



Mary Sue Clay

April 19, 1912 - September 27, 2013

Mary Sue Clay, 101, formerly of Huntington, WV, passed away peacefully, Friday, September 27, 2013 in Ona, WV after a long, full, and beautiful life. She was born April 18th 1912 in Ashland, KY. The daughter of Frederick and Eva Elam Riggs. Sue was a graduate from Ashland High School and attended Cumberland College. She lived in Chicago for two years while working in the bond department of the U.S. Treasury. Upon returning to Ashland, she taught school and completed her education degree at Morehead State Teacher's College. On the day of her graduation, August 3, 1940, she married her husband of 65 years, John P. Clay, Sr. She was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, the Newcomers Club, The League of Women Voters, Beverly Hills Women's Club, and the Woodbine Garden Club. She loved flowers and flower arranging, and served as a flower show judge. Her favorite activity by far was playing bridge and she was a member of several clubs. Into her 90's, her card partners claimed she remembered every card played. Sue was a member of First United Methodist Church in Huntington. In addition to her husband, John, she was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Judith Lynn, and her eight siblings. They were Ruhama Payne McClellan, Daniel Ward Riggs, Grace Ruth Stiles, Emily Isabelle Perrson, Leah Mary Riggs, Evelyn Ann (Lanky) Smith, Samuel Hardin Riggs, and Harriet Elizabeth Scott. She was also predeceased by a daughter-in-law Betsy McEldowney Clay. Survivors include her son, John P. Clay (Roberta) of Max Meadows, Va., daughter Cathryn C Crawford (Bill) of West Columbia, S.C., three beloved

grandchildren: Jennifer E. Clay, Louisville, Ky., W. Clay Crawford (Holly), Summerville, S.C., and Peter J. Crawford, West Columbia, S.C. She is also survived by many treasured nieces and nephews , and special friend, Lynn Clay.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Sue Clay*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



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Diana Fouty - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



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Diana Fouty of Barboursville, Wv - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of you and sending hugs and prayers to all of your family. Cherish the many memories you shared in her extraordinarily long life!*

Carol Morrissey - September 29, 2013 at 10:50 AM

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My heart goes out to this family in this time of sorrow. May God Bless you all.

Crystal Rogers - September 28, 2013 at 11:14 PM

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Susan gibson - September 28, 2013 at 07:19 PM

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Dianna Kees - September 28, 2013 at 06:30 PM

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Sarah Biller - September 28, 2013 at 11:41 AM

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Sarah Biller of Boston MA - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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