



Elma E. (Emery) Walley

May 30, 1924 - March 26, 2017

Elma E. (Emery) Walley, age 92 of Moundsville, WV passed peacefully to be with her loving husband “Okey” on Sunday, March 26, 2017 surrounded by her family and friends.

She was born May 30, 1924 in Moundsville, the daughter of the late Harley Cramer and Cora Reed Emery.

In her youth, Elma was active in the Church of God, where she met her husband.

She joined Calvary United Methodist Church, where she was in the choir and a member of the United Methodist Women.

Elma was a 1942 Moundsville High School graduate, a reunion planner, and class historian who published newsletters for her classmates for 70 years; attended Wheeling Business College; worked at DuPont in Parkersburg during WWII; and was an Avon Representative for 40 years.

She was a writer of prose and poetry and won national poetry awards; was a pianist as well as a member of a women’s quartette.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leon “Okey” Walley; two sisters, Evelyn Cox, and Edna Hall; four brothers-in-law, Dennis Cox, Robert Hall, Ronald Williams, and Joseph Belt.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn (Dr. James) Schnupp of Wheeling, and Beth Elaine Walley of Pittsburgh, PA; a son, Kevin (Darla) Walley of Wheeling; six grandchildren, Joanna Walley, Stephanie (Josh) Zorger, Adam (Monika) Schnupp, Michael (Celia Kilgard) Schnupp, Matthew (Jessica)

Schnupp, and Elizabeth (Nick) Nelli; eight great-grandchildren, Liam Kenzie, Lucie Zorger, Henry and Amelia Schnupp, Susanna and James Schnupp, and John Nelli; two sisters, Eva Williams of Fairfield, OH, and Sylvia (Joseph) Belt of Morgantown, WV; two brothers, Ernest (Jean) Emery, and Elmer (Wanda) Emery, all of Moundsville; and many special nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and caregivers.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday from 1-9pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville and Thursday from 10am until time of service at 11am at Calvary United Methodist Church, 1601 -1st Street, Moundsville with Pastor Greg Blair officiating.

Interment in Halcyon Hills Memorial Park, Sherrard, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Halcyon Hills Memorial Park

Sherrard, WV 26003

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church
1601 First St.
Moundsville, WV 26041

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church
1601 First St.
Moundsville, WV 26041

Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Elma E. (Emery) Walley*



Grisell Funeral Homes - March 28, 2017 at 11:53 AM

“ My dearest Aunt Elme, (Elma)

I always called you, Aunt Elme. I loved going to your house! I could sit on your porches, eat off your pretty fancy plates, and drink my milk or pop out of your finest goblets. I was always treated like a "special guest" even though I was a little kid, another one of your many nieces. You would let me see your Avon products and pick something out for myself. You would always make Kevin, lol, so sorry about that Kevin! take me somewhere when I was with you. Kevin and I went to a "Swim Dance" or two, a greyhound dog race, and a ride on a raft or whatever you call it that you drive your car on to cross the river! You were very entertaining with all of your stories of the Navy Reunions you went to. Describing the room with the decorations and the pretty clothing worn, all in detail making it come alive. You had so many pretty things sitting around to look at. I was told I was "just like my Aunt Elma" many times, which I took as a lovely compliment.

Our taste in decor and our love to talk and visit was not where our likeness ended. On June 17, 1983, in Grand Rapids, MI, in my girlfriends apartment, the day before I was to be married, you, my mom, and I sat working on my wedding dress, hat, and slip. You were working on hemming my slip. You looked down at me from the couch as I was sitting on the floor and you told me that I was getting married on your wedding anniversary, June 18! I was so surprised and excited! I popped up and asked to see your wedding rings. Oh, my...would anyone believe me?!?! we were even going to have the same wedding ring set! It could not possibly happen again or to any other people! How was it that we would share the date and the rings! You had gotten a new set for one of your anniversary's and you had bought yours in West Virginia. How on earth could we have gotten the same set in Michigan, in a different year, and be married on the same month and day!? I do not know, but we did!!!

I love you so much and will miss you terribly but I have many great memories! As for you, my cousins, Marilyn, Kevin, Beth, and your

families, we will keep in touch and reminisce when we get together. I am so sorry for your loss but I know you all are happy that she is now with your dad in heaven. May you always remember the good memories and keep in touch with each other and us, your extended family. I'll be keeping you all in my prayers during this time of sorrow. I love you all...

Paula Williams-Hanges

Paula Hages - March 31, 2017 at 08:52 PM

JM

“ *I was blessed to have known Elma, and I know she will be missed by so very many family and friends. She was a wonderful woman. To you, her family....my thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless~Johnna*

johnna mccullough - March 29, 2017 at 08:29 PM

RF

“ *Your mother was an icon of her time. When I think of Calvary, I think of her. I think of her, her grace, and her beautiful smile. As a young girl, I remember that she directed the youth choir and the talent, peace, and joy that she brought to us. I even remember the felt-covered notebooks that she made for us for Christmas. She was a very special angel to have touched so many on this earth. I sincerely hope you can find some comfort in realizing that she touched so many and now can Rest In Peace with your father.*

Ruth Ann Jefferson Ferris - March 29, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Elma E. (Emery) Walley.*



March 29, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elma E. (Emery) Walley.*



March 29, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elma E. (Emery) Walley.*



March 28, 2017 at 08:56 PM



“ *Chris, Rachel and Sarah Tracy purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Elma E. (Emery) Walley.*



Chris, Rachel and Sarah Tracy - March 28, 2017 at 07:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elma E. (Emery) Walley.*



March 28, 2017 at 04:58 PM



“ *I would like to express my sympathy to Elma's family. She and Okey were friends of my mother, Inez Parfitt, and my Aunt Kathryn and Uncle Fred Husk. I only met her a few times, but I thought she was a delightful lady! My prayers are with you in this time of grief.*

Inez Haythorn - March 28, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ *175 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - March 28, 2017 at 11:32 AM



“ *My condolences for the passing of your mother. Thoughts and prayers.*

Linda Dougherty - March 27, 2017 at 05:47 PM

PJ

“ PJ and Bill, Gloria and Michael, Mechelle and John purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Elma E. (Emery) Walley.



PJ and Bill, Gloria and Michael, Mechelle and John - March 27, 2017 at 04:15 PM

GM

“ There are so many memories of Aunt Elma. Many small things that add up to big things. She was, of course, a loving Aunt. With her 40 years as an Avon Lady, we were all the lucky recipients of Avon gifts and goodies every time we saw her. She always had a ready laugh and a child-like awe of so much in the world. She was always complimentary, never judgmental in her commentary. I remember going out to lunch with her when I was a pre-teen and having a hot fudge sundae - that sticks out in my mind. She was just fun, loving, and still engaged with the world. She has made the world a better place and will be missed. Love - Gloria (Niece, Edna's daughter)

Gloria Maser - March 27, 2017 at 02:03 PM



I was so sad to hear of the passing of Elma. Over the years I was honored to listen to the stories my Mother (Marie Kimple) told of her days spent with "the Emery girls". They remained friends for decades, and I hope Elma and Mom are sharing a big hug, and an "I love you" in heaven. Susie (Kimple) Koehrsen

Susie Koehrsen - March 30, 2017 at 06:20 PM