



Ellen Kendall Hatcher

March 31, 1953 - June 25, 2015

Ellen Kendall Hatcher, 62, of Ona, WV, passed into glory peacefully Monday evening, June 22, 2015, at St. Mary's Medical Center with her son Jimmy holding her hand. After a 32-year battle with Multiple Sclerosis, she took her first steps in 19 years, right into the arms of her Savior Jesus Christ. She was a devoted Christian, wife, mother, and Oma to her grandchildren. Born March 31, 1953, in Huntington, she is survived by her husband Steve R. Hatcher of Ona, W.Va, with whom she celebrated her 41st wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 21. She is also survived by her children, Rachel Luther (Bobby) of Ona, W.Va, Jimmy Hatcher of Huntington, W.Va. and Katrina Sillaman (Josh) of Glen Burnie, MD, and her grandchildren, Anneliese Luther, and Malachi, Gideon, and Obadiah Sillaman, her brother Richard Kendall (Mindy) of Buffalo, WY, her sister Diana McCarty (Bernard), of Nashville, TN, her sister-in-law, Carla Kendall Williams (Don), of St. Augustine, many nieces and nephews, and her caregiver and friend Kim Perdue. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Ruth Kendall, and her brother Don Kendall. Ellen graduated from Huntington East High School in 1971 and attended Marshall University. A member of Lewis Memorial Baptist Church for 35 years, she served as the church secretary there for many years before being forced to retire due to her illness. She was an author of books, poems, and songs, a gifted pianist and singer. A great pillar of faith, serving over a decade as youth director with Steve at Lewis Memorial, she left a lasting impact on countless lives. She often posted her favorite verses of Scripture during her

many times of reading through the Bible in 90 days, touching those who needed to hear His word. She loved the Bible, cardinals, and I Love Lucy. She was always striving to learn new things, loved to travel, and always laughed. She will be sorely missed. Her legacy continues through her family and friends, and we rejoice in knowing she is free in Heaven. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at Henson & Kitchen Mortuary, Barboursville, W.Va. conducted by Ellen's son-in-law, Rev. Josh Sillaman and Dr. David Lemming. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until service time on Thursday at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis by donating to the MS Society at www.nationalmssociety.org/donate. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonmortuary.com

.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen Kendall Hatcher*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *We wil miss Ellen's upbeat and faith filled posts. She was an amazing person. Her passing makes Heaven sweeter and leaves a lasting legacy of faith to all who knew her. Our prayers are with you all.*

Lois and Roger Ray of Oxford, AL - June 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We sincerely sorrow with the family but rejoice with Ellen as she has personally experienced the arms of Jesus. We continue to pray for all.*

Ron & Cyndi Bennett of Jersey Shore, PA - June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I pray for God to strengthen you all through this and if there is anything I can do to help just let me know.*

Aaron S. Miller of Proctorville, OH - June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So very sorry for the loss of dear sweet Ellen, she was inspiration to all who knew her. So blessed she crossed my path in this journey on earth. I will meet her again in Heaven where there is no sickness or pain.*

Connie S Ingels-Mol - June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Out hearts go out to Ellen's family. She was a wonderful person to know and our daughter, who was friends with Katrina, always had good things to say about her when she visited their home. You will be in our prayers for the weeks ahead as you adjust to your great loss.

Barb and Jack Adkins of Barboursville WV - June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Ellen Kendall Hatcher*

Patrick @ Ginger Forth of West Columbia SC - June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Ellen was my closest friend in high school. We shared lots of laughs and many insecurities that young girls have in high school. We didn't see each other for years until I visited in 2005, I'm not sure how we got so out of touch, but we did. I loved her spirit. I was a new Christina in 2006 and I recall sharing with her how it was so hard to understand why God allowed her to be so sick and some, like me, get off scot free, it seems, She told me that her illness had given her the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus with many people that she may never have met had it not been for her illness. I will never forget that conversation and how much it humbles us to be reminded that we are here for God to use and to work through us. He certainly did work through Ellen and I loved her. All of you are in my prayer*

Mary Ida Speck of St Petersburg, FL - June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *So many fond memories of Ellen from our time at Souls For Christ Baptist Church. Always such a kind lady! Heaven has gained an angel! Love and prayers to the family!*

Mary Ann Aten of Omaha, NE - June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Ellen was my first new friend I made when attending Lewis Memorial Baptist Church. Together we laughed, and had bible studies together and helped raise each others children. We loved her dearly. I couldn't have made it through some of my rough times without the friendship and love and kindness of Ellen. I had the honor of being a part time care giver for her at a point in our lives that we both needed each other. She never ceased to amaze me with her smile, and knowledge, and picking me up when I was down. She was AWESOME! Her family in heaven is surely excited and blessed right now to welcome her home. Rest Ellen, for you are now free of pain and in the presence of God.

Tim & Glenda Koukos of Huntington WV - June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM