



## Delorous M. Guard

September 10, 1933 - April 2, 2020

Delorous M. Guard, 86 of Watseka passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at Iroquois Resident Home in Watseka. She was born September 10, 1933 in Watseka, the daughter of Thomas and Myra (Latz) McCullough. She married Joseph C. Guard Sr. in Watseka on November 23, 1952 and he preceded her in death on May 2, 2003. She was also preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, four sisters, one son, Joseph Guard Jr., and one grandchild, R.J. Meara.

She is survived by one daughter, Sandra (Richard) Meara of Grayson, GA; two granddaughters, Jessica (Steven) Swett of Friendsville, TN and Shannon (Corey) Marsh of Grayson, GA; and four great-grandchildren, Cassie Swett, Lucas Marsh, Brooklynn Marsh, and Elijah Marsh. She is also survived by one brother, Robert McCullough of Watseka and two sisters, Barbara Walter of Mishawaka, IN and Doris Ash of Lebanon, IN. Mrs. Guard was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Watseka, and was a bookkeeper at McCullough Implement in Watseka for many years.

Private graveside services will be held on Monday, April 6, 2020 at Iroquois Memorial Park in Watseka. Pastor John Franklin will officiate.

Memorials may be made the First Presbyterian Church in Watseka or Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

Arrangements by Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka.

Please share a memory of Delorous at <http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com>

# Cemetery

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## Iroquois Memorial Park

Watseka, IL,

# Comments

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“ It saddens me so much that you are gone and even more that I'm unable to come and pay you the respect that you are owed because of the temporary world of which we find ourselves.

I'm faced with breaking a commitment that I made to myself to be there for you as you had been there so often when Grandpa (Ray) was sick and even more so for Grandma (Mary) when grandpa passed. I was always so very thankful for this time. And although I did not see you much as of late I can still remember one of the last times I did see you shortly after my son Alexander was born me and Mom (Bonnie) Came down to see you with with Alexander. We had put him down for a nap while we sat and talked unfortunately his diaper leaked and got all over your comforter I felt so bad for that but Of course you weren't fazed by it as any grandparent wouldn't be. Just the joy of having a little one around brightened your day.

You will be missed by all who love you but we are all the better for having you been in our lives.

Robert Salins



**Robert Salins** - April 05, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Thanks for your memory, Robert. She loved you and your whole family so much. She told me about your visit and just loved meeting Alexander! I am sure she is playing cards right now with your Grandma and catching up with all the family she missed so much!

**Sandra Meara** - April 05, 2020 at 09:32 PM

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“ I miss Aunt Dee Dee a lot. She was always there for us. Every summer spent in Watseka, to be be with my grandma and grandpa (Ray & Mary) meant we got to see Aunt Dee Dee too. She would take us to value village to buy stuff. One time we bought 5 pairs of gym shoes. She picked a blue pair with watermelons on them. I loved that pair. Her and I would take daily walks past the radio station after she ate her “steak and salad” dinner. She would tell me stories about her and Uncle Joe when they were young. She would let us come take showers at her house because Gram didn’t have a shower. We always did afternoon breaks with her and Aunt Norma at “the shop”. I remember one of the 4th of July parties it was cold and Aunt Dee Dee had just got coats for everyone to wear but then one of the fireworks sprinkled all over her. She just laughed and said if she didn’t have Mary’s coat on it would of been bad. But she was alright the coat had a bunch of burn holes. It’s so sad she is one of the few reasons I would go back to Watseka but with the world today I can’t even go. We love you Aunt Dee Dee. —Carol Lynn Rynne

**Carol Rynne** - April 04, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Carol, she loved you and Randy and Robert so much, too! I just know she is so happy to be back with my dad, Joey, your Grandma and Grandpa and all the family gone before and especially Jesus! I am so sad for all of us, but rejoice for her.

**Sandra Meara** - April 04, 2020 at 01:38 PM

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“ Looking through photos and these are some of my favorites of Gaga. Hopefully she is dancing with Poppy tonight.



**Jessica Swett** - April 03, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“ Aunt DeeDee, Although you were only 8 years older than me, I will never forget when I was probably no more than 6 or 7 years old, you at that time would have only been 14 or 15 and when the two of us were out shopping together, sometimes a clerk would think I was your daughter. That would get you so upset. But I want you to know that back then and to this day, I will always be very proud to claim you as my 2nd mom. I will miss you, but I know that you are now at peace and in a happy place where you can join Uncle Joe, Joey, my mom & dad (Mary & Ray) as well as so many others that we still love and miss so very, very much. Thank you for always being there for my mom after my dad passed away. You always made sure that she got to her doctor appointments, hair appointments, etc. I really did appreciate all that you did back then.

**Bonnie Jean Salins** - April 03, 2020 at 05:37 PM

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**Bonnie Salins** - April 03, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ Love that picture! My mom and dad loved every minute spent with your mom and dad, and some of my happiest childhood memories are the Fourth of July parties at their house! I know they are all having steak in heaven and playing cards!

**Sandra Meara** - April 04, 2020 at 08:45 AM

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“ Aunt De, I have grown up with you and Uncle Joe being second parents to me and my siblings. Seemed like if we were not at your house all of you were at mom and dad's. We vacationed together, enjoyed baseball games at Peters Park and Kay Park and Watseka basketball games together; going back to your house and enjoying hot tea and cookies and Ice cream discussing the entire game that brother Gary played in, celebrated holidays and every birthday. We laughed til we cried. Me, Brian and Joey were thick as thieves and sometimes we would be scolded by you (well deserved). You wore the pants in your family that's for sure!!! Uncle Joe was always busy trying to keep us out of trouble. I will miss you so much Aunt De more than words can ever say. I will miss your take charge orders, sweet smile and funny stories. Give Uncle Joe a big hug for me, Rick and our boys. Tell Joey I miss him. You have plenty of time now to Enjoy your grandson RJ. I love you and God Bless you. Till we see each other again. Diane Ash Burns

**Diane Ash Burns** - April 03, 2020 at 03:33 PM

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“ Sending my condolences on behalf of my siblings & in the memory of Levi & Verla McCullough who all shared many happy moments with Aunt Dee. So sorry for your loss Sandy. Your mother's kindness was contagious and her memory will live on forever. Sincerely, Jeanie Herron (Verla's daughter)

**Jeanie Herron** - April 03, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ Thanks so much, Jeannie. Mom loved your mom and Uncle Levi so much. I am so sad, but I know she is so happy to be with Jesus and all her family that has gone before.

**Sandra Meara** - April 04, 2020 at 10:10 AM

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“ Joey was a dear friend and classmate so Mr. and Mrs. Guard (just couldn't call her DeeDee) were like family to me, Tami and our boys. As a teen trying to find my way in life, those two were always supportive and non-judgemental accepting me as I was. Since Mr. Guard passed, Tami and I loved visiting with her over the years and calling her in between to keep up with her, Sandy's family and that enormous McCullough clan. Fried catfish dinner at the Watseka Table with peppermint ice cream for dessert was her favorite. Our conversations and visits I believe kept alive the spirit of Joe and Joey for her and also for me. She was a dear woman and will be missed but she loved Jesus and is in His presence now dancing for joy.

**John Kamperschroer** - April 03, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ John, she always looked forward to those times you came to visit her and enjoyed them so much.

**Janet Anderson** - April 03, 2020 at 02:10 PM

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“ Now she's an angel watching over us, spreading her wings. Aunt DeeDee was an important part of our extended families, always caring and enjoying any party, reunion or get-together. Prayers to Sandy and her family in their loss.

**Janet Anderson** - April 02, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ Thank you so much, Janet, for your prayers and for all you have done for my mom; I know she is reunited with her prince, my dad, in heaven and they are both free from pain and happy once again with Joey, RJ and all their loved ones in heaven!

**Sandra Meara** - April 03, 2020 at 04:09 AM

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**Janet Anderson** - April 02, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Delorous M. Guard, January 2020

**Janet Anderson** - April 03, 2020 at 02:08 PM