



Mavis Pearl Sowards

October 26, 1937 - September 10, 2018

Mavis Kendrick Sowards, age 80, passed away September 10, 2018 at her home after a long fight with breast cancer. Mavis loved having company and being around people, especially young people. She loved to share her stories, memories, and hobbies with the young and old. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Earl Triplett and Leonard Sowards; her parents, John Smith Kendrick Sr. and Mertie Hawkins Kendrick; one son, Ron Triplett; six brothers and six sisters.

Mavis is survived by Earl's children whom she raised as her own: One son, Robert Triplett; one daughter, Anna Mullins; one daughter-in-law, Janice Triplett; three grandchildren, Andrew Triplett, Kimberly Johnson, and Thomas Triplett; and three great grandchildren, Stella, Aiden, and Gavin.

She is also survived by Leonard's children, whom she loved dearly: Four daughters, Kathy Cockerham, Carol Sadler, Lisa Doyle, and Brenda Bartran; one son, Leonard Curtis Sowards; twelve grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Two Sisters: Snoda Combs and Barbara Vanover

Several nieces and nephews

A host of dear friends

The family will receive friends Friday, October 26, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Clintwood Baptist Church. A Celebration of Life memorial service will follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bill Kendrick officiating.

Donations can be made to the Southwest VA Cancer Center, Patient Assistance Fund, 671 Hwy 58 East, Norton, Virginia 24273 in memory of Mavis.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Sowards Family. Online condolences may be made at www.mullinsfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Family will receive friends

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Clintwood Baptist Church
179 Clintwood Main Street
Clintwood, VA 24228
(276) 926-4844

celebration of life service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards*



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - September 11, 2018 at 06:21 PM

CV

Aunt Mavis I love you to the moon and back !!!

Carmeletta Vanover - September 14, 2018 at 06:42 PM

DK

Such a beautiful person and aunt. Always there for you when you needed her. Love you Aunt Mavis.

Donna Kendrick - October 27, 2018 at 11:26 AM

MT

“ *Mary And Joe Tate lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards*



Mary and Joe Tate - October 23, 2018 at 02:42 PM

DH

“*Doug and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mavis Sowards. We have wonderful memories of Mavis and will always cherish them. We feel Mavis made life better by being here. It was a privilege to have her for a friend and relative. Rest in peace.*”

Doug and Alpha Bryant Hawkins - October 19, 2018 at 03:45 PM

JF

“*Janie Peters And Family lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards*”



Janie Peters and family - September 15, 2018 at 06:56 PM

SG

“*Mavis was one special lady. Her brother, Charles “Hayes” Kendrick, was my stepfather. She welcomed my mom, Jean, and the rest of us so warmly. I am lucky enough to have one of her handmade quilts. She will always be remembered for her wit and kind heart. Rest In Peace dear Mavis and enjoy your reunion with the rest of your family. They are waiting on you with open arms. Love Sandra*”

Sandra Goad - September 15, 2018 at 05:05 PM

CS

“*We will miss your cooking, humor and feather beds. It was so fun when all the sisters met at your house and we could cut up and talk like we were kids again. It was because of the peace and comfort your home always provided. Rest Sweet Mavis. We will see you again. Love Carol and Bruce*”



Carol Sadler - September 14, 2018 at 02:54 PM

BK

“ Bobby And Sheila Kendrick lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards



Bobby and Sheila Kendrick - September 13, 2018 at 10:05 PM

M(

“ Mrs. BOBBY Kendrick (Sheila) lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards



Mrs. BOBBY Kendrick (Sheila) - September 13, 2018 at 10:03 PM

AS

“ A good visit with aunt Mavis last year ! We shared so many laughs that day as she showed me around her beautiful home & told me stories about her childhood . I love you aunt Mavis !



ashlea - September 13, 2018 at 07:55 PM

LE

“ Mavis was such a sweet,caring ,loving person.Even on a bad day she could bring your Spirits so High! such a joyful personality.I'm gonna miss our f b chats and your sweet comments of all the kids on my page.but,i know your smiling down on us.I will cherish all our memories..Rest Easy beautiful* until we meet again!



Leatrice&Tony Elliott - September 12, 2018 at 08:25 PM

VE

“ Veronica lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards



Veronica - September 12, 2018 at 08:24 PM

LD

“ Mavis was a Gem ... those who knew her, loved her. I am so grateful to have been Blessed with such an amazing Stepmom. My family adored her and will miss her knowledge of everything from SWVA , her delicious canned goods , weinie roasts and so much more. Rest In Peace Sweet Mavis 💕💕

Lisa Sowards Doyle - September 12, 2018 at 01:01 PM

KC

“ Our hearts break for the loss of our dear Mavis. She was a blessing to our Dad and to our family. She gave us so much wisdom in the way she lived her life and the stories she shared. We really can't imagine not having her in our life. Thank you Mavis for the love and kindness you showed us from the day we met you.



Kathy, Bruce and the Cockerham Clan - September 12, 2018 at 11:48 AM

DS

“ Mavis had a spark, a smile and a wit that drew you in and made you feel good, even in the worst of circumstances. Her warmth and compassion were boundless. What a rare and special gift Mavis was to all of us who were blessed to know her.

Debbie Sowards Sydow - September 12, 2018 at 08:23 AM

JB

“ Jennifer Bralley lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards



Jennifer Bralley - September 12, 2018 at 08:09 AM

BB

“ Brenda & Dave Bartram, Brad And Baile lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards



Brenda & Dave Bartram, Brad and Baile - September 11, 2018 at 09:20 PM

DB

“ Damon And Bobbi lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards



Damon and Bobbi - September 11, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - September 11, 2018 at 05:15 PM

LD

Love these pics

Lisa Sowards Doyle - September 12, 2018 at 01:02 PM

SS

“ Sarah Sluss lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards



Sarah Sluss - September 11, 2018 at 11:28 AM

PJ

“ *Peggy Stanley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards*



Peggy Stanley Johnson - September 11, 2018 at 11:01 AM

JM

“ *Jeannie Mullins lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards*



Jeannie Mullins - September 10, 2018 at 09:36 PM

GE

“ *Gwen Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards*



Gwen Edwards - September 10, 2018 at 07:33 PM

DF

“ *Douglas M Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mavis Pearl Sowards*



Douglas M Fleming - September 10, 2018 at 05:59 PM