



## Rosemary Heldreth

November 12, 1936 - December 23, 2016

Rosemary Heldreth, of Bluefield, West Virginia, passed away on the evening of December 23, 2016. She was born on November 12, 1936 to parents Charles Cecil Tickle and Helen Vance Tickle of Bluefield, West Virginia. She attended elementary, junior and high schools in Bluefield, and later completed nursing school at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Abingdon, Virginia. At the young age of 22, Rosemary left for San Francisco, California to pursue her nursing career. She married Louis Pierson Gillenwater and had two children, Mary Michèle and Vance Ward. Rosemary's career took her to New York City, and later back to Bluefield where she also completed a B.S. degree in Business Administration, magna cum laude at Bluefield State College. She went on to hospital management administration and became Director of Marketing with Tazewell Community Hospital, where she was employed for over 20 years. She married H.M. Heldreth, Jr. in 1977 and shared a wonderful life with him until his death in 1996.

Rosemary, a woman of deep faith, loved animals, riding horses, skiing, traveling the world, and was an active member in her church communities and choirs. She was beloved by all who knew her, and will be dearly remembered for her sweet kindness. Rosemary is survived by her children Dr. Michèle G. Turner of Los Angeles, California; Vance Ward Gillenwater, of Huntington Station, New York; their father Louis P. Gillenwater, of Abingdon, Virginia; step-daughter Lynn Heldreth Caudill, of Roanoke, Virginia. She was the cherished mother-in-law of Dr. Alan Todd Turner, and Raeanne Gillenwater.

Her greatest joys were her grandchildren: Greyson Reece Turner, Colin Taylor Turner, Charles Evan Gillenwater, Jonah Strummer Gillenwater, Shelby Dash Gillenwater and Courtney Caudill. Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Helen, and husband H.M.

A private family memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers or remembrances, the family asks that donations to the Second Chance for Cats Animal Rescue in Bluefield, West Virginia be made in her honor. The family also wishes to sincerely thank the caring staff of Commonwealth Memory Care, Cedar Bluff, Virginia. Rosemary Heldreth will be forever enduring to those who loved her.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rosemary Heldreth*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Rosemary Heldreth*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *SUSIE CULBERTSON lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Heldreth*



**SUSIE CULBERTSON** - December 28, 2016 at 07:09 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I got to know Rosemary, while caring for her at Commonwealth Memory Care. She was such a sweet lady, she will be missed. Prayers for the family*

**Pamela Runyon** - December 27, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ *Pamela Runyon lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Heldreth*



**Pamela Runyon** - December 27, 2016 at 03:46 PM



*I was looking for her on facebook but was unable to reach. So sorry to know about her .She was my sponsor when I was in school. She was a great soul .I do have some letters written by her which is like a great treasure .I am from India. May her soul rest in peace*

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**SK Ahmed** - January 13, 2020 at 03:06 AM

JS

*“ Am so sorry to learn of Rosemary's passing. i never knew her personally but am a Tickle relative from Bland County and a family genealogist. If anyone is interested in family history contact me at jo tickle@gmail.com. Know she'll be missed. May God bless each of you and keep you in his care. Love to all, Jo Ann*

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**Jo Ann Tickle Scott** - December 27, 2016 at 12:11 PM

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*“ My deepest sympathy to the family of a dear friend and coworker. As an employee of CTCH I worked with Rosemary. She was always a caring and compassionate person. She was a great friend of my family as well as a coworker with my mother Lettie Witt. Rosemary made the end of life time more bearable for us as my mother passed away. Rest in peace my beautiful friend!*

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**Anita Witt Kinder** - December 26, 2016 at 11:00 PM

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*“ I worked at Tazewell Community Hospital for many years. Rosemary was a lovely person. I also remember her husband, H. They loved each other very much. You have my sincere sympathies.*

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**Kathy Neel** - December 26, 2016 at 05:40 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Rosemary's passing. My Mom and Rosemary worked together for many years at Tazewell. They had a lot in common besides being an R.N., and we always talked about that fact that Shelley and I were born the same year and the same month. I also worked at TCH and have many fond memories of H and Rosemary.  
We loved Rosemary and knowing that she and H are together makes us smile. Our deepest sympathy to all of you and asking God to comfort you in the days ahead.

Love,

Nancy Frye and Sherry Evans

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**Sherry Evans** - December 26, 2016 at 12:37 PM