 2014 at 03:26 PM

RM

“ *Rebecca Moore lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



Rebecca Moore - October 29, 2014 at 03:16 PM

CM

“ *Charlene Marshall lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



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**Charlene Marshall** - October 29, 2014 at 02:51 PM



“ *Rob Najjar lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



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**Rob Najjar** - October 29, 2014 at 02:34 PM

HS

“ *Heidi Steele lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



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**Heidi Steele** - October 29, 2014 at 02:24 PM

BB

“ *Brandy Becker lit a candle in memory of Dorothy K. Downing*



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**Brandy Becker** - October 29, 2014 at 02:21 PM