



## Ella Katherine (Kay) Henry

August 7, 2016

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Big Stone Gap, VA-Ella Katherine Henry, 90, of Big Stone Gap, VA, passed away Sunday night August 7, 2016 at the Mountain View Regional Medical Center in Norton, VA.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Kenneth L. Henry; her parents, George Taz McCoy and Elizabeth Williamson McCoy; and a sister, Iris Henry.

Kay is survived by a son, William Scott Henry, of Appalachia, VA; a brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Barbara McCoy of Big Stone Gap; a sister, Barbara Mulligan of California, KY; special niece, Gilda Sturgill, of Duffield, VA; and several other loving and caring nieces and nephews.

Born in Arno, VA, Kay attended Appalachia High School and excelled as a basketball player. After high school, she began working for the Tennessee Eastman Company in Kingsport, TN. In early 1945, she was transferred to the Oak Ridge, TN Y-12 facility where she held the title of Laboratory Operator assisting with the enrichment of Uranium for the first atomic bombs as a member of the Manhattan Project. She returned home in May of 1947 to marry her fiancé, Ken Henry. She also worked for the Piggly Wiggly super

market in Big Stone Gap, VA and later became a full-time housewife.

She enjoyed gardening, playing golf, traveling, and fishing. Moreover, she had a passion for grocery shopping! She was an active member of the First Christian Churches of Appalachia, VA, Latonia, KY, and Big Stone Gap, VA. She was involved with the youth ministry in Latonia, KY and served as a Sunday School teacher at both the Appalachia and Big Stone Gap churches.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday (August 9) from 5-7 PM at the Roy A. Green Funeral Home in Appalachia, VA.

Funeral services will be held at the Roy A. Green Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday (August 10) at 11 AM. Graveside services will follow at the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. The services are being conducted by the Rev. Joe Munsey.

Family and friends will serve as Pall Bearers.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

Big Stone Gap, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roy A. Green Funeral Home  
317 Kilbourne Ave.  
Appalachia, VA 24216  
(276) 565-1250  
info@royagreenfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.royagreenfuneralhome.com>

## Service

AUG 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lisa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ella Katherine (Kay) Henry*



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**lisa johnson** - August 10, 2016 at 05:31 PM



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**lisa johnson** - August 09, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ *Sandy Day Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ella Katherine (Kay) Henry*



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**Sandy Day Thomas** - August 08, 2016 at 06:45 PM

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“ *May God comfort you and give you peace at this time of your loss. I remember Kay from when I was just a little girl on E. 9th St. In BSG. I always loved it when my Mom would go visit and let me come along. I loved all the flowers in her yard. But, the best part was all the wonderful smells in her house. Seems she was always baking cookies and cakes! I still have a plate that Kay gave me when I was about 5 years old. She was such a beautiful and kind lady. My sincere sympathy to her family.*

*Judy (Jenkins) Kilgore*

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**Judy Jenkins Kilgore** - August 08, 2016 at 06:17 PM