



Linda Lou "Tea" McIntosh

January 24, 1938 - February 10, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Linda Lou "Tea" McIntosh

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – DONGOLA

106 NW Front Street, Dongola, Illinois

Linda Lou "Tea" McIntosh, age 86, of Marion, Illinois, formerly of Dongola, Illinois, passed peacefully into heaven surrounded by her family on Saturday, February 10, 2024.

She was born January 24, 1938 to Archie and Amy (Lingle) Eddleman in Dongola. Mom attended a one-room schoolhouse at Meisenheimer School before going on to Dongola High School where she graduated in 1956. She attended Murphysboro Beauty School where she received her cosmetology license. Linda worked at a beauty shop in Cairo and then worked at Modern Beauty Shop on the square in Marion. She also worked at Universal Match.

Linda met the love of her life, Willie Lariel Dean McIntosh, while he was

working at Cope Shell Gas Station in Dongola as she was walking by on her way to Dongola High School. They were engaged in 1957. When Dean returned from Europe after being in the United States Army, the couple was married on May 1, 1959 at Second Baptist Church Parsonage in Marion. The couple moved to Marion and have shared 64 and ½ years together until Dean's death on January 27, 2024. The couple were affectionately called "Tea" and "Dean" by their family members.

Linda gave up her work outside of the home to become a full-time mother and homemaker. She was a very loving and dedicated mother and grandmother and gave her all to her whole family.

Linda received Jesus as her Lord and Savior in her youth and was baptized in Goodman Pond. She was a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church in Perks. After moving to Marion, she and Dean attended Second Baptist Church in Marion for approximately 60 years until poor health prevented it and then they watched many church services on television.

Linda is survived by her daughter, Debra (Harrel) Lerch; son, Barry (Teresa) McIntosh; grandchildren, Matthew Dean Lerch and Kaelyn Renee McIntosh; brother-in-law, Robert Porter, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Rita (Gary) Dale, sister-in-law, Emilia Eddleman, and many nieces and nephews.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Artie (Lova) Eddleman, Tom (Janet) Eddleman, Donald "Gene" Eddleman, Bob (Carol Jean) Eddleman, and sister, Lula Belle Porter.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 15, 2024 from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola. A Celebration of Life will follow at 12:00 PM with Pastor Ashby Tillery and Pastor Danny Ward officiating.

Interment will follow the service at Meisenheimer Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Second Baptist Church of Marion Food Pantry.

Crain Funeral Home, Dongola, Illinois is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Meisenheimer Cemetery

Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Dongola
106 NW Front St.
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Celebration of Life

FEB 15. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

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Interment

FEB 15. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

Meisenheimer Cemetery
Dongola, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ Robert Porter, Lisa & Eric, Rhonda & Bob purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda Lou "Tea" McIntosh.



Robert Porter, Lisa & Eric, Rhonda & Bob - February 13, 2024
at 05:04 PM

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“ Robert Porter, Lisa & Eric, Rhonda & Bob planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Lou "Tea" McIntosh.

Robert Porter, Lisa & Eric, Rhonda & Bob - February 13, 2024 at 05:04 PM