



Ida Mae Bell Copley Varney

June 3, 1925 - January 7, 2021

Ida Mae Bell Copley Varney, 95, of Delbarton, WV went to rejoice with her Lord and sing with the angels in heaven, January 7, 2021 after succumbing to illness at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY.

At the time of her passing, daughter Sheila Martin and daughter-in-law, Roberta Varney were by her bedside. "She knew we were with her," Sheila stated.

Ida was born June 3, 1925 to Quint and Mintie Bowens Copley and was raised at Goodman Hollow in Williamson, WV.

She attended school in Chattaroy until the age of 14 when economic circumstances following her father's death pushed Ida into the workforce at an early age. However, not finishing school did not prevent Ida from becoming an avid reader and crossword puzzle expert later in her adult life.

At age 18, Ida and her sister Jane moved to Aurora, Ill, entering the workforce during World War II when women were working toward the war effort. Ida obtained employment at Montgomery Metals and worked as a riveter on B-25 airplane wings. During that time, she kept in correspondence with two soldiers-her brother Bill and the late John Lark (John L.) Varney whom she would later marry on February 23, 1946.

John L. worked as a coal miner and Ida was a homemaker and mother to their five children. Later in Life, she became a grandmother to six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson and was a true matriarch of her family.

A devout Christian, Ida belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized October 6, 1952 by Tommy Adair. Ida loved church and her church family. However, Ida always expressed a belief that church affiliation did not dictate a person's character and often stated, "It doesn't matter what church you belong to- it is what you have in your heart that counts."

Ida loved being surrounded by family and friends and knew how to bring people together. Sunday dinners were mandatory, and no one stepped foot in her house without being offered a cup of coffee and a bite to eat.

On early summer mornings, Ida could be found working outside in her garden under the shade of a large straw hat. Gardening brought her true joy and was a process she enjoyed from start to finish. When asked about gardening Ida would state, "I love everything about

it- I love planting the garden, watching the plants and vegetables grow and canning it after it has grown.”

Her love of people and true zest for life shined in all that she did- be it organizing family yard sales, throwing a ringer during lively games of horse shoes at a cookout, playing Uno and other board games or baking homemade apple pies to sell at football games and the town's homecoming events.

Ida is preceded in death by her parents, Quint and Mintie Bowens Copley, her late husband, John L. Varney, late sisters, Sula, Jane, Myrtle, Juanita and Hazel, late brothers, Chap, Walter and Bill, late son, David Varney and late son in law Glen Martin. Her survivors include her children, Sheila Martin of Elk Creek, Polly and Ance Curry of Elk Creek, WV, Donnie and Roberta Varney of Delbarton, WV, Debbie and Chuck Harrison of Delbarton, grandchildren, Shannon and Jeff Stumbo of Dallas, TX, Janaya and Michael Williams of Logan, WV, Angelina and David Moralas of Vermillion, OH, Christopher Shaun and Rachelle Martin of Temple, TX, Alicia Varney of Williamson and Courtney Harrison of Williamson. Ida also has a surviving nephew, Clayburn Varney.

Funeral services will be held at the Chafin Funeral Home Chapel in Delbarton on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 1:00pm with Elders Hobert Hamilton, Richard Staten and Joey Evans officiating. Burial will follow in the Mountain View Memory Gardens at Huddy, KY. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Monday morning from 12:00pm till the start of the funeral. Pallbearers will be, Shaun Martin, Elijah Pigman, Talan Mayes, Maddox Canterbury, Michael Williams, Clayburn Varney and Chuck Harrison. Honorary pallbearer, Donnie Varney. Chafin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chafin Funeral Home
215 Riverside Drive
Delbarton, WV 25670
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Service

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Burial

JAN 11 (ET)

Mt. View Memory Gardens
Huddy, KY

Tribute Wall



“ *Ida Mae Bell Copley Varney*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM

BJ

“ *Polly, Ance, Shannon, and Family*
I just learned of your mother's passing. I know she was a very special lady.
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.
Love and Prayers, Beverly Jennings

Beverly Jennings - January 16, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ *Carol Herald-Tabor lit a candle in memory of Ida Mae Bell Copley Varney*



Carol Herald-Tabor - January 11, 2021 at 12:11 PM

DS

“ *Aunt Ida was a very special lady. Chuck and I will miss her very much. Watch over us Aunt Ida.*

Chuck and Debbie Sutz Lorain, Ohio

Debbie sutz - January 10, 2021 at 09:26 PM

J-

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Jennifer Starr -Workman - January 10, 2021 at 01:52 PM

SB

“ *Sending all our love to the Varney family. Aunt Ida was very special to all of us. We've had so many fond memories with her. She will be deeply missed, but more so remain in our hearts forever.*

Love

Robert & Pearlene Bush Amherst, Ohio

Steven Bush Fort Lauderdale, Florida



STEVEN BUSH - January 09, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ida Mae Bell Copley Varney.*



January 09, 2021 at 03:24 PM

KT

“ *So sorry for your loss, praying for the family*



Kayla Thomas - January 09, 2021 at 12:23 PM

JS

“ *Sorry for your loss Polly and family, prayers for comfort.*

Janet L. Starr - January 09, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Ida Mae Bell Copley Varney.*



January 09, 2021 at 10:20 AM

PP

“ *Shelia and Debbie, prayers for peace and comfort for you in the coming days and weeks ahead, you will be lonesome, but just imagine what rejoicing is going on now that your mom has finally went home to a place she has yearned for most of her life. Love you both* ❤️



Peggy Hunt Perry - January 09, 2021 at 08:46 AM

RE

“ We were so fortunate to get to meet Christopher Shawn's amazing grandmother. She is a special woman that raised a beautiful family. Sheila, I am very proud to have connections with her family now. Enjoy your new home Mrs. Ida Varney.
Love, Sue and Ron Elliott

Ron and Sue Elliott - January 08, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ida Mae Bell Copley Varney.



January 08, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Ida Mae Bell Copley Varney.



January 08, 2021 at 08:54 PM

MR

“ shelia,debbie and polly my school mate, donnie and roberta and all rest of family. may god bless you all may god bring you peace. you had a beautiful gracious christian mother. may god bring you peace and understanding during this time of greif for your dear sweet mother. god bless you all.



mary rice - January 08, 2021 at 08:41 PM

MH

“ So very sorry for your loss. love u all Gone but will never be forgotten. Prayers for peace ,comfort and strength for everyone.



mary hunt - January 08, 2021 at 07:55 PM

PG

“ *Patty Grace lit a candle in memory of Ida Mae Bell Copley Varney*



Patty Grace - January 08, 2021 at 06:16 PM

Sheila Trippett

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mrs Varney's passing! All of you are like family and please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

Sheila Trippett - January 08, 2021 at 06:01 PM

IA

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Gone but will never be forgotten. Prayers for peace ,comfort and strength for everyone..*



Inis Adair - January 08, 2021 at 05:34 PM

VI

“ *Donnie and family
My deepest condolences on the death of sweet Ida
May God's comforting Grace and Mercy be with each of you*

*God's blessings
Vicky Sammons*



vicky - January 08, 2021 at 05:33 PM

AD

“ *Alicia, Birdie, Donnie, Janaya, and family,
My heart is heavy for you all. I loved Ida like she was my own. You never felt like a stranger when you were with her, nor did you go hungry. Love and prayers going up and out to you all during this difficult time. She will be missed and I know she was loved. Love you all.*

Amanda Davis - January 08, 2021 at 05:33 PM

AD

“ *Amanda Davis lit a candle in memory of Ida Mae Bell
Copley Varney*



Amanda Davis - January 08, 2021 at 05:28 PM