



Loretta Hellrung

September 4, 1925 - September 6, 2012

Dateline: Alton

Loretta (Miller) Hellrung, 87, passed to eternal life with family at her side on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at Rosewood Care Center. She was born September 4, 1925 in St. Paul, Missouri. She attended the Ursuline Academy. She was a lifelong beautician at Loretta's Beauty Shop. Loretta wrote letters to pen pals all over the world. She loved to design and create her Christmas and holiday cards by hand. She was known for her jokes and sent them to her pen pals and was always passing out jokes at Rosewood Care Center. She loved animals and had many spoiled dogs and cats throughout her life. She enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels from the front porch of her home. She is survived by her son, Larry and his wife Patty of Alton, grandson, Scot and his wife Danielle Hellrung. Two great grandchildren, Mariah and Abigail Hellrung, three nieces, Mary Anne and Ray Farley, Virginia and Edward Hoekstra, and Janet and Gerald Hall, three nephews, Paul and Mary Ann Moses, Jim and Kathy Moses, and Gilbert and Lisa Moses, and other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Clem, Anthony, Frank, Henry, and Edward Miller and two sisters, Sister Regina Marie, an Ursuline nun, and Edna Moses. The family requests that memorials be given to the 5A's Animal Shelter. Private family services will be held according to her wishes.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta Hellrung*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Loretta Hellrung*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I met Loretta when I was in High School and my after school job was working for a charity called Mail For Tots. Loretta was a devoted writer to terminally ill children. When the founder of Mail For Tots died I reached out to Loretta and we stayed connected by mail for a few years. Today I was clearing out my home office for an upcoming move and came across 2 letters from Loretta. She really brought a lot of joy to this world.*

Melanie - March 04, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ *Larry, our sympathy on your mom's passing. We had our good times as kids at our potluck Sunday dinners even the blue mashed potatoes mom & Lelia Harris made at your folks home onAlby. Take care.*

Ruby stobbs & Marilyn Stobbs Ulrich - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ I met Loretta years ago when I started visiting Rose Lawn with my therapy dogs. She loved visiting with the dogs and looked forward to our visits every month. I will always remember her whistle and trying to talk me into letting her keep my dogs in her room. We missed her on our last visit due to her not feeling well and she was sleeping but I will always remember her beautiful smile and wonderful personality. She was a great lady and my thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Patricia Gibbs - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Larry & Patty, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. It has been a bad year for you both. Stay strong.

Richard & June Strada - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I was one of Loretta's many pen pals, but we lost contact after I moved about ten years ago. We shared many jokes and cartoons, and she inspired me to start my own joke pen pal circle.

I was thinking of her on her birthday just a few days ago and regretting that we had lost touch. I still have many of her hand-written jokes that my late father saved.

The world is a better place because she lived in it, and I shall always remember her with a smile.

Jeanette Handling - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Larry and Patty,
I am so sorry for your Loss of Larry's Mother. My thoughts and Prayers are with you during this difficult time and you have my Deepest Sympathy.

Shelia M Ventimiglia - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Larry & Patti, So sorry to hear about your Mom. You have had 2 big losses not far apart. Very sad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

Carole Shaffer - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Larry,
So very sorry for your loss.
We had seen her the last two weeks so very weak. We truly will miss her when we go to Rosewood. Yesterday my mom said Loretta was a very nice lady too. She will be in our prayers.

Paul/Barb Lanzerotte - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Larry & Patty,
I will Miss Loretta
I will never forget our talks across the fence, as we watched Quincy run and play.
I will miss the letters with the enclosed jokes that always made my day.
I will truly miss Your Mom....
With Sincere Sympathy,
Sandra/Sandy Plank Vail

Sandy Vail - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ It is always hard to lose loved ones but it is comforting to know your Mother is with Our Lord. Larry and Patty, You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Lois & Jim

Lois & Jim Campbell - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are thinking of you during these days. May you celebrate her life during the days of remembrance.

Jerry & Hazel Belden - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Larry, I am so sorry for your loss. I still picture your Mom as a younger woman and with a smile on her face. You were so blessed to have a good Mom.

Bill Anton - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Larry - So sorry for your loss. This has to be very hard and with Patty's father all to soon. You have our sympathy and wish you all the very best . They are in a better place but we never want to give them up.

Mike & Joyce Kane - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dear Larry,
So sorry to hear about your mothers passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ken and Jerry Corbin - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *It's so hard to lose your Mother, Larry, but we know that she isn't suffering any more and is in a wonderful place where she'll reunite with other family and friends that are there to welcome her home. Hugs and All Our Love, Larry & Patty. Your friends, Chuck & Donna Tolson*

Chuck & Donna Tolson - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *We did not know your mother Larry, but we know that it is so hard to lose your loved one. We hope you have comfort in the memories.*

Pat & Larry Welsh - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM