



## Jewel Evelyn McCallister

September 28, 1937 - June 7, 2024

Jewel Evelyn McCallister passed away peacefully on Friday, June 7, 2024, in the Huntington Health and Rehabilitation Center due to congestive heart failure. She was born September 28, 1937, in Mason County, WV, daughter of Roland Levi and Mamie Bledsoe McCallister.

For many years she worked for Lilly Electrical Sales, as well as members of their family and at the Eastwood Daycare Center where she loved the children, parents, and co-workers. She was a loving mother, friend, and companion always ready to jump in the car for a trip just down the road or a vacation travel adventure. She loved the outdoors and was an avid walker. Her favorite walk was at Lake Forest in Willow Wood, OH with “grand dogs” Sandy, Sissie and Wally trotting down the path with her and usually a few of the neighbor’s cats in the mix too.

She attended services at the Lighthouse Baptist Church as often as her health allowed and was baptized there last year. We are grateful for Pastor Dennis Morello for his home visits, kindness, and spiritual guidance.

She is survived by her daughter Deb McCallister, her life partner Fred Turner, and what she jokingly referred to as that darn cat RustyButt.

She was preceded in death by her parents and ten siblings. Sisters Velvie, Opal, Gladys Powell, Faye Greenwood, Sarah Neal, and Ruth Kittle; and brothers Esker “Mac”, Leonard, Joe and Carl “Paddle” McCallister.

A special Thank You for the aides and nurses of the fourth floor at Huntington Health and Rehabilitation Center. Their kindness and attention to her needs

gave her comfort and it was reassuring for us, knowing she was well taken care of. We also want to thank so many others for all the prayers, love and support these last few years. It is deeply appreciated.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 PM Thursday June 13, 2024, at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services, 6357 E. Pea ridge Rd. Huntington, WV near Barboursville with Pastor Dennis Morello officiating.

Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Huntington, WV. The family will receive friends Visitation from noon until 1:00 PM prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Huntington, Cabell, Wayne, Huntington Animal Shelter or Advocates Saving Adoptable Pets (ASAP), or the animal rescue group of your choice. She loved all cats and dogs and helped her daughter care for and find homes for many of them over the years. Online condolences and memoires may be shared with the family by visiting [www.hensonandkitchen.com](http://www.hensonandkitchen.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Jewel Evelyn McCallister



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - June 12, 2024 at 08:12 PM

ML

“ I remember Jewel as a cheerful and upbeat person that had the rare ability to actually care and be interested after asking how you were doing. She wanted to know how my pets were doing also and her eyes lit up when she crossed paths with them. She loved animals and treated the cats and dogs you had as members of your family. She was always kind hearted and took an interest in all those around her and was inquisitive by nature. She was up to date on current events and liked to share with others what was going on in the world and I enjoyed hearing from her news that i missed. She loved all the trips and adventures you took her on and relayed the enjoyment of all you guys did together. Whether feeding ducks, fishing or day trips. It was apparent that you were best friends. That is a great blessing for both of you. Bye Jewel. I will miss you although you are not that far away as i see it. You are always in Deb's heart. Thanks for the kindness you showed me. Mike Lovejoy (Sent directly to Deb and shared)

Mike Lovejoy - June 13, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ 68 files added to the album LifeTributes



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - June 12, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ Debra M. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jewel Evelyn McCallister.

Debra M. - June 12, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jewel Evelyn McCallister.



Family - June 12, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ Ira A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jewel Evelyn McCallister.

Ira A. - June 11, 2024 at 10:40 PM

JL

“ I grew up with Jewel as our house keeper, neighbor, but more importantly friend. She also worked in our family business and for a couple of our relatives. She truly was like a member of the family. She was kind to us, and sweet, and would do anything for us. One of my greatest memories of my childhood. was for many Christmas seasons Jewel would go to the mall and go shopping together. Very good, gracious, sweet, polite, and gentle lady. She is missed. J. Lilly

James Lilly - June 11, 2024 at 09:54 PM

RF

“ Mrs McCallister was such a lovely, gracious and kind person and she was always there for my friend Debbie. Debbie, my heart is so sad for you but now her brightness will shine down on more people than ever. Hugs to you dear friend, Ruth (Adkins) Flint

Ruth Adkins Flint - June 11, 2024 at 11:07 AM

PM

“ Pat , Norma Mullaney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jewel Evelyn McCallister.



Pat , Norma Mullaney - June 10, 2024 at 12:02 PM

PM

“ Pat , Norma Mullaney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jewel Evelyn McCallister.

Pat , Norma Mullaney - June 10, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jewel Evelyn McCallister.*



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June 09, 2024 at 10:36 PM



“ *Your friend, Nina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jewel Evelyn McCallister.*

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**Your friend, Nina** - June 09, 2024 at 10:36 PM



“ *Our dear Jewel was more than a custodian for our family business. At one time she worked for each household in the clan. She looked after us like we were her own family for upwards of 40 years. We felt the same about her. She was fiercely loyal, honest, cheerful and always on time. She could wrap a beautiful Christmas present and help bake cookies, too. Until age caught up with her, she was a marathon walker. She walked everywhere. No one could surpass her ability in this department. I am grateful to her daughter Debbie for being so attentive to her needs through the years and opening her home to Jewel when her health was failing. God bless you Deb and God bless Jewel in Heaven! We all loved and appreciated her. Fondly, Marilyn Lilly*

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**Marilyn Lilly** - June 09, 2024 at 03:32 PM