



Esther (Hopkins) Vetra

July 17, 1922 - December 22, 2008

Esther (Hopkins) Vetra, 86. of Delmar, died Monday, December 22, 2008 at Wicomico Nursing Home in Salisbury.

She was born July 17, 1922 in Monie, Maryland, in Somerset County, a daughter of the late Wesley and Katie (Bozman) Hopkins.

Mrs. Vetra worked as a welder at the Maryland Dry Dock in Baltimore during World War II before returning to the Eastern Shore to proudly earn her degree in the nursing program at Dorchester General Hospital. She worked as an LPN at Deer's Head Hospital Center, beginning in 1973 until her retirement from the State of Maryland in 1984. Her true passion was being a wife and mother and raising her family. She attended St. John's United Methodist Church in Fruitland. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing and quilting for her family and friends. She also loved to read.

She is survived by a son, Lynden G. Vetra and his wife, Suzanne of Delmar; 2 daughters, Valerie Lingle and her husband, Terry and Cindy O'Day and her husband, Robert, all of Delmar; seven grandchildren, James O. Webster, III of Salisbury, Staci Wheatley of Delmar, Bradley Lingle of Delmar, Derek Lingle of New York City, Kirk Lingle of Delmar, Brandy Foskey of Delmar and Travis Foskey of Delmar; 3 great grandchildren; and a sister, Catherine Benton of Arizona. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George K. Vetra who passed February 25, 1986, a son, James O. Webster and three brothers, Donald Hopkins, Franklin Hopkins and Wesley Hopkins, Jr.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, December 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home, Delmar, where family and friends may call one hour prior to the service. The Reverend Howard Travers will officiate. Interment will follow at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E. Grove Street
Delmar, De

Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther (Hopkins) Vetra



Short Funeral Home - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Esther (Hopkins) Vetra

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ Valerie and family:
I was sorry to hear about your mom.
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Keep all
your memories close to your heart.##imported-begin##Cathy
Bilodeau##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 03:28 PM



“ Dear Brandi I remember you as a friend of Don's, and I wanted you to know you are in our prayers. I got to know Mrs. Vetra at the Nursing Home and of the many things I admired most about her, the one thing that will stay with me always, was that no matter how sick she felt she had a smile and a kind word for anyone who entered her room. She was a lady at all times, and her smile and her pretty eyes could make you forget any problem you had. It was truly an honor to know her.##imported-begin##Tena Chaivre, Alyx, Jackai and Cassidy##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 12:08 PM



“ Valerie,
I never met your mother but if you are anything like your mom she was a wonderful caring woman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Dawn and Donald Johnson##imported-end##

December 28, 2008 at 09:39 PM



“ I am Reta and Claytons daughter and live in Cambridge MD. I am sorry that I will be unable to attend the viewing or services since I am working at a hospital in Cambridge on that day and cannot get away. I saw Esther last when she was in Wicomico Nursing Home and she did not recognize me though I explained my relationship and connection with her and the Bozman family. I am sorry for your loss and our family is dwindling quickly. I only have Dorothy Hopkins left, Catherine who moved away but whom I visited (she and Danny) before she moved with Cathy. We also have an aunt on Daddy's side who is 86 as well. Nice "talking" with you via e-mail and sorry about being unable to attend. I did not realize until I read the paper that she was an LPN and trained and worked at the same hospital that I did. I moved to Cambridge in 1963 to go to nursing school, married and had a family and still live here. May God bless you at this time, it is very difficult to lose your mother and grandmother.##imported-begin##Sandra Adkins Murphy##imported-end##

December 27, 2008 at 10:38 AM



“ To Cindy & Family:
I am so sorry for your loss. Miss V was a sweet lady, and I will always remember her fondly, even as a second mom to me growing up. I know that no words can heal your hurt, but I know that she is now in heaven with Mr. V and she is healthy and happy. My love, thoughts, and prayers are with you, Cin, and your family, and know that God is holding you all with comforting, loving arms to help you thru this. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.
Love, Barb##imported-begin##Barbara (Webster) Twilley##imported-end##

December 26, 2008 at 10:22 PM