



Cynthia J. Himes

May 22, 1926 - June 14, 2010

Cynthia Jane McCauley Himes, 84, of Summerville, passed away at her home surrounded by members of her devoted family on Monday, June 14, 2010. She was born May 22, 1926, the youngest child of the late Charles A. and Olive Melzer McCauley. She graduated from Marion Center High School, Marion Center, PA.

Cynthia married Robert L. Himes on April 10, 1947, who survives. She was well known for her wit, loyalty, and keen intelligence. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother as well as being a favorite aunt to many of her nieces and nephews. She always made each of her many visitors feel welcome. Cynthia was strong as steel and fierce as a lioness when it came to protecting her own; by example she taught us all what family means.

She had the knack of making each of her seven children, fifteen grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and twenty six great grandchildren feel like each one was her favorite. Two more great grandchildren are expected in the next few months. She fought valiantly to hang on to make her acquaintance.

During WWII she worked as a telephone operator and drove a milk delivery truck. In the early to mid 1970's she worked at Owens Illinois Glass Plant in Clarion; she also worked at The 76 Truck Stop as a waitress in the late 1970's. One night as a man from the trucker's section paid his bill, he said, "I suppose you'll want my autograph." She asked, "And why would I want your autograph?" He replied, "I'm Tom T. Hall." She retorted, "And I'm Cynthia J.

Himes!" The next night she laughed when she saw the egotistical signer on TV. Such was her sense of humor. To know her was to love her; she will be greatly missed.

Cynthia was always an avid reader.

She is survived by three daughters and three sons, Cheryl Bazzoui (Dr. Widad) of Bradford; Sue Monrean (John) of Brookville; and Linda Rhoades (Woody) of Elkridge, MD; Mike Himes (Sandi); Kevin Himes (Pam); and Doug Himes (Dorothy), all of Greenville, TX; two brothers, Charles McCauley (Romaine) of New Bethlehem; Elmer McCauley (June) of New Bethlehem; and two sisters, Nellie Kirkpatrick (the late Paul) of Sligo; and Carolyn White (the late Harris) of Punxsutawney.

Also surviving are fifteen grandchildren, Shiela Fox Cleveland of Treasure Lake; Brad Monrean (Stephanie) of Brookville; Sam Fox (Gina) of St. Mary's; Ben Monrean (Erin) of Corsica; Heidi Himes of Wolfe City, TX; Steve Fox (Suzie) of Jamestown, NY; Joe Himes (Tammi) of Campbell, TX; Craig Himes (Tammy) of Greenville, TX; Bob Monrean of Brookville; Jennifer Rhoades Fleischer (Corey) of Baltimore, MD; Melissa Himes Fox (Dr. James) of Dallas, TX; James Himes with the US Guard, Norfolk, VA; Kevin Jay Himes of Summerville; and Sara Jane and Hannah Himes of Greenville, TX. And six step-grandchildren, Reem Bazzoui of Basel, Switzerland; Ban Bazzoui of York; Andy Rimon (Elizabeth) with the US Coast Guard, Wilmington, NC; Sara Michelle Garrity Anderson (Dave) of Gaylord, MI; Mike Garrity of Fort Worth, TX; and Emily Eye of Dallas, TX.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert R. Himes, age 15 in July 1970; and two brothers, J. Eugene McCauley (the late Verna); and Bill McCauley (the late Ruth).

The arrangements are under the direction of the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

There will be no visitation.

A memorial service will be held at the Leatherwood Church in New Bethlehem at the convenience of the family.

Memorials may be made to any public library, the American Cancer Society, 320 Bilmar Drive Pittsburgh PA 15205; Aseracare Hospice, 231 Allegheny Blvd Suite B Brookville PA 15825; or the Leatherwood Church, 889 Church Road New Bethlehem PA 16242.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ We send our deep felt sympathy to the family of Cynthia Himes. She has left us but stay forever in our hearts.
Terje and Ingrid Fokstuen

Dr.&Mrs.Terje Fokstuen - July 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ My Grandma was widely known for her generosity, kindness and good humor. She always had a special place in her heart for anyone she considered to be an “underdog” or who might carry a heavier burden than most others. She faced death in the same manner in which she faced life, with strength and humor. If anyone would break down and cry in front of her during her last days, she would smile through the tears in her own eyes and say, “Now, there will be no pity-parties around here!”

*I love her so much!!
Heidi Himes*

Heidi Himes - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Dear Himes Family,
What a love story Cynthia lived and practiced. It is such a gift that you all have such wonderful memories of her life, wisdom, and humor. We remember the hay rides and the bobsled parties that Cheryl organized but Roy and Cynthia supervised as being some of the best times of our teenage years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Ann and Jim Vallimont

Ann and Jim Vallimont - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to you all and our prayers are being lifted up asking for abundant comfort. Cynthia was a delightful woman and one we will never forget. She enjoyed life to the fullest and we know you will miss her. May your memories give you comfort.

Don & Martha Haggerty - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Dear Himes Family:*
I want to extend my deepest sympathy. I was shocked upon reading of Cynthia's passing. Sorry there is no visitation to be with you at this time of loss. I knew she had cancer but did not know of her recent decline in health. We met Cynthia and Roy when Linda and I entered Nursing at Sharon General School Of Nursing in 1968. For the next 3 years Cynthia or my mother, Grace Steiner were the car pooling driving mothers to get all of us home for weekends. She was always a dear lady. I met many of you Himes' at Linda and Woody's Wedding and through the years during hospitalizations at Clarion Hospital. Linda and Nancy Agosti Martin and I have mini classmate reunions. I always enjoyed the news from Cynthia and Roy when visiting them at the Brookville apartment, but never got to the farm after the remodeling. My thoughts go with Cynthia as she goes to her new life in heaven. My sympathy and prayers are shared with you at this time of your loss.

Sincerely,

Linda Steiner-Mander

Linda Steiner-Mander - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Mike and Sandy, when they describe your Mom and as fierce lioness it so describes your Mom. I remember her providing and protecting us when we were all kids.....of course we thought we wee grown ups! She had such a great sense of humor and after the death of Bobbie she showed the world a great sense of strength and how " the show must go on". I will always remember her with great love and saddness that my life drifted apart from the Clarion area. Please accept my sincere sympathy and my love, there is no greater loss then your Mom. Love, Shari

Shari Bailey Caldwell - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I am Jim & Jackie Himes' granddaughter & Marsha's middle daughter. My husband & I send our deepest sympathies. We hope that your many wonderful memories of Cynthia bring you comfort during this difficult time. Although it has been a while since I had the pleasure of seeing Cynthia I know what a great lady she was and how much she will be missed.

Tonya & Brian Mooney - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Mike,
So sorry to hear about your mom. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Randy and Francie Allison

Randy Allison - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ My love and prayers to your entire family. I always loved visiting your home. Mrs Himes made everyone feel at home. The hay rides, sledding parties & the lazy summer afternoons were all so much fun because of her.

Carole Williams - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Cynthia One great lady I will always have a smile on my face when I think of her so sorry for your lose

Ed Kemmer - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Please accept our thoughts and prayers for you during this time of loss. Cynthia quickly became one of our favorites during our care for her. It was our privilege to be able to provide a comforting presence for her during the brief time she was our patient. Thank you, and may God's blessings be with you in the days and weeks ahead.

James D Witherington - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ John and I wish to extend our sympathy to your family. We know you will miss Cynthia greatly.
Cynthia was one of the most inspirational people I've ever met. So many of my teenage memories are of the happy times I spent on the farm with your family. Your mom not only had the knack of making family members feel special, she also made people like me feel like a family member. Even though, I hadn't seen her often lately, each time I did, it was like I talked to her every day. She was a truly wonderful, courageous woman who will always have a place in my heart.
Shari and John Hindman

Shari Hindman - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM