



Della Martha Howlett

January 26, 1920 - December 18, 2014

Della Martha Howlett, the seventh of ten children born to the union of the late Floyd and Ida Elizabeth (Sanders) Black, was born January 26, 1920 in Brownfield, Laclede County, Missouri. As a young girl, she attended Prospect School and attended Richland High School.

On May 28, 1937 at First Baptist Church of Waynesville in a double wedding ceremony, Della was united in marriage to the love of her life, Rollins Robert Howlett. They shared over 70 years of marriage together and were blessed with four children: Robert, Morris, Max and Katherine.

Della was a very caring person and loved children. For many years, she kept children in her home and has touched many lives through doing so. Many young people in Richland call her "Grandma Della."

In her spare time, Della enjoyed doing handwork, quilting, and crocheting. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her family and friends, especially all the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Della made an important decision in her life at an early age and accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Richland and attended faithfully until her health began to decline.

Della went home to be with her Lord Thursday, December 18, 2014 in the Mercy Hospital of Lebanon, Missouri having attained the age of 94 years. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Della leaves to cherish her memory, her four children: Robert Howlett and wife Mary Louise of Richland, MO, Morris Howlett and wife Linda of Richland, MO, Max Howlett and wife Vonnie of Bolivar, MO and Katherine Gan and husband Lloyd of Richland, MO; one sister: Mary Lou Southard of Richland, MO; nine grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Della was preceded in death by her husband, Rollins Howlett; one grandson: Larry Lloyd Gan; one great grandson: Travis Gan; four brothers: James, Verlan, Tom and George Black; and four sisters: Ruth Harrison, Helen Anderson, Watye Nicks and Loraine Meilahn.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 22, 2014, in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Bob Lilly officiating. Pianist, Marleen Brown accompanied Soloist, Deborah Powell as she sang "It Is Well With My Soul," "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Serving as escorts were Terry Gan, Adam Gan, Cody Durreman, Jamie Layton, Zach Layton and Bob Howlett. Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery of Richland, Missouri.

Services were under the Direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Tribute Wall



“ *Della Martha Howlett*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Della Martha Howlett*



Pamela Cox - January 06, 2015 at 04:00 PM



“ *Linda Wollard - Bolivar*

Linda Wollard - December 31, 2014 at 05:22 PM



“ *Sharon Renee Howlett Carr lit a candle in memory of Della Martha Howlett*



Sharon Renee Howlett Carr - December 27, 2014 at 03:55 PM

TM

“ We are so very sorry to learn of your loss, Miss Della will be fondly remembered and sadly missed; she was a wonderful lady.



Terry/Dian Mitschele - December 22, 2014 at 06:40 PM

MB

“ Robert, Kathern, Morris, and Max: I am so sorry about your mother! I started today and got part way there and turned around and come back home as I realized I was to ill to go. My boys both called after services for they knew something was wrong as I was not there. I am so glad I went to see her about three weeks ago. She looked so good and was happy there as they were so good to her and she saw people. Rollins and Della were both so special to us. I loved and will miss them.

Millie Howlett Brotherton - December 22, 2014 at 04:07 PM

DM

“ Kenneth Dalene McDaniel and Family
Sue Pentecost and Family



Dalene McDaniel - December 22, 2014 at 03:59 PM

CH

“ I always had a fun time chit chatting with Ms. Della. She knew a lot about me and I enjoyed the stories. She was a wonderful woman, glad to know there is no more suffering and pain. She is loved by all.

Casey Henson and Family
Lowgear Zeigenbein

Casey Henson - December 22, 2014 at 09:16 AM

DH

“ Dennis & Sue Hutton lit a candle in memory of Della Martha Howlett



Dennis & Sue Hutton - December 22, 2014 at 08:23 AM

RC

“ I send my sympathies to the family. Della will be missed .She was a great lady. I loved her like a second Mom. She helped me so much when my Mom was sick and was a wonderful friend to Mom. I am blessed to have had Della in my life. We had a lot of good talks. Once when I spent the night with her when I was in Richland we stayed up till about 1:00 am. laughing a talking. God bless you all and give you comfort in your sorrow. She went Home for Christmas. Looking forward to seeing her again some day. Rena Myers Clark.



Rena Myers Clark - December 22, 2014 at 07:59 AM

DP

“ *The Howlett family was so blessed to have Della in their lives for so many years. She shaped a lot of young peoples lives and was a very sweet person. We have a lot of wonderful memories of Della and Rollins.*

*Duane and Helen Pemberton
Richland, MO*

Duane & Helen Pemberton - December 22, 2014 at 07:45 AM



“ *Of course I knew Aunt Della all my life..but we shared one thing in common. We both loved Chihuahuas. I'd come home from school and my Chihuahua Jenny would be gone...I'd be so upset. Mom would say that Aunt Della needed to borrow her for awhile because her asthma was bothering her and I'd think...well...why don't she get her own then...why does she have to keep coming and getting mine? lol Later in high school I visited her to see the tiniest Chihuahua ever...she had a tea cup one...it was so cute...would try to shake the throw rug by tugging on the fringe....try to shake a shoe by tugging on your shoe strings. Now...she's in heaven with all the Howletts and Blacks....and she and Daddy are spending Christmas in Heaven this year....how much better can one be than that? Enjoy Aunt Della....Patricia (Patsy Quesenberry) Hays*

Patricia Hays - December 22, 2014 at 07:33 AM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS lit a candle in memory of Della Martha Howlett*



MARLIN STEVENS - December 22, 2014 at 07:20 AM



“ *Robert Payne lit a candle in memory of Della Martha Howlett*



Robert Payne - December 22, 2014 at 06:53 AM



“ *a warm and wonderful person great memories of her and her family living just down the road from us in the early to mid 50's*

Robert Payne - December 22, 2014 at 06:53 AM

LD

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this time & always*



LD & Sheila Dampier - December 22, 2014 at 05:00 AM

LG

“ *Linda Goforth sent a virtual gift in memory of Della Martha Howlett*



Linda Goforth - December 21, 2014 at 10:41 AM

LG

What a wonderful person Grandma Della was, she will always be remembered for her abounding love for all her "Kids". Our loss but heaven's gain...a true Angel to all who knew her. God's blessing to all the family.

Linda Goforth - December 21, 2014 at 10:45 AM

DM

“ *Kenneth Dalene McDaniel and Family
Sue Pentecost and Family*



Dalene McDaniel - December 21, 2014 at 10:27 AM

WA

“ *Wayne And Carol Anderson lit a candle in
memory of Della Martha Howlett*



Wayne and Carol Anderson - December 20, 2014 at 09:15 PM

MM

“ *May God comfort each of you in your loss of sister, mother,
grandmother. I have known many of you in the past and pray God's
blessings on you. Mary Drennan Morgan*

Mary Morgan - December 20, 2014 at 08:13 AM

MH

“ I owe so much to this lady as do many for the loving care she gave to my children. Tons of kids knew her as grandma Della, maybe not blood relative, but that didnt matter. She is my childrens great aunt but they still called her "grandma". Such a godly woman that I always looked up to. Thank you for being such a wonderful lady and now sing with those angels!

Mary Howlett - December 20, 2014 at 05:57 AM

TG

“ Terry Gan lit a candle in memory of Della Martha Howlett



Terry Gan - December 20, 2014 at 12:45 AM

DG

“ Debra Gan lit a candle in memory of Della Martha Howlett



Debra Gan - December 20, 2014 at 12:45 AM

MK

“ So sorry to see this. She lived a long good life and left lots of you to carry on but it is still hard especially near a holiday. But what better place to celebrate His birth.

Miriam Halter Kerns - December 20, 2014 at 12:19 AM

MT

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Maureen Travis - December 19, 2014 at 10:17 PM

DM

“ *To the Howlett Family,
Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time.
You all are in our thoughts, and prayers.
Kenneth Dalene McDaniel and Family
Sue Pentecost and Family*

Dalene McDaniel - December 19, 2014 at 07:29 PM

BR

“ *Beth Rachau lit a candle in memory of Della
Martha Howlett*



Beth Rachau - December 19, 2014 at 06:40 PM

BR

*Grandma Della will be greatly missed!! Thinking of you all at this time.
May God provide you with comfort and peace knowing that we will all
be reunited in Heaven!! Hugs and prayers!!*

Beth Rachau - December 19, 2014 at 06:41 PM

WA

“ *To Robert, Morris, Max, and Katherine sorry to hear about the loss
of your mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

William Anderson - December 19, 2014 at 06:06 PM