



Myrtle Bell Dunn

September 17, 1934 - April 7, 2016

Myrtle Bell Dunn 82, September 17th 1934 – April 7th 2016

Predeceased by mother May Bell Simmons, father Oscar Williams Simmons, husband Andrew Jackson Dunn, and Brothers Al Simmons, Morris Simmons, Ted Simmons, Clede Simmons

Survived by daughters Carrol Viera, Shirley Oberg, Martha (husband Dan) Turman, Marilyn (husband Ron) Rainwater, Samantha (husband James) Cavanaugh, Betty Berkowski, and son Ted (wife Sharon) Dunn, grandchildren Wendy (husband Randy) Lingo, Michael (wife Tiana Turman), Ron Rainwater, Tim Richardson, Benjamin Richardson, Tonya Berkowski, Tiffany Johnson, Angie (husband Rafael) Chavez, Lisa (husband Joseph) Nicosia. Other survivors include great grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Anyone who knew Maw Dunn knew her energy. She was a kind hearted woman, always in a pretty good mood not too much in life got her down. She never had much but she surely made the best out of what she did have. She was good at repurposing everything and lived a simple lifestyle. She loved to make and fix things. She made sure everyone around her had the essentials they needed. She loved to feed everyone and no one ever went hungry.

Her favorite and only son Ted was her pride and joy and she lit up whenever he would come to visit. His given job was to make sure “them girls didn’t hurt each other” when they would fight.

She had many words of wisdom and advice for everyone she ever met. She always told the girls “Don’t wrestle with the boys, you’ll always end up pregnant.” Other advice included “keep a penny, never be broke” “always wear clean breeches and wipe your tail!” “Never give away nothing sharp always make em pay a penny.”

She loved lots of things: fishing, fish fry, candy, garage sailing, “pinger-rings” (penguins), oranges, soap operas, writing and receiving letters, strawberry shakes, night gowns, “tarcos” (tacos), visiting (especially brother Fuz), baby dolls, oatmeal cookies, marigolds and she always only loved just one man Jay Bird Dunn.

She always wore an apron and was known for her treasures in the kitchen like biscuits and gravy, fried chicken, fish, huge oatmeal cookies, and veggie soup.

It is with love we remember when she would call out to one of the kids and run through a whole list of names before she gave up and said “ you know who I mean!” or chase down one of the “Cock eyed little heathens and give em some hickory tea.” She kept everyone in line because someone had to.

We live on with memories of her and the times we have spent together in our hearts and may we all be reunited someday. Her song may have ended but the melody lingers on...

Graveside Funeral Service Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Shirland Cemetery, located at the corner of Boswell and Forest Preserve Roads. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Cemetery

Shirland Cemetery

Shirland, IL,

Comments



“ I will always remember her kindness.



Andrea Rainwater - June 10, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“ My special Aunt Myrtle Simmons Dunn passed. She was a wonderful human of the highest level. Her love for family and God were very evident and she always prayed for those whom she knew. I can only tell you about how I had experienced her in my lifetime, as she always tried to bless me on my birthday by sending me a letter and some small items that were practical rather than flashy or un-usefull. In each letter she encouraged me to grow in God, work hard at being the best I could be and then closed her letter by telling me what a wonderful and gifted young man I had become. She was a simple, sweet, loving, God fearing, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, daughter, and best of all friend to all.... I love you Aunt Myrtle and I am so glad that I got to come and tell you goodbye in person 2 weeks ago. I know you are now with your beloved Saviour in his bosom with that smile that only you have. Your pains and sorrows are now all gone and you can be reunited with your baby. ..



Mickey Simmons - April 12, 2016 at 09:24 PM



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Mickey Simmons - April 12, 2016 at 09:23 PM

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Mickey Simmons - April 12, 2016 at 09:17 PM

 “ Life is but a stopping place,A pause in whats to be,A resting place along the road to sweet eternity.We all have different journeys Different paths along the way,We are all meant to learn things,But never meant to stay.Our destination is a place,Far greater then we know,For some the journeys quicker,For others it is slow.But when the journey finally ends,We'll claim a great reward,And find an everlasting piece,Together with the Lord.

ManRed1 - April 09, 2016 at 09:02 PM



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ManRed1 - April 09, 2016 at 08:29 PM



“ Mom just returned to her room from having her hair done at River Bluff Nursing facility.

ManRed1 - April 10, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ ManRed1 lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Bell Dunn



ManRed1 - April 09, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ Tonya Berkowski lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Bell Dunn



Tonya Berkowski - April 09, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ you were tired,we saw it in your face.The end of this life was coming at a fast pace.But how we all wanted you to stay.In time we came to understand,Gods will was not ours to say.Life just became to hard for you,we didn't want to see...but we knew.You had to be where you could fly. Mom it's so very hard for us all to say goodbye.You were ours for all them years,We all miss you now and cry our tears.But we also know that's okay,for the LORD has a new ANGEL to soar with today. We will cherish all the moments and fond thoughts we have, for we will all be together again

one day. Mandy and Red

james and samantha cavanaugh - April 09, 2016 at 12:26 PM



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