



Lora Nita McCoy

September 14, 1942 - March 14, 2025

Lora Nita McCoy, 82, passed away March 14, 2025, suddenly, while rocking on her porch glider, with her coffee mug and country music playing inside the house. She didn't suffer but died enjoying the comfort of that porch, where memories were made with countless friends and relatives who'd stop by to visit.

Born Sept. 14, 1942, Lora was one of 5 siblings to Arlene and Ira McCoy in Barboursville, WV. After graduating from Barboursville High School, Lora worked for C&P Telephone Company (later AT&T and Lucent) for 30 years. An autoimmune disease, Myasthenia Gravis, forced her to retire, but it was only the beginning of a new chapter. She began volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House of Huntington, welcoming families and working at Chili Fest. She also traveled extensively with friends and family, including lifelong partner, Thomas Murphy, who passed away in 2020.

When she wasn't at home in Culloden, she was enjoying the warm weather at her condo in Cocoa Beach, dining on seafood at Dixie Crossroads or taking airboat rides with the people she loved most, including siblings Ira, Patsy, Peggy and Larry – their spouses and her many nieces and nephews that she dearly cherished.

She might be best known for hosting Thanksgiving dinner, with sometimes as

many as 25 people. But it wasn't just the holiday family gatherings, she and Tom welcomed countless friends and family into her home throughout the year.

She also enjoyed the northern outdoors, camping and fishing annually with her brother Ira and his family at numerous West Virginia campgrounds, and the occasional fly-in fishing trips to Canada and charter fishing in Lake Erie.

Growing older didn't slow Lora down; she became more active. That was especially true in the last 18 years as she doted on her great nephews and nieces Christian, Grace, Alex, Adeline and Josephine. They kept her busy with sporting events, concerts, dance recitals, and road trips.

For her 80th birthday, she joined her brother, Ira; nephew-in-law Bill; niece Grace and nephew Christian for ziplining at Heritage Farm. She had hoped to zipline across Niagara Falls in 2026.

She is preceded in death by her parents; life partner; and sister Patsy Jefferson. She is survived by her brother Ira (Mary); sister Peggy (Ted); and brother Larry; nieces and nephews Frances (Bill), Jeff (Amy), Jan, Kim, Pam, Margaret Ann, and many great nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will be received from 11 am to 1 pm Saturday, March 22 for visitation, followed by a 1 pm funeral service, at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services 6357 E. Pea Ridge Rd. Huntington, WV near Barboursville.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lora's memory to the Ronald McDonald House of Huntington, where she volunteered for many years.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting w

www.hensonandkitchen.com

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

E. Pea Ridge Road
Huntington, WV 25705

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services
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Funeral Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - March 21, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Mandy Miller (Spade) Great niece lit a candle in memory of Lora McCoy*



Mandy Miller (Spade) Great niece - March 17, 2025 at 10:10 PM