



LeeDessel Matthews Tawney

April 1, 1929 - March 19, 2021

LeeDessel Matthews Tawney, 91, of St. Albans went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 19, 2021 at her residence.

She was born in Charleston to the late Ernest Lee and Spicy Agnes Phillips Matthews. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Kelly Tawney, Jr. and Richard Herschel Reed; sisters, Ernie Barnier and Garnet Miller; brothers, Ernest Matthews, Frank Matthews and Ronnie Matthews.

LeeDessel was retired from the Columbus Dispatch, Columbus, Ohio. She worked as a teletype setter and proof reader for the Charleston Gazette and Daily Mail.

She was a Christian and graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School, class of 1947.

Left to cherish her memories are her children, Richard "Pete" Reed of St. Albans, Carl Norman Reed of Jacksonville, NC., Larry Reed of Lexington, SC., Pam Miller (John) of St. Albans, Deborah White of Kentucky and Diana Johnson (Doug) of Grand Island, NE; sister, Connie Matthews Hicks of Belleview, FL. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

The family has ask that you wear a mask and that social distancing be

observed throughout the visitation and services.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Chuck Pennington officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston, WV.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Dawn Marie Cullen, Regina Lynn Abare, Kari Byrnside, Julie Binion, Brittany Cullen, Avory Albert, Kylie Binion, Laynie Binion, Kay Reed and Mary Byrnside for helping with caregiving duties above and beyond during this difficult journey of Alzheimer's disease. Also special thanks to HospiceCare nurses, Amanda and Jennifer.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Alzheimers Association, No Kill Animal Shelters or HospiceCare.

You may visit LeeDessel's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Reed family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

4301 MacCorkle Ave. SW
South Charleston, WV 25309

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I’m so sorry I won’t be able to attend the services for Dessel. I would love to be there. It is ironic that she is being buried on Frank’s birthday. I have many memories of my sister Dessel, but the one thing that stands out the most is her kindness and sweetness. She, like me, is deeply emotional and would cry every time she would see one of us ‘younger’ siblings. I remember when she left Indiana and came to live with us for a awhile on Heizer Creek in Putnam County on our farm. Between her 6 children and our 4, it was a grand ol time. Many fun memories. I love you Dessel and will always have a place in my heart for you. So did my brothers Butch, Ronnie and Frank. Say hello to them for me and also our Dad Ernest Matthews. Will see you again some day.

Connie Matthews Hicks - March 23, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of LeeDessel Matthews Tawney.



March 22, 2021 at 02:50 PM

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“ You were the light of my world growing up. I am so honored to have been your granddaughter. You are now out of emotional & physical pain. Rest easy, Grandma. I know your happy to be with your Mom and your loved ones in Heaven. This is just a goodbye for now. I will see you one day. I love you endlessly. And I always will. Love,
Dawn Marie

Dawn Marie Cullen - March 21, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of LeeDessel Matthews Tawney.* ”



March 19, 2021 at 06:31 PM