



Viva McLean

April 2, 1926 - December 8, 2020

Viva Elaine McLean, 94, of Centralia, Illinois passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at Centralia Fireside Nursing Home.

She was born April 2, 1926 in Pinckneyville, the daughter of Elmer Dempsay and Alpha (Reidelberger) Dempsay. Viva married Bruce McLean on June 6, 1947 and he preceded her in death on May 23, 2019. They were married 71 years and were active members of the First United Methodist Church in Centralia from 1963 until 2019.

Viva is survived by her two sons, Dennis McLean (Becky) of Centralia, IL and Mike McLean, of Los Angeles, CA; a son-in-law: David Byrd of Fulton, Kentucky; five grandchildren, Heather Byrd Honeycutt of Atlanta GA, Mandy Byrd of Murray, KY, Trista Kozuszek (Brandon) of Irvington, IL, Ashley McLean (John Lenzini) of Centralia, and Sean McLean (Shannon) of Troy, IL, and four great grandchildren Annabelle Lenzini, of Centralia, Braelyn Kozuszek of Irvington, and Everett McLean and Sullivan McLean both of Troy; four brothers: Asa D. Dempsay, Paul O. Dempsay, Ralph C. Dempsay, and Doug Dempsay; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Elmer and Alpha Dempsay, husband: Bruce McLean, a daughter: Catherine Jean Byrd, and two brothers: Elmer D. Dempsay and Clyde Dempsay.

Viva was a teacher in a one room school house, Looney Elementary, for a time and she was the Office Manager at the Hudelson Baptist Children's Home in Centralia for 15 years. She enjoyed the kinship and friendship of her

neighbors. She also enjoyed going camping and was very involved with her grandchildren.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Oakdale Township Cemetery in Oakdale, Illinois. Memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Centralia and the Alzheimer's Association and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the McLean Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

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“ *Sending my deepest condolences for your loss. I have such fond memories of Veda and your family. Praying for God’s comfort for your family.* ”

Riechia Dillon Ralston - January 23, 2021 at 10:54 PM



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“ *Sending our love and prayers. Viva was a wonderful friend and neighbor and will be truly missed.* ”
Paul Heinzmann, Mark and Nancy Myers

Nancy Myers - December 11, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Viva McLean.* ”



December 10, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Viva McLean.*



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“ *Love, your Los Angeles Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Viva McLean.*



Love, your Los Angeles Family - December 09, 2020 at 11:28 PM



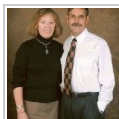
“ *I was so sorry to hear about Viva. She was such a sweet lady. Sending prayers to all the family.*

Sue Roper Mashburn - December 09, 2020 at 07:38 PM



We will miss Aunt Viva. She was a beautiful person inside and out. She loved our family reunions and any family get togethers. Bless all the family at her passing. Love Randy, Sherri Clark and family

Sherri Clark - December 11, 2020 at 11:08 PM



To Denny, Mike and David and the girls, sorry I could not be there. Love, Nancy Siegmund

Nancy Geary Siegmund - December 16, 2020 at 10:39 AM