



Reatha Dewees Demps

October 7, 1934 - May 19, 2010

Reatha DeWees Demps, age 75, of Delphi passed away May 19, 2010 at Clarian Arnett Hospital, Lafayette, IN after a 12 day illness. She was born in Rensselaer on October 7, 1934, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Jesse (Hall) DeWees.

Reatha was raised in Rensselaer and was a 1953 graduate of Rensselaer High School. She had lived in Gary, IN, Mountain Home, AR, Crossville, TN before moving to Delphi seven years ago. For 30 years Reatha was employed as a cook at the Lake Ridge Middle School in Gary, IN. She was a member of the Calvary Temple in Monticello, IN.

Her marriage was August 8, 1953 in Rensselaer to James F. Demps who survives.

She is also survived by three children, Cheryl (Carl) Mathews, St. John, IN, Gregory (Lori) Demps, Portage, IN and Lori (John) Alexander, Orlando, FL; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two brothers, Richard (Jane) DeWees, Lebanon, IN and Carroll (Alice) DeWees, Broken Arrow, OK and two sisters, Connie (Dan) Kasper, Lake County, IN and Linda (Carlin) Kindig, Kentland, IN

Reatha was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Betty Ames, Rose Ann Nagel and Shirley Wheat and three brothers, Leonard, Malvin and

Windfield DeWees.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
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Tribute Wall



“ I was so sorry to hear of Sister Demps' passing. She was the same age as Dad when he passed last year of a car accident. I will remember her singing with Bro. Demps at the Griffith COG always! I know you kids are heartsick along with your Dad. Sometimes it feels like a horrible dream that you wish you could wake from. It does get better with time. Memories will ease your pain. Love & Prayers to you all
~Cathy###imported-begin##Cathy (Hardin) Gordon###imported-end##

May 22, 2010 at 11:56 AM



“ My prayers are with Brother Demps and family. The years go by fast but the memories go on. I think it might have been 30 years or so since I saw Reetha last. I will always remember her as a kind and loving lady. I will remeber the good times we had at the house by the fire station, playing softball and her coming to the games. May God comfort your lives as all the memories will live on until we see her again in eternity with our God. May God give you peace at this time. In Christs love David.###imported-begin##David Ahlfield###imported-end##

May 22, 2010 at 10:17 AM



“ Greg,
So sorry for the lost of your mother. You and your family will be in my prayers.###imported-begin##Linda Golden###imported-end##

May 22, 2010 at 08:38 AM



“ To the Family of Reatha. I'm so sorry about your lost of your wife, mother,sister, grandmother and great grandmother.

She was very sweet lady. We will miss her alot. She pain free. And she is with her sisters and brother and mom and dad, God.

*Love,
scott, Ben and Beth Harmon##imported-begin##SCOTT HARMON,
BEN AND BETH##imported-end##*

May 21, 2010 at 11:11 PM



“ Our love for Reatha and her family go back nearly 40 years. Before we even knew I was pregnant with our first child she brought me 2 jars of hot pickles and even though I denied it insisted I keep them. She just always knew what someone needed. Floyd wish you 2 had moved to Tn. But since you didnt guess we will have to wait till Heaven to be neighbors again. Then she can have her biological family as well as her adopted family close to her, because thats what she considered all of us. We loved her dearly and our prayers, love, and sympathy are with all of you##imported-begin##Bill and Delores Stephenson##imported-end##

May 21, 2010 at 10:13 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies. God Bless you and your family. Daniel, Jennifer, Madalynn, Alexander and Joseph Kasper##imported-begin##Daniel A. Kasper##imported-end##

May 21, 2010 at 04:16 PM



“ The Lake Ridge Middle School Family would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Demps Family. Reatha was a loving person and we will miss her. Our prayers will be with you.##imported-begin##Robert E. Mastej, LRMS Principal & Staff##imported-end##

May 21, 2010 at 03:28 PM



“ Reatha was a woman filled with compassion and concern for others. I remember how she was there for me to lean on when my Mother past away and how she recently called to inquire about sick family members and to give me support. In our last visit she shared how she would cook extra food for some elder people in their church. Reatha didn't just talk of her love for the Lord but she lived it out in the way she treated people and that is a great inspiration to me. She will be missed by many. I want to express my deepest sympathy to the family members and may you find comfort in the knowledge that she is in heaven and you will see her again one day.##imported-begin##Deloris Howell##imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 03:06 PM



“ Reatha was a warm, hospitable lady who was a member of the church family I grew up in. It truly was a family. Once she found out my dad loved her german chocolate cakes, she frequently surprised our family with one. She was a blessing to our family in many ways. I am so sad for the loss to her family, but I know she is with her heavenly father and is rejoicing today. God Bless to all of the Demps family. Our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Donna (Sims) Howell##imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 10:19 AM



“ Greg,

Our prayers are with you and your family. Your mother is in a better place.....##imported-begin##Andy and Barbara Simpson##imported-end##

May 20, 2010 at 08:06 AM



“ *You are in our thoughts.##imported-begin##Shirley Minter##imported-end##*

May 19, 2010 at 06:07 PM



“ *We are all privileged to have known Reatha all these years being our neighbor. She was a very lovely lady with a heart of gold. Growing up our 3 sons were spoiled by her cookies & cakes. Her kind generosity and sweet smile will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with you. Darin, Nina, David, Anthony & Matthew##imported-begin##The Westerhouse Family##imported-end##*

May 19, 2010 at 02:50 PM