



## Mrs. Iva Dean "Deana" Ireson

December 17, 1935 - April 7, 2014

Bluefield, WV- Iva Dean "Deana" Ireson of Bluefield, WV, passed away peacefully at home on April 7th with her daughters by her side. Deana was a very private person and didn't want her death "announced", but we, her girls, are defying her on this one- she wouldn't be surprised.

Deana was born Dec. 17th, 1935, in the coalfields of McComas, WV, the daughter of Mary and Roscoe Perkins, the granddaughter of Hungarian immigrants. A childhood memory she related often was reading aloud letters to her grandmother, who had difficulty reading English, from her uncles in Europe who were in the Army during World War II. As a teen-ager her family moved to Bluewell. Residing in Bluefield, WV after a brief marriage, she was left a single mother with two daughters and few resources. However, with a huge amount of hard work, determination, self-sacrifice, and help from wonderful family members, she raised her girls and they had a very happy childhood. Deana spent many years working at Bluefield News Agency, her co-workers becoming good friends who supported each other. When the company left Bluefield, she spent some years working at Walmart, making several close friendships. Deana loved spending time with her family, cooking wonderful meals, marveling at the wonders of nature (feeding the birds, rabbits, and chipmunks in her yard was an important part of her daily routine), and reading. She often told her girls, "Treat others the way you would want to be treated," and "Cheaters never prosper". She especially liked playing cards with her grandchildren (Old Maid, Crazy Eights, and Spades being her

favorites).

Deana was preceded in death by her parents and a beloved sister, Jaynette Gibson.

Surviving her are her daughters and their spouses, Vickie and Chuck Perdue of Abingdon, VA, Kathi and Jack Broome of Fredericksburg, VA, grandchildren Kelli-Beth Dickinson and husband Robbie of Fredericksburg, Caroline Broome of Fredericksburg, Noah Jack Broome of Fredericksburg, Taylor Perdue of Richmond, VA, and Jill Perdue of Blacksburg, VA. She has four great-grandchildren, Miller and Reid Beavers and twins DuVal and Gunnar Dickinson (due to enter this world in just a few months). She is also survived by her dear sister Judy Bailey and husband Gene of Bluefield, VA (Judy was her best friend and confidante with whom she shared many outings, adventures, and countless fits of laughter), brother Howard and his wife Betty of Bluewell (Howard was her bush-trimmer and general yard clean-up specialist), her nieces Tammy Abel, Suzanne Martin, and nephews Michael Gibson and Timothy Perkins and their families. She also had a special uncle, Ervin Martin, from Virginia Beach, VA.

Per Deana's wishes, there will not be a public viewing or funeral service. Her family will be getting together privately to honor her. To conclude, Deana's spirit will live on through her descendants, and she will be alive to us when we grab and catch memories of her, which will be often.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Iva Dean "Deana" Ireson.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Iva Dean "Deana" Ireson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Kathi, I'm so sorry to hear that your mom passed away. My mom also passed away last October. I'll never forget your mom, she was amazing! Lots of love, Serafina Manfre*

**Serafina Manfre** - May 03, 2016 at 09:25 PM



“ *I'll always remember her kindness as I became a member of the family, her southern hospitality and her simple but happy life in her beloved Bluefield.*

**Jack Broome** - December 31, 2014 at 05:33 PM



“ *To the Ireson family: My condolences to Vicki and family during this time. May you find comfort with His word and His presence. May you find comfort with each passing day.*

**John O. Lowe** - April 15, 2014 at 07:53 PM



“ *Linda Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iva Dean "Deana" Ireson*



**linda boyd** - April 15, 2014 at 04:55 PM

LB

“ Deeply sorry for your loss, she was one of the best friends I had at Walmart. I will always remember the lunches we had at Captain D's and Chinese. I'll always remember the lunches she fixed at her house and just sitting out back reminiscing on good times. I will truly miss her. She will be forever loved and missed -Linda Boyd

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**Linda Boyd** - April 15, 2014 at 04:05 PM

ES

“ To the family.. Sorry for u loss.. Deana was a true friend she will be missed very much. I worked with her a Walmart many years she was a true friend. We had many good laughs together. Your friend.. Elizabeth Spradlin...

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**Elizabeth Spradlin** - April 13, 2014 at 10:37 PM

AA

“ Vicki - so sorry to learn of your Mom's passing. I remember her when you and I were in school together. Thinking of you and Kathi during this difficult time. Fondly,  
Anna Mariotti Allen

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**Anna Mariotti Allen** - April 13, 2014 at 05:08 PM

VL

“ Vesita Lowman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iva Dean "Deana" Ireson



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**Vesita Lowman** - April 13, 2014 at 07:21 AM

VL

*So sorry to here of your loss..I remember your mother from years ago..Was a lovely lady*

**Vesita Lowman** - April 13, 2014 at 07:23 AM

  
Barbara  
Snelling

“ *Kathi -*

*So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You are in my prayers. I think of you often.*

*Barbara Cline Snelling*

**Barbara Snelling** - April 13, 2014 at 05:10 AM

KB

*I think of you often too! We did have some great times! I miss my Mom. Heartbreaking. Take good care Barbara.*

**kathi Broome** - April 17, 2014 at 08:21 PM

NS

“ *Norma Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iva Dean "Deana" Ireson*



**Norma Smith** - April 12, 2014 at 05:34 PM

CS

“ *Vickie and family, I was so sorry to read about the death of your mother. My prayers are with you. Cathy Cregger Saddler BHS '74*

**Cathy Saddler** - April 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

CI

“ Dear Kathi & Vickie and loved ones: I am so sorry to hear of t he passing of your mother. She was a beautiful woman, inside and out. Your mom was always so pleasant and so kind to us in our teenage years. I enjoyed knowing her in the years we were growing up, and enjoyed having brief catch-up conversations with her, when I would see her out and about. I know how proud she was of you and your families. May God give you peace and strength in the days and years ahead. My prayers will include all of you at this difficult time. Cindy (Freeman) Romano McGraw - BHS 1975

Cindy - April 12, 2014 at 09:21 AM

VP

Dear Cindy, thank you so much for those kind words about Mom. We are heart-broken but were blessed to have such a wonderful mother. Hope you and your family are well. Vickie

vickie perdue - April 12, 2014 at 12:42 PM

KB

“ Kate Broome lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iva Dean "Deana" Ireson



kate broome - April 11, 2014 at 09:34 PM

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**kate broome** - April 11, 2014 at 09:28 PM

DB

“ *Kathi, so sad to hear of your moms passing. Our love and prayers are with you even though we are miles away. Love Debbie Curt Kyle and gram.*

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**Debbie Broome** - April 10, 2014 at 09:45 PM

JW

*Katie...  
You know we have kept you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Joe, Mary, Mandy and Grace*

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**joe wilson** - April 12, 2014 at 10:37 AM