



Dorothy Scalf

July 1, 2013

Big Stone Gap, VA

Dorothy Ellen Scalf, 79, went to be with the Lord on Monday (July 1, 2013). She passed away peacefully at her home.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, and gardening. But most of all she loved helping people. A member of Appalachia Pentecostal Church, Dorothy was a woman of strong faith, charity, and deep devotion. A loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she touched the lives of others in profound ways and will be deeply missed by friends and family.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Foy David Scalf, Sr.; one son, Foy David Scalf, Jr.; and her parents, John and Leona (Isom) Rutherford.

She is survived by seven children: Linda Naimi and husband, M. T. of Indiana, John Scalf and wife Sally of Florida, Michael Scalf and wife Tina of Ohio, Karen Rackel and husband Robert of Georgia, Suzanne Scalf of Virginia, William Scalf of Ohio and Glenn Scalf of Texas; 14 grandchildren; a dozen or more great-grandchildren; one brother and three sisters; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and friends and relatives.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E.3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Appalachia Pentecostal Church (354 Oak Street) in Appalachia, VA with Dr. Roy Smith and Rev. Chester Lamb officiating.

Burial will follow in American Legion Cemetery.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.c

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Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mrs. Scalf's family.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ MOM, even though you're not in person here with me, I'm going to celebrate your birthday life on Earth. You will live on forever in my heart. The part of you in me, your son, will always be there. Sending love to you on a special day of yours. Lord, tell my mom that I will love her forever. I love you Dad and big brother. God bless our family

Michael Scalf - December 10, 2021 at 04:44 PM

MS

“ Mom you are always in my prayers and every day of my life. I know that you have join my Father and brother in heaven. A place where you feel no pain and haven't any worries. You have family both in heaven & on earth. My father found his soulmate and us a wonderful, caring mother. Mother's Day is every day for me, always thinking of you. I was bless to have grown up in a very loving family. I love you Mom, Dad and big brother. Your Son Michael

Michael Scalf - May 08, 2020 at 12:30 PM

SS

“ Mom, Dad, and June bug, another year has past and you are all on my mind. I love you more now and miss you most. I long for the day we will be united together again in heavens in the presence of the Lord. There is no time or distance when you love someone even if they are not with us anymore in body. I LOVE YOU.

Suzanne Scalf - December 15, 2019 at 04:02 PM

SS

“ Mom, I miss you so very much. I love you more than you will ever know. Even though years have gone by, to me it's only been like yesterday that we talked and laughed and shared a good movie and had a meal together. You are still in my heart and mind every day. I love you, MOM.

With Love, your daughter Sue

Suzanne Scalf - July 03, 2019 at 01:52 PM

MS

“ My Mother

You can only have one mother Patient kind and true: No other friend in all the world, will be the same as you. When other friends forsake you, To mother you will return. For all her loving kindness, She asks nothing in return. As we look upon her picture. Sweet memories we recall. Of a face so full of sunshine. And a smile for one and all. Sweet Jesus. take this message, To our dear mother up above; Tell her how we miss her. And give her all our love. Father, Mother and Brother, you are always in my memories.

Your Son Michael

Michael Scalf - July 02, 2019 at 02:47 PM

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“ Missing you so much! Wish you were here. I love you, Grandma!



Sarah Dedic (Rackel) - July 02, 2019 at 11:09 AM

MS

“ My mother's smile can brighten any moment. Her hug's put joy in all our day's. Her love will stay with our family forever and will touch our lives throughout the years. The value's and care that you and dad have given us will always be a part of our lives'. Mom and dad , you were the bond that held our family together. My parents were meant to be together on earth and in heaven. Dear God "Bless our family" Happy Mother's Day Mom.

Love you & family forever, your son Michael Scalf

Michael Scalf - May 10, 2019 at 12:18 PM

MS

“ MOM, I just want to thank the Lord
For a Mother such as you
You were there throughout the years,
Whatever we went through
And I just want to say that I
Love you so very much
And I'm praying that God will bless you
In an even greater way
And that His presence will be with you,
Especially more today.
Happy Mother's Day Mom. (I did remember)
Dad & Junior are always in my prayers
(Love my family always)

Michael Scalf - June 02, 2018 at 03:20 PM

MS

“ My Mother

Another Birthday and another Christmas has past. Mom you are always in my heart along with Dad and Junior. Our family memories are still with me, just as if they were yesterday. I miss having our family together here on earth. I know you're in the greatest Kingston of all. And you are with God family of angels. MT has enter Heaven to become an angel of good and kindness. Just as he was on this earth. Mom and Dad you've raised a great family and were truly great parents. My love will always be with you. Keep watching over us. Your son.

Michael Scalf - December 29, 2017 at 03:39 PM

KR

“ 1 file added to the album Dorothy Scalf



Karen Rackel - May 15, 2017 at 08:19 AM

KA

Guess a video from youtube isn't permitted, even though it's not copyrighted.

Karen - May 21, 2018 at 04:58 PM

SU

“ Mom, it's Mother's Day again and I miss you greatly. Even though I know Jesus is taking care of all your desires and He has given you a mansion of your very own; and all the flowers you can see and smell; all the colors of the sky and the splendor heaven has to offer; all the family that is with you now and your joy is full; and you are so happy; I still miss you. I long to see you again and share the splendor and the beauty you are seeing right now. But for the time being I send a hug, a kiss, a smile, and a wish "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY" to you. I love you Mom forever.
Your daughter, Suzanne Scalf May 14, 2017



Suzanne - May 14, 2017 at 08:36 PM

KR

“ Happy Mother's Day to My Angel Mother (written by Toni Kane)

Heaven holds my mother, on this her special day,
Lord I ask this of you, to give her a bouquet,
Of beautiful scented flowers, and tell her they're from me,
Please tell her I will love her, for all eternity!

Karen Rackel - May 13, 2017 at 09:37 AM

MS

“ MOM, I miss you so much, your laugh, your smile, your touch. You always brightened my days with all the smiles you sent my way. I need you as my angel to always be at my side. I need you as my angel to give me peace of mind. I like to think you near me to know that you are there. Even though I can not see you, I feel that you are near. Mom, you are always in my heart, my thoughts and prayers. Happy Mother's Day. I love you Mom. And when I sleep, someone's hand is always on my head, When I wake, someone's blessings are always with me, When I go out, someone's heart always holds me. He is my father. I love you Dad. And Big Brother It feels like it's been forever, since I've seen your face. I miss you so much, in my heart you will always hold a special place. I miss you Bro. Michael J. Scalf

Michael J. Scalf - May 06, 2017 at 09:55 AM

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Michael J. Scalf - May 06, 2017 at 09:52 AM

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“ Though your smile is gone forever and your hand I cannot touch .. I still have so many memories of the one I loved so much. Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part .. God has YOU in his keeping I have YOU in my HEART.

Mskaren Lrackel - November 24, 2016 at 02:36 PM

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Author Unknown

Mskaren Lrackel - November 24, 2016 at 02:44 PM

WS

I love you Mom and miss you so very much. I miss Dad and Big Junior. I miss my childhood and all the places we all would go like the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina. Camping Going to grannies and ma ma's. We were really blessed. I feel so lonely now and miss everyone. We would go to grannies and dam the creek to play in it and just enjoy life as GOD would like us to. Miss you MOM. Miss you DAD. Miss you JUNIOR. love you all. I miss the whole family. Love William.

william j scalf - May 22, 2017 at 06:45 AM

MS

“ Dear Mother

It's hard to believe that it has been three years since the good lord has call upon you to be one of his angels. Mom you are always on my mind and in my heart. You & Dad and big brother are dearly missed. On this Independence day weekend, I would like to think about all the joy and happiness our family had growing up. Mom, you and Dad were the bond that kept our family together. And as we all grow older and go our separate ways, I still believe that you are keeping the family safe and watching over us from heaven. I wish that god could've given us more time with you & Dad and brother here on earth, to say how much we love you and each other. I love my parents and family. I am bless to be son/brother.

Son: Michael

Michael Scalf - July 02, 2016 at 12:00 PM

MS

“ Mom, if I could talk to the Lord above,
I'd pray to keep you safe in His holy love.
In every minute, hour of each day,
I pray that you'll be blessed in every way.

Mom, you've given everything to me; You taught me how to live and how to be.
I'm thinking of you, now, on Mother's Day.
I love you, mom, much more than I can say;

Lord, she has a dear heart, like no other;
Lord, please take good care of my sweet mother, father and brother.
Sweet memories and dreams. The best parents and family that anyone could
have been bless with.
Your son; Michael



Michael Scalf Sr - May 08, 2016 at 04:49 PM

KR

“ At the start of my life.....the first image I saw.....was the
face of my mother.....with whom I'm in awe.....Safely
tucked in her arms.....warm and comforting palm..... God
had given a blessing.....a wonderful mom.....Always there
in my childhood.....making mud pies from dirt.....kissing
all of my boo boos.....healing all of my hurt.....Always
there in my teens.....feeling lost and unsure.....Mom provided direction,
confidence, and much more.....Mom was there on my wedding
day....watching me with great pride.....as I made solemn vows.....and became
a new bride.....Mom was generous and giving.....to all that she knew.....to
those who were strangers.....she gave to them too.....she'd take her last
dollar.....and give it away.....to someone more needy.....she'd council and
pray.....When mom passed away.....I stood gazing at her.....flooded
memories of old times.....all became one big blur.....The day she went to
Heaven.....I knew I'd lost my best friend.....but her spirit lives on.....for her love
has no end.....I see mom in my daughters.....I feel mom's watchful eye.....she
lives deep inside my heart.....in every laugh and every cry.....Happy Mother's
Day dear mother.....I miss you so much!!



Karen Rackel - May 01, 2016 at 08:08 AM

SS

“ Mom, Dad, and June bug (David Jr.), even though you are not with us here, there will be a day when we will see you again for the Lord has prepared a place for his children to dwell in. I long for the day when we can hug and kiss once again, until then, you live in my heart, and in my memories daily.

Every Birthday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, every holiday that passes by, and all through the years, you are remembered by your family and friends always. I love you Mom, Dad, and June bug.

Daughter/Sister, Suzanne Scalf (Suzyq)

Suzanne Scalf - May 16, 2015 at 11:41 AM

MS

“ God made a wonderful mother, A mother who never grows old. He made her smile of sunshine, And her heart of pure gold, In her cheeks he placed fair roses, In her eyes, stars that shine. God made a wonderful mother, And that wonderful mother is mine.

SON: Michael Scalf

michael scalf - May 11, 2015 at 06:55 AM

MS

“ MOM

We are keeping your, Dad and brother David memory alive in our hearts.



Michael Scalf - April 04, 2015 at 11:53 AM

KR

“ Karen Rackel is following this tribute.

Karen Rackel - March 17, 2015 at 11:50 AM

“ *I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.*

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.*

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

*I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.*

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

Thinking of you mom and of your favorite song. I miss you. Karen

SR

“ Happy Birthday to the sweetest and most wonderful person that ever lived! Even though you aren't with us here on earth anymore, Grandma, I know you're watching over us and celebrating your special day with us! It's going to be tough making it through the holidays without you as this was your favorite time of the year.....you always wanted the family to be together and cherished the time you were surrounded by family and other loved ones!

Grandma, I miss you so much! I think about you every day and night.....I know you don't want me to mourn, but it's so hard knowing that I can't hug you or talk to you anymore.....There is a piece of my heart that is missing.....it's not complete without you.....

Thank you for your love and guidance throughout the years! I will always treasure the time I did get to spend with you. I love you with all of my heart!

Sarah Rackel - May 02, 2014 at 11:17 AM

MS

“ My mother, father, and brother are forever in my heart. I think of my family all the time. I try to remember all the happiness that we brought to each other throughout the years. Even the hardships and not so good times are a great memory for me. Every time Holidays or birthdays come around I get a feeling of sadness. I know that Mom, Dad and my brother have join God and are still watching over me. But as the years grow shorter I still remember them like it was just yesterday. Mom I miss you so much. Give Dad and JR a hug for me. Love you always. May God bless us all.

Michael J. Scalf - May 02, 2014 at 11:17 AM

“ A Message From Mom To All of Us

*To all my loved ones left behind, please do not mourn for me,
For I am in a better place, a place I longed to be.
I entered through the gates of heaven, I'm walking streets of gold,
And witnessing all bible truths, beginning to unfold.
From loved ones lost so long ago, from our own family tree,
There were so many open arms, who came by to greet me.
And as I entered through the gate, I saw my mother there,
As young and beautiful as ever, with darker locks of hair.
I've always heard that when we enter, our youth will come again,
And we'll appear just as we did, in old times way back then.
She spoke of new things up in heaven, I spoke of things on Earth,
I asked her if she'd seen the son, to whom I'd given birth.
She smiled at me and pointed, to the meadow cross the way,
And there stood June, my loving son, I'd searched for all that day.
And with him was my husband Dave, much to my eyes delight,
My lonely years without him, now were over and made right.
As we embraced, the multitudes, had gathered all around,
But silence is all that we heard, there was no hint of sound.
Until we opened up our eyes, and saw Our Father there,
Descending from the sky above, He lingered in the air.
The Lord began to speak to me, I never felt such love,
My heart sang holy praises, to the holy one above.
"Thou good and faithful servant, well done, He said to me,
And I along with multitudes, knelt down on bended knee.
So lovely is the scenery, with trees, and lakes, and flowers,
The songbirds singing happily, I listen here for hours.
I feel no pain within my bones, my back so straight and strong,
A brand new body from my Lord, I waited oh so long.
And now I wait upon our Lord, to gather each of you,
And bring you to this splendid place, so you can see it too.
I see the Christ most every day, and sit beside His feet,
And listen to His words of love, His voice so soft and sweet.
He promises to reunite, our families here someday,
He promises His love and help, if you will think to pray.
So, please don't cry for me my loves, I'm where I'd hoped to be,
With God the Father, June and Dave, all here embracing me.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS MOM, DAD, AND DAVE JR. WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU.

WS

“ To be blessed by GOD with two of the most wonderful and loving parents is truly an honor from above. So many people in this world grow up not knowing their parents or having the kind of love our mother and father have shown us. I wish both of them as well as my big brother were still here, but I know GOD saw fit to take them home. I know they are in a better place and I long to be with them. I still have my wonderful childhood memories and family travels and all of life's experiences that my mom and dad have both shared with me and taught me about. I love you mom and dad and June. I wish you were still here to share things with. miss you all William.

william scalf - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

EK

“ Just as an atom is partly comprised of electrons, protons and neutrons, memories are formed along with people, places and things. No memory lives alone in a vacuum. My memories of Dorothy are enveloped by the unselfish love she had for her family. Her love came wrapped in hard work and toil to provide a loving and safe home. Days and nights at Kenner Products was the sacrifice that she willingly and lovingly made. For Dorothy, it really was about God and Family and making memories together.

Elle Koch - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

LN

“ Sometimes, simple words say it best. I love you, Mom. And I miss you. I miss our long talks and the way you said, "Hi Babe? How are you?", when I called. I miss the way you and Sue prayed for MT and me over the phone to help me through some dark and difficult times. Your prayers always brought healing and comfort. You lived each day with optimism and a prayer in your heart. And I felt the Lord's presence when you prayed. I miss your nice, warm hugs and the easy way you laughed. I miss your advice and wisdom and how you gave me strength to face each day. I miss the fresh bread and fudge you made for us - until arthritis stilled your hands. Your pinwheels were my favorite! I miss your mischievous grin when we discovered your hidden stashes of moon pies and sweets. I miss your sweet spirit and genuine love of life. I miss you. I would give anything to spend one more day with you. Your spirit was always strong. Your face glowed with inner peace and made you appear 20 years younger. The Lord called you home suddenly and we feel your loss acutely. We long for the day we will see you again. You and dad were honest, loving, hard working people and the finest parents one could wish for. While we never had much in terms of material wealth, we never lacked for anything and our home was filled with love, laughter, and God's spirit. You always put your children first. And we were blessed to have had such wonderful, loving parents. We love you and miss you. We miss dad and Junior and our grandparents. And we look forward to a heavenly reunion. The circle is unbroken. Sometimes, simple words are all that is needed to convey what is in the heart. From my heart to yours, Mom - I love you and I miss you. God bless and keep you! Until we meet again in a Heavenly home.

Your loving daughter,
Linda

Linda L. Naimi - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

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“ Dorothy Scalf

Suzanne M. Scalf (suzyq) - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

“ Love is, my Parents;

Before I was born, Mom you carried me under your heart; a safe place of love and protection. When I arrived into this world, you and Dad held me in your arms and cradled me with tender, loving care, smiling down at me as each of you took turns and held me close. As I grew as a child, you and Dad wiped away my tears and bandaged every scrape I had. Mom, you and Dad clothed and fed me and taught me about life through the good times and the bad times that came.

Mom, you were truly blessed to have a wonderful husband as my Dad (David) who loved you and all the children and did everything he could do to provide for our family. Mom, you and Dad had eight children (me and five brothers and two sisters) and together you and Dad raised a family out of love, hard work, and strength to set us on our way out into the world to live. I miss you Dad and David Jr. so very much. They both went on to be with the Lord many years ago. I love them with all my heart.

When I was an adult and moved out on my own, Dad was already called home to be with the Lord; Mom, you would come by my apartment many times to bring me food and money when I was struggling to make it. And as the years went by, your health began to slowly deteriorate so I moved in to your home to care for you. Mom, together we took care of one another through the good times and through the hard times. We shared our hearts, our love, our laughter and our sorrows when things went wrong. Mom, you and I were strong and faced every obstacle that came our way. Mom, you always had a smile on your face and a loving and giving heart for everyone; no one ever left your home without a gift, or something to eat, or a kind word and prayer from you. And I could hear you praying from any room in the house throughout the day.

Mom, you made sure all eight of your children were taken care of by any means you could do for them with what you had. Regardless of what age your children were, you never stopped being a loving, caring, Mother. Mom you are my best friend, my confidant, my companion, my strength.

Mom, I love you so very much and I miss you greatly; and even though the house is filled with emptiness because you are not here with me anymore, my heart is filled with memories of You, Dad, and June-bug (David Jr.) forever.

"He gives the childless woman a family, making her a happy mother."

(Psalm 113:9)

"Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her:"

(Proverbs 31:28)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

(Ephesians 6:1-3)

Suzanne M. Scalf - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

MS

“ *Mother & God's Angel*

My mother will always be with me in heaven as she was in life. Mom was the most caring & kindest person to whom ever she met. She was a mother figure to everyone. Mom gave evrything and expected nothing in return. Mom & dad worked hard all their lives to support us eight children. We were honor to have loving parents who rasied us and stay together thru some very hard times. Their love for each other and family is more than I could have ever dream of. Mom is a angel for God and a mother to me. Mom I know your still watching over us. You and Dad gave me life. I hope I gave you love and hapiness in return. Dorothy means a "Gift of God". A son's love of Mother & Father and family that will go on for eternity.

Michael Scalf - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

FD

“ *Grandma was an exceedingly kind and generous woman. She always told the best stories and seemed to remember absolutely everything about the Scalfs and Rutherfords. I always enjoyed spending time with her when we had the chance. It's sad that David Sr., David Jr., and now Dorothy are gone. They will be missed by all.*

Foy David - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

JS

“ *Mom is at total peace now in Heaven. She raised eight children to adulthood and worked many long hours and double shifts at Kenner Products for years in order to make ends meet. She strongly carried on through life after losing our Dad in 1985. She had a heart as big as the world we live in and was free hearted to give to others. There is no way to measure what she meant to this world. Everyone could take a lesson from her and be a better person in this world. She will always be loved and missed. Her son, John*

John E. Scalf - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

“ A poem for Grandma Scalf

*I feel sad that I was unable to see you on Mother's Day. But I hope this poem
That I found, will show my love for you always.*

*Thank you for the gift of love,
now you're sharing it up above.
You had many things to say.
All in a caring way.
You always saw good in everyone,
No matter what they've done.
You were always the one we could all lean on.
Even though it must have felt like a ton.
You were always the strength of the family.
Now we must let you rest calmly.
As we say goodbye,
as tears roll down our eyes.
I know your place in heaven has a good view.
Because you're telling God,
I need to keep an eye on a few.
I know you will always be in our hearts and mind.
So Grandma,
I must go, but I'll never forget you're one of a kind.*

I Love you, Grandma

Michael Joseph Scalf JR - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

“ While sorting through mom's things after she passed away, this poem was found in an envelope with a photo of our beloved mom.

I LOVE YOU NOW AND FOREVER

*"If you're ever going to love me, love me now, while I can know,
All the sweet and tender feelings which from real affection flow.
Love me now, while I am living: do not wait til I am gone,
And then chisel it in marble...warm love words on ice-cold stone.
If you've dear, sweet thoughts about me, why not whisper them to me,
Don't you know 'twould make me happy and as glad as glad could be?
If you wait til I am sleeping, ne'er to waken here again,
There'll be walls of earth between us and I couldn't hear you then.
So, dear, if you love me any, if it's but a little bit,
Let me know it now while living,
I can own and treasure it."*

*Tell your family, loved ones and friends
every day how much you love them. Show them how much they mean to you and
try to make amends if you have any grievances against them. It's what mom
would have wanted. It's what our good Lord expects. God Bless.*

I love and miss you momma - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM