



Mrs. Effie M. Rainey

April 8, 1926 - April 2, 2020

Effie M. Rainey, 93, went to be with the Lord, Thursday, April 2, 2020. Born in Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts to the late Authur and Euphemia McLean. Effie is survived by her three children; Ruth Ellen Neal, Harry, Jr., and Mary Lou Chapel. Three grandchildren, Nine Great Grandchildren and Two Great Great Grandchildren. Effie was predeceased by her daughter Wendy Ann who passed in 1977 and her beloved husband of 70 years, Harry Hawkins Rainey who passed on July 11, 2017. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Pine Forest Cemetery, located at 1699 N. Donnelly Street, Mount Dora, Florida 32757. Services have been entrusted to Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, 226 E. Burleigh Blvd., Tavares, Florida 32778. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on the tribute wall.

Cemetery

Pine Forest Cemetery

1699 N. Donnelly Street

Mount Dora, FL, 32757

Comments



“ Miss Effie was a joy to care for. We are so very sorry for your loss. We will all miss her very much.

The Staff at Savannah Grand at Maitland



Karen Burch - April 18, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ I'm so grateful for the years I knew Effie. We were able to share many hugs and stories. One of the ways she showed she cared was by being a prayer partner with our daughter during her high school years. Her love for Jesus was sure. Effie was a warrior with a heart of gold. Sadly, that heart was broken when she had to say goodbye to her Harry - until now!!

We will miss her but celebrate their reunion. Glad it's only a temporary goodbye.

Sara & Keith Peters, and family

Sara & Keith Peters, and family - April 12, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ We remember Effie (and Harry) for their love for Christ and His work around the world. They both loved the old hymns of the church and Effie loved to play them. Until they were too old to do so they enjoyed having people in their home for meals. We so enjoyed hearing their stories - vividly told with much color and expression. We miss them and look forward to meeting them again when we are all together in Christ's kingdom. Beth and Rick Drummond

Beth & Rick Drummond - April 09, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Pearl and I met Effie on a several occasions at both Ruth's house and later, upon the passing of Harry a couple years back. We remember her as a lovely and gracious individual. We know how close she and Ruthie had been over the later years. Her passing after a long productive life will leave a hole filled with kind memories. Pearl joins me in sending our heartfelt condolences to Ruthie and the whole family.
Howard Lefkowitz

Howard Lefkowitz - April 08, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ Oh dear Effie, besides just loving to see you each Sunday at Maranatha Fellowship Church, we did love to hear your special offertories on the piano. Now I am picturing you playing that heavenly piano! We look forward to seeing you again, sweet lady.
Love, Ken and Carol Whitlock

Ken & Carol Whitlock - April 08, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ It would have been impossible to have had a better Mother-in-Law than my "Mama Bear", yes that's how I addressed her. Mind you, I didn't make up the name, she did! We were once discussing how she always kept in touch with her Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. She jokingly commented, "I'm a Mama Bear, my cubs mean the world to me". There you have it, that's who she was, total dedication to those she loved. She will be missed by all of us who admired her, loved her; yes, I am proud to say I loved my "Mama Bear". Guess what? She made everyone aware that she loved us as well.....

Daniel J. Neal - April 07, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ Skipper, Mary Lou, Ruth, I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your mother. What an amazing woman with so much perseverance and determination. I'm so glad we had some days together this past year before her passing. My deepest condolences. She will be missed.

Lori DiDomenico - April 07, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Effie and I were neighbors in LOW for 13 years and spent a lot of time visiting with each other and chatting about everything. I learned all about her life from a teenager to senior citizen, and she and Harry had done a lot! Effie and I loved each other and enjoyed each other's company. I will always remember her, and she will have a special place in my heart the rest of my life. I know we will meet again, and I am looking forward to hearing about her experiences in Heaven!
Joan Wrenn

Joan Wrenn - April 07, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ Dear Skipper,
Thank you for letting us know that your mom has gone to heaven. How good that you were able to visit her in her last days; I'm sure that was what she valued most. I'm so thankful for the times I got to visit Aunt Effie. I remember especially in the years after Mom died how precious it was to hear her voice and expressions that sounded so much like our mother...even after so many years living in opposite corners of the USA.
I really appreciated her hospitality---and also your generous tickets into Disney World! I learned more about our family history and my mother's early years from her; I guess I was too young to think to ask my mom about it years ago. I'm thankful for what I learned from your mom.
May the Lord comfort you and your sisters in this time.
with my love and prayers,
Martha

Martha Dickerson - April 06, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ We didn't grow up close to relatives, but Aunt Effie was the definition and personification of "aunt" for me. I liked to hear her talk; it reminded me of Mom. And she liked to talk. A great conversationalist! Brought up subjects she knew I would be interested in: family news, family history, missions, current events... Although we didn't send her our monthly letters, obviously she was informed and asked questions that showed she had a good idea of what we were doing. I know she prayed for us and some day we'll realize how valuable that spiritual support was.
My sympathies with you, Skipper, and with your whole family!
Mark & Carol Mattix

Mark Mattix - April 06, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Beloved Aunt Effie! She had a heart of gold and was funnier than a rubber crutch, to boot. So many wonderful memories of the "Florida cousins": camping on the Mt. Dora property and eating way too many tangerines off the tree; swimming with snapping turtles (unintended!) in one of the local lagoons; and our trip with my parents, Tom and Virginia, to Scotland to visit the "old pensioner" cousins. Effie and I were roommates and would stay up half the night laughing and gabbing. We "Indiana cousins" have such gratitude for Effie's compassion and care for our mother, Ginny, during the many years she was ill, as well as for keeping in close touch with our father - they were good buddies. Effie and Harry were always welcoming and warm and much fun to visit. Effie was especially stalwart, resourceful, and courageous as she cared for her beloved Harry these past few years - what a reunion they are enjoying! Rest in peace, beloved and faithful servant -

Linda McLean - April 06, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ Your Mattix cousins purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Effie M. Rainey.



Your Mattix cousins - April 06, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ Beloved Aunt Effie! She was like none other, with a heart of gold and always ready for a good story or laugh - funnier than a rubber crutch, she was. So many memories of visits to the "Florida cousins" - camping at their place in Mt. Dora, where we ate way too many tangerines plucked from the tree, swimming with snapping turtles (unbeknownst to us) in one of the nearby lagoons, and our trip to Scotland with my folks. In her usual way, Effie was stalwart, resourceful, and good-humored as she cared for her beloved Harry these past few years, and what a reunion they are enjoying! We will see you again, Dearest Aunt - rest in peace.

Linda McLean - April 06, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ Judy McLean lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Effie M. Rainey



Judy McLean - April 06, 2020 at 04:42 PM