



## Velma Pauline McKie

August 23, 1923 - July 8, 2020

Velma Pauline McKie, age 96, passed away on Wednesday, July 7, 2020 at the MHP Serenity Hospice house in Oskaloosa, IA. Velma was born on Thursday, August 23, 1923 in Mahaska County, IA., the daughter of Irvin and Grace Taylor Beach. She attended Rose Hill High School until 10th grade. She was united in marriage to James "Jim" McKie on May 17, 1947 in Kansas City, Missouri. Jim died on May 13, 1995.

Following high school, she moved to California and worked as a Rosie Riveter supporting the war effort by working on airplanes. She later moved back to Iowa and worked for McCurdy's. Following her marriage to Jim, the two traveled all over to accommodate Jim's enlistment in the military. After serving his country, they continued traveling as Jim took a job as an engineer, building roads all over the country. Velma enjoyed painting, gardening, dancing, making paper dolls and traveling with Jim. She was a longtime member of the Rose Hill Community Church.

She is survived by a sister, Wilda Miner of Oskaloosa and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim McKie, and 2 sisters, Mildred DeSelm and Juanita Leathers and four brothers, Dale Steven Beach, Richard Beach, Ivan Beach and Billy Beach.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 11, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel with Pastor Del Bittner officiating. Following the service burial will be in Tioga Cemetery near Rose Hill. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and reasonable personal protective equipment is advised for attending a religious public event. The funeral service will be live streamed at the Bates Funeral Chapel's YouTube Channel for those wishing to support the family from a distance. Open visitation will begin Friday, July 10, at 2:00 p.m. and continue until 7:00 p.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be made to MHP Serenity Hospice House or the Rose Hill Church Food Ministry.



# Cemetery

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**Tioga Cemetery**

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# Events

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**JUL Visitation - Open 02:00PM - 07:00PM**

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Bates Funeral Chapel

114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

**JUL Funeral Service 11:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ Dear Aunt Wid, so sorry to hear about Aunt Toot's passing. The two of you always made me laugh. Christy Burke-Smith

Christy Burke-Smith - July 10, 2020 at 02:04 PM

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“ Marty Burke lit a candle in memory of Velma Pauline McKie



marty burke - July 10, 2020 at 02:02 PM

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“ Aunt Toot I have so many memories I wouldn't know where to start. I know when I held your hand Tues, night you knew I was there and that I was telling you how much I love you. You were so kind to me and I know you Loved me as much as I loved you , We loved talking about Aunt Mildred and such a kind person she was, we both went and seen her every day and the 3 of us had fun.  
You are always going to be in my heart and I will never let go of my memories. Tell Aunt Mildred how much I loved her, and how much she is missed. And tell Deb I miss my BFF, and how much I miss her, never will forget the fun we all had together.  
No more pain now Aunts Toots, RIP

Love you Always  
Marty

marty burke - July 10, 2020 at 02:02 PM

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“ So sorry to read about Toots. She was longtime friend. Always loved seeing both she and Wid out and about And loved visiting with them. Wid my thoughts and prayers are with you the family.

martha Veerman - July 10, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ We are so, so sad to hear this news! She has been in our lives since childhood, and we have so many happy memories of time spent with her and her Rose Hill family. This is a big loss. Our condolences to our buddy, Wid, and the rest of the family

Bill and Kathy Hicklin

Bill and Kathy Hicklin - July 09, 2020 at 11:12 AM

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“ RIP Miss Velma . My heart breaks at this sad news. Give Mikey & Sherry and Dad hugs from us. And let Deb know how we all have missed her too!! What a wonderful Lady who will be Greatly missed!



Kathy Fleener - July 09, 2020 at 07:15 AM

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“ Wilda, I'm very sorry to hear of Velma's passing. She always was quick to have an ornery smile and a witty comment. I knew it would be a good day if I was going to see "Wid & Toots"! She will be deeply missed. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Colette Scott

Colette Scott - July 08, 2020 at 08:08 PM