



Zela Hess

May 1, 1943 - July 2, 2020

PRINCETON – Zela Hess, 77, of Princeton, died Thursday, July 2, 2020. Born May 1, 1943 in Beckley, she was the daughter of the late Dorse Cook and Juanita Claypool Cook.

Zela was a member of First Assembly of God in Princeton and was a former general manager of Cato in Bluewell. She loved gardening, camping, cooking, and most of all, loved her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by daughter, Laura Repass; grandson, Nicholas Harmon; and brothers, Frankie Rutherford, Jr. and Denny Rutherford.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Hess; children, Danny Harmon (Rhonda) of Crab Orchard, WV, Steve Harmon (Cris) of Inverness, FL and Sheryl Harmon and Leslie Mills both of Princeton; grandchildren, Daniel, Christopher, Brandy, Jordan, Jacob, David, Alexander, Ryan and Monica; and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2020 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Dan Moore officiating. Interment will be private.

The family will receive friends Monday, July 6, 2020 from noon until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mrs. Hess, or share condolences with the family, please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
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Funeral Service

JUL 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Zela Hess



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - July 06, 2020 at 12:11 PM

MC

I usually just stay silent and process death alone, in my way. However, I would be remiss were I to allow thos moment to pass without expressing what this woman meant to me as a child. She was always so kind to me, the many times I spent the night at her house. I literally feel as sense of such great loss as I feel right. Steve, my oldest friend, Danny, Sherry, Leslie, and of course Lori (in heaven), Thank you for sharing your Mom with me. I love you all and treasure the memories. May the peace of Almighty God be upon you all is this time of such great sorrow.

Love Mark

Mark Carman - July 06, 2020 at 04:14 PM

DR

As a child , I knew Zela to be the most beautiful woman in the world ! I was amazed by her loving , motherly life . It was always a pleasure to see Zela n the kids coming to Mama Cooks to visit ! We had lots of good times! It saddens my heart to see her go... but , I Know , she has a much better place to go ! She has led a Good Journey n will be waiting on the rest of us . . . 🦋

Debra Rife - July 10, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ Zela Hess

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ We are heartbroken to lose our dear Zela. Will always remember her love of family, and her laughter. She was what “family” was all about. Her memory will live forever in our hearts ❤️
Bobbie, Dallas, Craig and Kelli England

Bobbie England - July 07, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ Always a sweet and caring person, we are all blessed to know you in life and can find comfort in knowing we will meet again. Many prays and hugs for the family.

Love always,
Richard, Rosemary, Cecily, and RJ Kennedy

Richard Brent Kennedy - July 06, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Zela Hess



TonyanEdgar Wicks - July 06, 2020 at 06:24 PM

BM

“ 25 Years becoming her friend, and good memories of cooking with her in her kitchen. Heartfelt wishes Don, I know you will miss her. Your family and legacy of love and all you shared together are all around you now, I pray you feel this love and it keeps you during this time.

Brandon Mills - July 06, 2020 at 11:15 AM

TK

“ I am sad I will miss you sweetheart you always spoke to me and even given me candy or whatever you had made at Bingo! Don and the whole family are on my prayers. Fly High Sweet Lady!!!!

Tammy Kinder - July 05, 2020 at 09:52 PM

SH

“ Such a sweet lady. Always sharing snacks with us at Bingo. We will miss you. Prayers for the family.



Sharon Hodock

sharon hodock - July 05, 2020 at 04:33 PM

JB

“ So hard to believe you're gone. Danny and I both thought the world of you and Don. You were always an inspiration to us. Always smiling no matter what. We feel very blessed to have known you. Our thoughts and Prayers are with Don and the family during this time of sorrow. We love you.

Julie and Danny Bailey - July 04, 2020 at 10:24 PM

TL

“ I knew Mrs Hess and Don thru Dotties bingo and she always had a smile on her face and was a great cook. My thoughts and I go out to Don and all her family. She will be greatly missed in by all her friends.



Teresa Lawson - July 04, 2020 at 04:03 PM

DG

“ She always had a smile on her face

Deborah Gentle - July 04, 2020 at 02:59 PM

DG

“ Deborah Gentle lit a candle in memory of Zela Hess



Deborah Gentle - July 04, 2020 at 02:58 PM

BC

“ I really enjoyed knowing Zela.
She was a great inspiration to everyone she made contact with. I really enjoyed talking with her and Don at bingo at Dotties. We sat together and I will really miss her. My prayers go out to you all.
From a friend, Bobby Christian

Bobby Christian - July 04, 2020 at 12:56 PM

CS

We have wonderful memories of time spent with Zela. She was a beautiful, gentle and giving lady. She always thought of others first and served God so faithfully. We will miss her. Prayers for Don and the entire family.

Carol and Merl Snider - July 06, 2020 at 06:40 PM