



Ellen Iona Heath

September 12, 1925 - March 8, 2015

Heath, Ellen "Iona", 89 of Moundsville, was another angel called home by her Lord, Sunday, March 8, 2015 in Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

She was born September 12, 1925 on Nauvoo Ridge, Marshall County, the daughter of the late William and Bessie Henry Gorby.

She was an active member of the Waymans Ridge United Methodist Church, where she served over the years as a teacher, superintendent to Sunday school, and current treasurer; a member of the Ladies Aide, CEO's (Waymans Ridge Homemakers), Appaloosa Horse Club, Ohio Valley Horsemen's Club; volunteered for the Red Cross and Limestone Grade School as a reader and PTA member.

She was a 4-H leader; worked with the Marshall County Fair for over 50 years; helped with the Election Polls for over 60 years; known as the "bread lady" making rolls, cakes, and wedding cakes; saw a need and helped establish and volunteer as a teacher for special needs for children in Moundsville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband John Desmond Heath; a son John William Heath; a daughter-in-law Jodi Masters Heath; three sisters Laura Miller, Elizabeth Jerico, Letha Elliott; a brother John L. "Duke" Gorby; a son-in-law Larry G. Brookover.

Survivors include six daughters Madelyn (Dwayne) Mosser of Wick, WV, Arelena (Allen) Horner, Janice Brookover, Jeanette (Nettie) Heath, Kathleen Francis, Barbara (Walter) Barnhart all of Moundsville; in addition to her

daughters, her granddaughter whom she raised as a daughter, Lisa Fonner of Cameron; two brothers Lawrence and Lohren Sidney Gorby both of Moundsville; a sister-in-law Colleen Heath McClain Moore of Pt. Marion, PA; nine grandchildren John R. (Lois) Gorby of Moundsville, Patricia Via of Churchhill, VA, Allen Desmond Horner of Moundsville, Jesse (Karen) Pennington, Heather (Jay) Cox all of Wheeling, Chad (Lisa) Francis, Aaron (Natalie) Horner all of Moundsville, Amanda Jo (Matt) Ritz of Huntington, WV, Cory Scott of Virginia; 18 great-grandchildren Joel, Sarah, Jeremiah, Timothy, Steven, Kenny, Cory, Cody, Chris, Jessica, Jenn, Michael, Kyler, Bodie, Emarie, Jordon, Gavin, and Ava; four great-great-grandchildren Asia, Andrea, McKenzie, and Paige; numerous nieces and nephews.

Every child she knew called her Grandma.

Family will receive friends Wednesday from 4-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, where funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:00pm with Rev. Ray Klages officiating.

Interment in Limestone Cemetery, Moundsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Waymans Ridge United Methodist Church, 2685 Waymans Ridge Rd., Moundsville, WV 26041.

Cemetery Details

Limestone Cemetery

Moundsville, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville
400 Jefferson Ave
Moundsville, WV 26041
(304) 845-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy, Arlena and Family:
We just wanted to let you know how very sorry we are for your loss. Trust me, it doesn't matter how old they are, it's still not easy. I have said numerous times, "if mom or dad were here, they would know." Your mother was ONE wonderful lady. I didn't have the pleasure of meeting your dad, but Rob has told me some very nice things about him. Just know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love and prayers,
Rob, Kathy and Family*

Rob and Kathy Young - March 18, 2015 at 01:10 PM

MS

“ *A very sad day in Limestone community. We have lost one of our most loving and active members. Iona's smile was always a welcome at 4H, the Fair, Church or any function that would support and improve our community. Iona and Desmond touched my life at a time when I was lost and more trouble than good. I wrecked damaging fence and property of the Heaths. Instead of the treatment I deserved, this family cared for me, took me in their home and showed me the forgiving love that only our Lord gives so freely. Nearly half my life wasted away before I asked Jesus to be my Savior, only then could I understand Iona's loving heart, I pray for the Heath family, Mark S.*

Mark Smith - March 12, 2015 at 07:49 AM

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“ *Sandy N Julie Castelli lit a candle in memory of Ellen Iona Heath*



Sandy n Julie Castelli - March 11, 2015 at 07:00 PM

CD

“ *Although I'm so sad, it is a great comfort to remember my childhood when Iona and Desmond and family were like a second family to me.*

Iona was truly one of the rare people who loved unconditionally and welcomed everyone into the warm fold of her family. Iona was an icon.

I love her dearly. My sympathy is sincerely offered to her family.

Cindy Ann Weber Dayton



cindy dayton - March 11, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen Iona Heath.*



March 10, 2015 at 11:44 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen Iona Heath.*



March 10, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ *Roger and I want to say how sorry we are for your loss and yet we are comforted knowing Iona (another Angel) is home with the Lord!! May God give you all strength in the days ahead to cope with your loss!! I know you all have wonderful memories that will sustain you in the days to come!! Iona was a Special Lady and will be missed but not forgotten!! AND we will see her again one day!! Love and prayers for all!!_____Roger and Sherry brady*

Roger and Sherry Brady - March 10, 2015 at 10:08 AM



“ *To the Heath Family,
I am so sorry to learn of Iona's passing. How ironic that 2 wonderful persons from the same neighborhood gain their entry into Heaven at the same time. I will always remember Iona at Church when I was a young child staying with my grandparents. Such a pleasant person and always made you feel welcome. Such a presence in the community, I feel like part of the community has also gone away. You couldn't say Waymens Ridge, Limestone, 4-H, horses Ladies Aid or Homemakers, or Marshall County Fair with out associating Iona Heath. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you move through this difficult time. Memories are wonderful and will keep her alive in everyones heart.
Peggy Crow Richmond*

Peggy - March 10, 2015 at 07:50 AM



“ *Jaime Minter lit a candle in memory of Ellen Iona Heath*



Jaime Minter - March 10, 2015 at 06:49 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss! Iona was the nicest lady I know! She will be missed dearly. Thoughts and prayers for the family*



Julie Spiker - March 10, 2015 at 05:34 AM



“ *Pamela Blake Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Ellen Iona Heath*



pamela blake shaffer - March 09, 2015 at 08:21 PM