



## Gladys Kinder

January 21, 1922 - November 16, 2023

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Gladys Kinder, an amazing mother, devoted wife, and wonderful grandmother/great grandmother. This sweet lady departed peacefully on November 16, 2023 at the age of 101.

Gladys was born on January 21, 1922, in Delbarton, West Virginia, and was the daughter of the late Lain and Roxie (Cisco) Mahon. She married the love-of-her-life, Tommy Edward Kinder, on August 1, 1939, having known him since elementary school when she carried his marbles as he played to win special ones for her. The happiest times of her life were spent caring for her husband and nurturing her sons. She loved being a homemaker, attending Church, following Tommy and his brothers' quartet (The Red Jacket Four) to gospel singing conventions, getting dressed to the nines, tending to her flowers, and frying potatoes and making peanut butter pie for her children and grandchildren. She cared deeply, loved unconditionally, and sacrificed willingly to make the best life possible for others.

Ms. Kinder was preceded in death by her parents, husband Tommy Kinder, second husband Walter Kennedy, siblings Hazel Smith, Floyd Mahon, and Margie Ball, and sons Bobby Gene Kinder and Thomas Marshall Kinder. She is survived by her son, Teddy Michael (Teresa) Kinder, daughter-in-law Debra Kinder, granddaughters Mandy (Tim) Leeth and Marsha (Shane) Sykes, and grandson Thomas Michael (Taylor) Kinder. There are five great grandchildren, including Colt, Savannah, Mille, and Shelby Sykes and Thomas M. Axe

Kinder. She also has a large number of loving nephews, nieces, and cousins who will greatly miss the family matriarch.

A native of Mingo county, Gladys left West Virginia in 2006 to live with her son in Lexington, Kentucky. For the past several years she was a favorite resident of Sayre Christian Village Nursing Home. The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 19, from 6 to 9 pm at Chafin Funeral Home in Delbarton, WV; a memorial service is scheduled at same on Monday, November 20, at 11 am. Gladys will be interred at the Ellison Hatfield Cemetery in Newtown beside her husband Tommy. Pallbearers will be Terry Smith, Jerry Smith, Terry Wayne Lester, Thomas Kinder, Colt Sykes, and Asher Sutherland. Also, Keith Mahon, nephew, of Chino Valley AZ will be an honorary pallbearer in absentia

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chafin Funeral Home  
215 Riverside Drive  
Delbarton, WV 25670  
(304) 475-2071  
chafinh@frontier.com  
<https://www.chafinfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

NOV **20**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

NOV **20** (ET)

Ellison Hatfield Cemetery  
Ellison Hatfield Cemetery, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ 111 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Chafin Funeral Home - November 19, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gladys Kinder.



November 18, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ Sue Light lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kinder



Sue Light - November 17, 2023 at 07:41 PM

CW

“ *Cindy Wagner lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kinder*



Cindy Wagner - November 17, 2023 at 04:54 PM

CW

“ *Pete was such a sweet precious precious lady. She loved her family and bragged about all of them. She missed her son that had passed away and her husband. She spoke of both them often. She was a kind sweet soul. I loved her.*

Cindy Wagner - November 17, 2023 at 04:53 PM

GH

*Sweet Lady knew her and loved her and her family especially her DAD AND MOTHER R.I.P. Sweet LADY*

GAYE HATFIELD DAUGHTER OF DOC -PEARL HA - November 17, 2023 at 09:13 PM

SP

“ *Gladys was a sweet, sweet lady. Always had a smile even when she started to decline. I will not forget her.*

Shirley Penney - November 17, 2023 at 09:57 AM

SP

“ *Shirley Penney lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kinder*



Shirley Penney - November 17, 2023 at 09:55 AM

DH

“ *She was always the most kind and humble person you would ever want to meet or talk to. Sad for her family but know that this is not goodbye but see you later.*

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**Diann Hannah** - November 17, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gladys Kinder.*



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November 16, 2023 at 05:57 PM