



Enola Fern Vest Saunders

October 14, 1922 – November 1, 2014

(From Pivont Funeral Home – November 2014)

Enola Fern Vest Saunders, 92 of 323 Ballengee Street Hinton, West Virginia passed away Saturday night, November 1, 2014 in Summers County A.R.H. Hospital following a short illness.

Born October 14, 1922 in Raleigh County, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Alvis L. and Ida Bennett Vest.

Enola moved with her family when she was a young child to Summers County and has resided there since that time. She graduated from Hinton High School in 1941. After completing high school she went to Elkton, Maryland, where she was employed in the manufacture of supplies needed by the United States Military during World War II. Her only brother, James, was fighting at the front lines in France and Germany and she felt that this was a way she could contribute to the war effort. Her brother came home safely after the war.

She married Charles J. Saunders, a young Summers County educator in 1943 and became the mother of four children, Carolyn, Sandra, Ronda and Charlie.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hinton and attended until her health problems prevented active participation. She was a member of the

Addie Gooch Sunday School Class and Rachel Circle of the United Methodist Women. She was a past member of various civic and social organizations in Hinton.

Her greatest joy came from being a mother and grandmother. She was a stay at home Mother giving total support to her family. After her children were grown, she worked in retail sales at Kessler's in Hinton for three different owners.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles J. Saunders, her brother, James L. Vest (Glema), her two sisters, Mable Pack (James) and Iva Hatcher (Clyde) and one great grandson, Steven Keller.

Survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Fitzsimmons & husband Tom of Hinton, WV, Sandra Lowe & husband Glenn of Vinton, VA, Ronda Rowan & husband Rod of Roanoke, VA and one son, Charles W. Saunders & wife Debbie of Jumping Branch, WV. Seven grandchildren, Patton Lowe & wife Terri of Clemmons, NC, Melissa Keller of Roanoke, VA, Preston Lowe & wife Karen of Stafford, VA, Susan Collins & husband Scott of Roanoke, VA, Sara Fern Lingenfelter & husband Robert of State College, PA, Thomas Fitzsimmons & wife Lindsay of Scott Depot, WV and Zachary Saunders of White Sulphur Springs, WV; seven great grandchildren, Andrew & Mitchell Keller, Natalie & Caroline Lowe, Rowan Grace & Eva Cole and Jacob Fitzsimmons; two step-grandchildren, Christy Lilly of Jumping Branch, WV and Chad Burdette & wife Bryanna of Meadow Bridge, WV; three step great grandchildren, Colton Burdette, Alyssa Lilly and Truman Collins.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday November 7, 2014 at First United Methodist Church in Hinton with Pastor Melissa White officiating. Entombment will follow in Greenbrier Burial Park Mausoleum in Hinton. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday evening at Pivont Funeral Home in Hinton and one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Patton Lowe, Preston Lowe, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Zachary Saunders, Chad Burdette, Robert Lingenfelter, Scott Collins and nephew, Lesley Vest.

Flowers are appreciated, however, memorials may be sent to The Graham House Preservation Society/Saunders School Museum, 2108 Lowell Road, Pence Springs, WV 24962, or the First United Methodist Church, Hinton, WV 25951.

The family would like to thank her caregivers when she was in her home and the staff of the Rockin Chair Residential Care facility in recent years.