



Della Shrader

January 20, 1941 - November 10, 2024

MATOAKA – Della “Pug” Shrader, 83, moved to her heavenly home on Sunday, November 10, 2024, after a brief illness with bone cancer. Born January 20, 1941, in Hiawatha, she was the daughter of the late Robert Lee Gray and Della Melvin Gray.

Della was a 1958 graduate of Matoaka High School. She enjoyed fishing and gardening. She wasn't a fan of the weeding but did enjoy the canning and cooking of her crops.

At the age of 79, she cooked for 150+ people at the WVDOH Equipment Roadeo. She loved cooking for a crowd and her food was enjoyed by many. She always said, “You can't be cheap when you are cooking or it is not going to taste good.”

Della was a faithful member of Mary's Branch Pentecostal Church of God. She attended as a child and then after returning from Zion, II. She became the Children's Sunday School teacher until there were no children left to teach, After Mary's Branch church closed, she attended Ridge View Church of God until her passing.

Della was a good friend to many. She loved her brothers and sisters. She was an excellent mother, but her finest moment was being a Maw Maw to Carlie.

She would say “There is nothing better than being a Maw Maw.”

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by son, Donnie Hester; first husband, James Hester; second husband, Bernard Shrader; brother, Jr. Gray; sister, Cathy Slone, Norma Hale, Shelby Richards, and Phyllis Rose.

Those left to cherish her memory include daughter, Tina Hester of Matoaka; granddaughter, Carlie Hester of Matoaka and fiancé Luke Hall; brother, Ben Gray of Princeton; sisters, Connie Billings of VA, and Shirley Hale of OH; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 15, 2024, at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Laurel Farmer, officiating. Interment will follow at Shrader Cemetery on Hill Top Road near Matoaka.

The family will receive visitors from noon until the service hour. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Shrader Cemetery

584 Hilltop Farm Road
Matoaka, WV 24736

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
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Funeral Service

NOV 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Della Shrader* ”



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - November 15, 2024 at 02:20 PM

SS

“ *Shawn Shrader lit a candle in memory of Della Shrader* ”



Shawn Shrader - November 19, 2024 at 12:07 AM

VI

“ *Violet lit a candle in memory of Della Shrader* ”



Violet - November 16, 2024 at 08:10 AM

BS

“ *Brenda Shrader lit a candle in memory of Della Shrader*



brenda shrader - November 15, 2024 at 09:52 AM

BS

Tina ,Im so sorry,we just last night found out about Aunt Della,send you and Carley, our thoughts and prayers ,love you both, Duke and Brenda,

brenda shrader - November 15, 2024 at 09:56 AM

BT

“ *Della was my Dad’s first cousin, Richard Gray, sorry didn’t know her well. Sorry for your loss.*

Belinda Thompson - November 12, 2024 at 03:24 PM

MB

“ *I met Della when I was 17 yr,she was married to my cousin,she was a good friend to me at a time I really needed one,I have fond memories.Prayers for her family,she was a nice lady*

Marlene Stevenson Bui - November 12, 2024 at 03:24 PM

SN

“ *My Mother (RIP) and Della were best friends since age 13. They met at Matoaka and both graduated MHS 1958 together. RIP Della <3 . I didn't know you were sick. Sad news. I'll miss you.
Now, you and Ethel can be together again. I love you both so very much.*



Sherry Neely - November 12, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ *Many prayers Tina...she was the kindest person.* ”



Tina Cecil - November 12, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ *Kathy White lit a candle in memory of Della Shrader* ”



Kathy White - November 11, 2024 at 09:51 PM



“ *Debbie Barbour sent a virtual gift in memory of Della Shrader* ”



Debbie Barbour - November 11, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ *Connie Cook lit a candle in memory of Della Shrader* ”



Connie Cook - November 11, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *Denise Cooke lit a candle in memory of Della Shrader*



Denise cooke - November 11, 2024 at 03:09 PM