



Mrs. Velma McCoy

February 7, 1917 - May 10, 2020

Velma McCoy, 103, a former resident of Terry, Mississippi, entered her eternal heavenly home May 10, 2020, at her son's home in Salem, Oregon. Velma was born in 1917 to Albert and Mabel (Milligan) Nicholson in Terry, where she lived the first 100 years of her life. After a fall at home resulted in hip replacement surgery, Velma moved in with her son to rehab and successfully learned to walk again. This was only one example of the strong will, determination, and grace with which she faced challenges in her life.

Velma was a graduate of Terry High School, Hinds Junior College, and Draughon's Business College. Her career started with First Federal Savings, Jackson, where she was part of the team that processed the first GI Loan in the state of Mississippi. In 1947 Velma married the love of her life, L.E. McCoy, and they shared 64 years together before his passing in 2012. After having children, Velma started a second career with the US Postal Service, working the front counter at the Terry PO. She enjoyed this job because she was able to see and talk with many of the townsfolk during the day. A long-time member of First Baptist Church, Terry, she taught children's Sunday School classes for many years. Velma loved gardening, cooking, keeping current on news and fashion, and family gatherings. She cherished her family, friends, and church. Spending time with those she loved was always a priority. She loved children and adored her nieces and nephews, her great-nieces and nephews, and her great-great nieces and nephews. They brought so much joy and love into her life.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Jewel McCoy and Dorothy Osborn; a brother, Vernon; and her daughter, Brenda Carole. She is survived by her son, Al (Ron). In order to keep our friends safe and healthy during this pandemic, a private family burial will be held. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to FBC, Terry; The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery

Terry Cemetery

Terry, MS,

Comments



“ “Miss Velma” was one of the stalwart women who shaped my life with her gentle Christian character, and her teaching and encouragement of me in my development as a girl and a young Christian. She was unfailing in her smile and authentic interest in my life all throughout my years. Her spirit will linger in my heart always, burning brightly.



Amy Brom - May 13, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ Denise Record lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma McCoy



Denise Record - May 13, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“ Karen McCoy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma McCoy



karen mccoy - May 12, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ Ms Velma was such an example of a Godly, Christian, classy lady! My fondest memory is a barbeque lunch we had!! She sure loved her barbeque

Wanda Bland - May 12, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ Rex And Faye McCord lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma McCoy



Rex and Faye McCord - May 12, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Velma McCoy was a treasured friend, a wonderful Christian lady and we will always remember her and L.E. as being a couple that loved the Lord and showed it by their kindnesses to others. Our condolences and prayers go out to Al during this difficult time.

Rex and Faye McCord - May 12, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ Ms Velma was a gracious, kind, & a true lady in every sense of the word! She lived her faith every day by the way she cared about others! We've lost a wonderful & cherished friend! Our hearts are heavy & are sending our love, thoughts, & prayers to Al & the family!

Paula Shelby - May 12, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ Never had the pleasure to meet this grand lady but sure enjoyed getting to know her through the posts Al shared. We will all miss her beautiful smile.

Dottie Erlandson - May 12, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ Ms Velma was loved and this gracious lady will be missed. Prayers precious memories will comfort you and lift your spirits. May God richly bless you and Ron for your loving care.

Sue Wheeler - May 12, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ Mrs. Velma was the epitome of a true Southern lady with her grace, her compassion for others, and the way in which she lived such a godly life. Her smile lit up the world. She loved her family and her God. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Al, Ron, and the rest of her family. She will be truly missed. May you find comfort in knowing that she has been reunited with her heavenly family. May God continue to bless you and yours.

Denise Record - May 13, 2020 at 08:54 AM