



Jewel McNeer Bigony

November 22, 1928 – June 26, 2015

(From Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors June 2015)

Jewel McNeer Bigony, age 86 of 209 Central Ave. Hinton, West Virginia passed into Glory at 6:57 p.m. Friday June 26, 2015 in the Summers County Hospital in Hinton surrounded by her family and friends. She had been in failing health since February and progressively became worse.

She was born at Marie, in Summers County, West Virginia on November 22, 1928 to the late Hubert Edgar and Lena Faye Tabor McNeer.

Jewel attended Forest Hill High School and graduated from Hinton High School with the class of 1946. Dedicated to caring for people, she entered nurses training at the Charleston General Hospital in Charleston, WV and became a Registered Nurse in 1949. She worked for the Charleston General Hospital, Dr. John Bank's office in Charleston and for the Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley. She also worked at Care Haven Nursing Facility, Pine Lodge Nursing Home, the Beckley Medical Arts in Beckley and the Hinton Hospital. In 1969 when the Summers County Hospital opened, she was the first director of nursing, having started work six months before opening to order supplies for the new hospital. She later was the first director of nursing at Summers County Continuous Care Center in the community of Hildale near Hinton. All who knew her considered her an excellent RN. She was known to be a person who "told it like it was" and "would take no nonsense" and was loved by her fellow nurses and all who knew her. She made friends wherever she went.

Jewell was a charter and present member of St. Peter the Apostle Anglican Catholic Church in Christiansburg, Virginia. She was a past member of New Hope Methodist Church in Marie, WV, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Charleston, WV, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Beckley, WV Ascension Episcopal Church in Hinton, the Hinton Jaycee-etts, the Junior Woman's Club, the Service Club, the Bellepoint Community Club and the Woman's Club in Hinton. She was a member of the Hinton Ruritan Club.

She married Joseph (Joe) Clark Bigony on December 3rd, 1949 (65 ½ years ago) and lived in Charleston and Beckley prior to returning to Hinton.

Other than her parents, preceding her in death were an infant son, Joseph Clair Bigony II, two sisters, Margie McNeer Ford of St. Albans, WV and Mildred McNeer Campbell of Radford, VA.

She is survived by her husband, Joe C. Bigony, her daughter, Elizabeth Ellen Bigony Winner and grandchildren, Leslie (Todd) Schlemmer of Lancaster, PA and Joseph David (Joedy) Meadows & wife Kristen of Culpepper, VA, step-grandson, Andrew Winner II of Arizona. Great grandchildren, Madelyn Faith Schlemmer, Trenton Rodgers Schlemmer, Brynley Lauryn Meadows, Aly Kaitlyn Meadows and step great grandsons, Jacob Kyle Barnett and Trey Winner.

A viewing will be held at Pivont Funeral Home, 100 Park Ave. Hinton, WV on Monday evening June 29th from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. There will be an Anglican Catholic Funeral Mass by Fr. Alexander Darby from St. Peters ACC in Christiansburg, VA on Tuesday June 30th, 2015 at 2:00 in the afternoon in the Ascension Episcopal Church at the corner of 5th Ave. and Temple St. in Hinton. The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks to the Episcopalians for the use of their building. Burial will follow in Restwood Memorial Park, Hinton, WV.

Pallbearers will be; Jack Cooper, Bill Sorg, Todd Schlemmer, Joseph D. (Joedy) Meadows, Ray Pivont and Tom Briers.

The family would like to thank the employees of Summers County Hospital, Main Street Care Nursing Home in Hinton and the Serenity Care Center at Lerona, WV for the wonderful care and attention they displayed toward Jewell while she was a patient.

Donations may be made in Jewell's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.