



## Letha B. Herron

April 9, 1912 - April 17, 2008

Letha B. Herron, age 96, of Morton, Illinois, formerly of East Peoria, Illinois passed away on Thursday, April 17, 2008 in The Apostolic Christian Restmor Nursing Facility in Morton, Illinois.

She was born on April 9, 1912 in Corning, Iowa to William & Della White Nelson.

She married Walter C. Herron on September 18, 1936 in Maryville, Missouri. She and Walter (Mike) had lived most of their married life in East Peoria, Illinois. He preceded her in death on February 19, 1998. She then lived at Brandon Wood Retirement Center in Morton, Illinois where she had many enjoyable friendships. She loved taking part in any activities and playing many games with friends there.

Letha has worked at Princess Peggy Dress Factory in Peoria and then at Caterpillar, Inc. in the East Peoria Facility for 22 years. She was a long time member of the United Presbyterian Church in Peoria.

She always wore a smile and loved being hugged. She was a generous and very loving person and will surely be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by one sister; LaVerna (Rue) Hough of Honey Creek, Iowa,

one brother; Lowell (Ecko) Nelson of Hurricane, Utah, a brother-in-law; Chet Wilbur of Grand Junction, Colorado, many nieces, nephews and friends, including Jerry & Hazel Sullins, longtime special friends and care givers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and five brothers; Lawrence E. Nelson, Lester W. Nelson, Lloyd E. Nelson, Leonard H. Nelson, Lowella M. Stream, Lola Mae Wilbur, Leland R. Nelson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00am, Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Red Oak Presbyterian Church in Red Oak, Iowa with Pastor Caryn Pedersen officiating under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri. Music will be "Amazing Grace", "Blessed Assurance" and "How Great Thou Art" sung by Lavonna Franklin. Burial will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery in Red Oak, Iowa. Pallbearers will be Denny Hough, Larry Hough, Mick Hough, Ted Hough, Lanny Nelson, Larry Nelson, Richard Shea and Shawn Shea. Visitation will be from 9:00-10:00am at the church prior to service time.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Trust In Hope Foundation at the Illinois Cancer Care Center, 8940 N. Wood Sage Rd., Peoria, Illinois 61615.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Letha B. Herron*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Letha B. Herron*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Letha was such a joy to know! She always had a hug and a smile for everyone, and enjoyed each day of her life, right up to the end. Letha and I went to United Presbyterian Church together and had the most fun on our trips to church.*

*I remember driving through the underpass beneath Interstate I-74 near Morton with Letha and my granddaughter one day. Letha said that if we honked the horn, it echoed loudly ... so we drove back and forth through the 'tunnel' honking the horn and laughing ourselves silly! Letha had so much fun with such little things like that, that her joy taught me not to fear aging!*

**Betty Pugh** - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *We did not know Letha that long, but in the time we did, she had a profound impact on our lives. She always had a smile to greet us and we enjoyed visiting with her. We will miss her a lot.*

*Our sincerest sympathies to her family.*

*Al & Lois*

**Allan & Lois Hultgren** - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ We are very sorry that our Aunt Letha is gone she was always a happy person and her hugs were special. She will be in a much better place.

*A poem for Aunt Letha-*

*There's something in a simple hug*

*That's always warms the heart;*

*It welcomes us back home*

*And makes it easier to part.*

*A hug's a way to share the joy*

*And sad times we go through,*

*Or just a way to share for friends  
to say*

*Hey I like cause your're you.*

*Hugs are meant for anyone*

*For whom we really care,*

*From your grandma to your aunt or to your neighbor,*

*Or a cuddly teddy bear,*

*A hug is an amazing thing-*

*It's just the perfect way*

*To show the love we're feeling*

*But can't find the words to say.*

*It's funny how a little hug*

*Makes everyone feel good;*

*In every place and language,*

*It's always understood.*

*And hugs don't need new equipment,*

*Special batteries or parts-*

*Just open up your arms*

*And open up your hearts.*

*Pat, Lanny and Lynn Nelson*

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Patricia and Lanny Nelson - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ My grandparents Homer and Dorothy Herron were friends with Mike and Letha. They had a lot of fun with them especially at CRC (Caterpillar Retirees Club). Mike and Letha came to several of our family gatherings.

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**Gayle Green** - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Aunt Letha was a "Wonderful" Aunt she always had a smile for you, and was always upbeat. I have not seen her since she visited Alaska several years ago, but will always remember that visit. Know she will be "Happy" now with the rest of her "Family!"

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**Rex and Bonnie Gavin** - April 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Aunt Letha was my father's sister. She appeared to observe life through a smile, yet kept a regal poise about her. I am sorry that I never lived in the same vicinity to spend quality time with her, but have fond memories of the many Nelson family reunions in Red Oak, Iowa.

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**Connie (Nelson) Keltner** - April 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ I became acquainted with Letha in the late 1950's in Caterpillar building KK on 2nd shift. I said Letha was a great lady then and I am sure she remained that way until the end. I am very sorry to hear of her passing. May God Bless Letha and her family.

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**Bill Tackett** - April 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *My Aunt Letha was such a wonderful person. She always had a smile and saw good in all people. I will miss her so much.*

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**Letha Marie Nelson** - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM