



Minnie "Loretta" Workman

November 3, 1925 - September 3, 2015

Loretta Wall Workman, daughter of Alonzo and Ida Thompson Wall, was born November 3, 1925 in Pulaski County, Missouri. At the age of 15, she married Elmer Workman, Jr. and to this union three children were born.

After the end of World War II, she and her husband made their home in Richland, Missouri where in 1945 they opened Elmer's G.I. Drive-In. Loretta belonged to several civic groups and volunteered many hours to charitable organizations. She was a staunch Republican and served on the election board of Richland for over 35 years. She was the original Welcome Wagon Lady of Richland for several years and also worked in Wendall Bailey's office in Waynesville while he served as Congressman.

Loretta was a fighter and she had battled Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma for over 20 years. Her strength to battle lymphoma for so long came from her faith in God.

She became a member of the First Christian Church of Richland in 1946 and attended faithfully for over 50 years.

In her spare time, Loretta loved to work out in her yard and did so until her health started to decline. She was known for her beautiful quilts and was also on a bowling league in her younger days.

Loretta felt her greatest achievement had been in raising her three children. Her greatest pleasure was being with grandchildren and great grandchildren. She leaves to mourn her passing three children: Coy Workman and wife Iva Nell of Richland, MO, Leah Helms and husband Dennis of Richland, MO and Lana Gilbert and husband Ronnie of Waco, TX; seven grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; one sister-in-law: Norma Johnson of Richland, MO; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers: Farris and Dennis Wall; one granddaughter: Kate Workman; one son-in-law: Fred Dunham; and one grandson-in-law: Bradley Barrett.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 6, 2015 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor's Tim Gola and Christopher Hendrix officiating. Soloist, Patricia Light sang "Precious Memories." Serving as escorts were, Todd Dunham, Ashton Barrett, Michael Burke, Kyle Burke, Paul Barrera, Tyler Helms and James Workman. Honorary escorts included Gerald Johnson, Rex Wall, Randy Wall, Tony Helms, Gene Boyd and Don Wall. Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery of Richland.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in memory of Loretta Workman to the Warren Senior Center of Richland or the First Christian Church of Richland Scholarship Fund and may be left at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be sent at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

Richland, MO 65556

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Minnie "Loretta" Workman*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 06, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ *Minnie "Loretta" Workman*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Michael & Crystal Mosier lit a candle in memory of Minnie "Loretta" Workman*



Michael & Crystal Mosier - September 10, 2015 at 06:26 PM

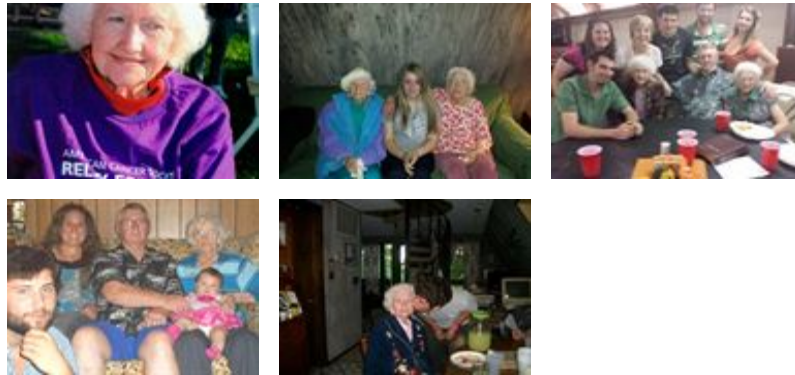


“ *To the Workman Family: Loretta was a special lady and great friend to my Mom Estella Collins. My heart goes out to you at this time, rejoice in her memories always. Estella (Honeybee) Collins-Scurlock.*

Honeybee Scurlock - September 08, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 05, 2015 at 05:22 PM

PA

“ Lana, Coy, and Leah,
Your Mom was married to my cousin, so I have always proudly called you my cousins even though we are actually second cousins. I have many good memories of Loretta but mostly what a good friend she was to my Mom. It's hard to realize that they are both gone now. Loretta was a good person and I will remember her with love and respect. My deepest sympathy to you and your families.
Sincerely, Patty (Miller) Sullivan

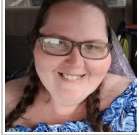
Patty - September 05, 2015 at 04:09 PM

CP

“ Charles And Susan Pasley lit a candle in memory of Minnie "Loretta" Workman



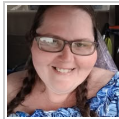
Charles and Susan Pasley - September 04, 2015 at 06:14 PM



“ *Jennifer Shelton lit a candle in memory of Minnie "Loretta" Workman*



Jennifer Shelton - September 04, 2015 at 05:55 PM



RIP sweet lady. You will be missed dearly but never forgotten.

Jennifer Shelton - September 04, 2015 at 05:56 PM

PG

“ *Our Sincere Thoughts and Prayers are Lifted for Your Family during this Season of Grief and Seemingly Insurmountable Pain and Suffering! We are Very Confident that You Will Experience a Welcome Relief from Despair when you Let Go and Let God have His Way in Your Life!*



PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS - September 04, 2015 at 03:38 PM

BR

“ *Thinking of you all at this time. Praying for God's loving hands to surround you and strengthen you.*

Pat Wilson, James, Beth and Justin Rachau

Beth Rachau - September 04, 2015 at 02:31 PM

BH

“ Thinking of your family at this time.

Boyd, Donna & AJ Hendrix



Boyd, Donna & AJ Hendrix - September 04, 2015 at 02:26 PM



“ Patricia Hays lit a candle in memory of Minnie "Loretta" Workman



Patricia Hays - September 04, 2015 at 11:10 AM

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“ Angela Sommerfeld (Stephenson) sent a virtual gift in memory of Minnie "Loretta" Workman



Angela Sommerfeld (Stephenson) - September 03, 2015 at 10:56 PM

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“ Angela Sommerfeld (Stephenson) lit a candle in memory of Minnie "Loretta" Workman



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Angela Sommerfeld (Stephenson) - September 03, 2015 at 10:54 PM

CF

“ *She was always so happy when we would see her! What a great family she had! I know she will be missed. Love to everyone, Bob and Connie Fuller.*

Connie Fuller - September 03, 2015 at 10:27 PM

JT

“ *Jeanie Trunkenbolz lit a candle in memory of Minnie "Loretta" Workman*



Jeanie Trunkenbolz - September 03, 2015 at 10:22 PM

CL

“ *Carol Light lit a candle in memory of Minnie "Loretta" Workman*



Carol Light - September 03, 2015 at 10:07 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss, we will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

*Kenneth Dalene McDaniel and family
Sue Pentecost and Family*

dalene mcdaniel - September 03, 2015 at 06:47 PM

MA

“ Prayers go out to her family and loved ones.
May you all be blessed with peace, comfort and strength. I worked with Leah at GLWACH on FLW

Marlin Stevens(Mary)



MARLIN.STEVENS - September 03, 2015 at 01:11 PM