



## Irma Dawn Stepp

October 1, 1932 - February 21, 2021

Courtesy obituary for Irma Stepp

Irma Dawn Derderian Stepp, age 88, of Pippa Passes, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 21st, 2021.

She was born October 1st, 1932, in Kermit, West Virginia to Oscar Derderian and Shirley (Zeek) Derderian. She was a graduate of Kermit High School. Her family ran Oscar's Restaurant, one of the most popular establishments in the community, for many years.

Irma married Joseph Stepp on June 10th, 1953. They were the parents of five children, and were married for over 46 years before his death in 1999.

After Joseph's passing, Irma relocated to Pippa Passes where she served as a volunteer at the Alice Lloyd College book store. While there, she immediately developed a close bond with the faculty, staff, and students on campus. In all, she served the college for 23 years as a friend, mentor, and "grandmother" to thousands.

She was affectionately known to everyone as "Miss Irma", and always had a smile, a word of encouragement, and kind word for all she met. Hundreds of students soon developed a ritual of going by the bookstore each day just to get a hug from her.

Irma had a strong faith in the Lord, and attended Caney Baptist Church for 23 years. Serving God was the foundation of her life. She would frequently remind all that she knew, when things seemed hopeless, to just remember

“God is in Control.”

Irma was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Shirley; her husband, Joseph; her sister, Audrey Merriman; and her step-brother, Mike Derderian. Irma is survived by her son, Joe A. (Cindy Clark) Stepp of Pippa Passes; her daughter Judy L. Stepp of Ashland; son Jim O. (Tracey Warne) Stepp of Pippa Passes; son Ervin L. (Teresa Ward) Stepp of Warfield; and son Gary D. (Lisa Gloshen) Stepp of Pippa Passes.

Irma was the loving grandmother of eleven; Travis Stepp, Jimmy Wolfe, Jamie Wolfe, Jalina Wheeler, Jenilee Stepp, Clark Stepp, Clint Stepp, Chelsea Stepp, Tori Stepp, Cammi Stepp, and Elisabeth Stepp. She also proudly has ten great-grandchildren, with one more on the way.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Hindman Funeral Home with the Reverend Lawrence Baldrige officiating. Visitation will be on Tuesday, February 23rd at the funeral home from 6pm-8pm. Services will be conducted at the same location on Wednesday, February 24th at 11am. Burial will be at the Stepp Family cemetery at Collins Creek in Warfield, Ky.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joseph and Irma D. Derderian Stepp Memorial Scholarship fund at Alice Lloyd College.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hindman Funeral Services, Hindman, KY.

For those who are unable to attend the services, the service may be viewed by Facebook Live on Hindman Funeral Services Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

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## Service

FEB 24. 11:00 AM.

Hindman Funeral Servies  
Hindman, KY

# Tribute Wall

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“ Remembering this kind, sweet lady. Always enjoyed going to Oscars for lunch. So sorry 🙏



Kathy Rose - February 26, 2021 at 10:12 AM

TO

“ Tom lit a candle in memory of Irma Dawn Stepp



Tom - February 25, 2021 at 09:42 PM

TO

“ Tom lit a candle in memory of Irma Dawn Stepp



Tom - February 24, 2021 at 07:25 AM

LD

“ Luann Dials sent a virtual gift in memory of Irma Dawn Stepp



Luann Dials - February 23, 2021 at 09:31 PM

ED

“ Ernie Luann Dials lit a candle in memory of Irma Dawn Stepp



Ernie Luann Dials - February 23, 2021 at 09:28 PM

DS

“ Dr. Leo Daugherty and Dr.Rhonda Smith-Daugherty purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Irma Dawn Stepp.



Dr. Leo Daugherty and Dr.Rhonda Smith-Daugherty - February 23, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irma Dawn Stepp.



February 23, 2021 at 09:48 AM

MW

“ Mary Musick Ward lit a candle in memory of Irma Dawn Stepp



Mary Musick Ward - February 22, 2021 at 07:34 PM

JK

“*“Miss Irma” was a wonderful woman, mother to an outstanding family and friend to many. Her dear husband, Joseph (who grew up in Collins Creek just across the hill from Ground Hog Holler where I grew up) was someone I looked up to when I was a boy. I did not know about her activities at Pippa Passes, but I was not surprised. Loyce and I send our condolences to her children.*

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**John Kirk** - February 22, 2021 at 06:27 PM