



Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig

November 11, 1933 - October 8, 2016

"Iona Brink McHenry Rettig passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2016 in Fresno, California. Iona was born November 11, 1933 in Wyoming, Delaware.

After graduating from Clarion Limestone High School, she earned a teaching certification from Clarion University in Pennsylvania in 1954. She married David Rettig Sr. in Kittanning, Pennsylvania on December 4, 1954. By 1960, Iona and family, moved to California, where she taught elementary school age children and later retired from the Hayward Unified School District after more than thirty years of teaching. She moved to Fresno, California in September 2005 to be closer to her sons and family.

Iona's love of music and songwriting brought smiles and warmed hearts for many years. Songs were written with love for students and faculty during her teaching years, for her husband and band that were published as music albums, and many for family and friends.

Iona was an active community member, including maintaining active memberships and volunteering for The Daughters of the American Revolution, Moose International, Optimist International, and The Friendship Force International.

Iona is survived by her sons, David Rettig Jr., Stephen Rettig, Michael Rettig,

and Charles Rettig; her brothers, Winton and Preston; her sister, Amaryllis; fourteen grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

Iona was preceded in death by her husband, David Rettig Sr.; her parents, Iona McHenry and Kenneth Cypher; and her brothers, Kenton, Danton, Carleton, Granton, and Stanton.

Remember you on this day, comforted by so many memories, a Celebration of Life service will be held at Chapel of the Light in Fresno, CA on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Please visit chapelofthelight.com to share memories and support the family."

Cemetery Details

Chapel of the Light Cemetery

1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
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<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *In faith and love, The Roybal family purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig.*



In faith and love, The Roybal family - October 21, 2016 at 08:21 PM



“ *Iona had a heart as big as her smile. She was full of love and her biggest love was her family. She also had room in her heart for our family and we will always love her for that as she treated us as family from the time we first met her when we moved from Alaska. There are a multitude of people that have experienced that same love and care she hared with our family. I know our family is better for having had the privilege to meet and get to know her.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Iona's family.

*With our Deepest Sympathies and Love,
Robert, Debbie, Bobby, Kevin & Renee Brown*

Robert Brown - October 21, 2016 at 10:33 AM

MR

“ *My Mom Always listened and understud everyone. She was Spiritual and understud you as a person on a special level. Her Love and understanding and forgiving for all always will be missed. I will miss that call to see how her son is doing and to be so happy to now she was checking on me. God Has A Special for Angeles and I know she is there Her Son Michael E. Rettig*

Michael E. Rettig - October 20, 2016 at 11:57 PM

DV

“ *We hope you are able to find comfort in happy memories of your mother. May you each find more peace and strength with each passing day. Please know our sorrow for your loss and that you are in our prayers. May all the special things about your mom live on inside your heart forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you (Mike/Rhonda) and your family. With deepest sympathy, Darren, Michelle, Cheyenne, Alec & Sam*

Darren & Michelle (from Virginia) - October 17, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ *It was a great pleasure in getting to know Cousin Iona. What a beautiful soul she was. I enjoyed talking with her about family. You will be sadly missed.*



Ingrid Canouse-Searcy - October 17, 2016 at 02:41 AM

AR

“ Amber Rettig lit a candle in memory of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig



amber rettig - October 16, 2016 at 04:43 PM

SR

“ Stephen Rettig sent a virtual gift in memory of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig



Stephen Rettig - October 16, 2016 at 04:40 PM

AR

“ Amber Rettig lit a candle in memory of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig



amber rettig - October 16, 2016 at 11:24 AM

TF

“ Terrilee Wyatt Price and Family purchased the Pink Rose Fireside Basket for the family of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig.



Terrilee Wyatt Price and Family - October 15, 2016 at 12:35 PM



“ No words could express my Thanks and Love for helping me find the family that only existed in my memories ...
 To all the laughs we shared (like trying to get you to "click" on that "send" button on Facebook!!) I am forever Grateful Cousin.
 To All The McHenry's that made us whole Again
 Love You Bunches Dear Cousin,
 Terrilee Wyatt Price

Terrilee AWyatt - October 15, 2016 at 11:44 AM



“ Even though we've never met Iona, we feel as though we know her through Corinna and her family. Condolences to all of you. Dick and Donna Mark

Donna Mark - October 15, 2016 at 10:53 AM



“ "Be quiet enough to hear Gods voice so you can find your own"
 author unknown

Stephen Rettig - October 15, 2016 at 08:19 AM



“ Stephen Rettig sent a virtual gift in memory of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig



Stephen Rettig - October 15, 2016 at 04:20 AM

ST

“ When God said brains, you thought he said trains and hid behind the door.

Steve - October 15, 2016 at 03:05 AM

AR


“ I'll always admire my grandma for the amazing person she was. She loved life and was always up for trying new things. Something that really sticks out for me is when my grandmother was there to help my sisters and I during our parents divorce. She brought me comfort and a sense of security at a time when I really needed it, and for that I'm eternally grateful. She was the best grandmother I could've ever asked for. I love and miss her so much.

Ashly Rettig - October 15, 2016 at 12:57 AM

MR

I was so comforted knowing Gramma Iona helped take care of my girls (her granddaughters) every other weekend. Priceless time and memories were made ! Thank you Iona, you were very loved and admired by your granddaughters and myself.

Marilyn Rettig-Naze - October 19, 2016 at 08:48 PM


Stephen
Rettig Jr.

“ Lourdes Maria Rettig was added to the Family Tree.

Stephen Rettig Jr. - October 14, 2016 at 08:55 PM

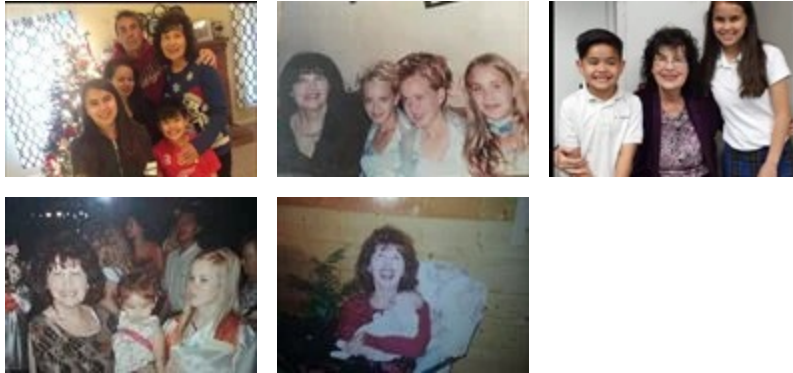

Stephen
Rettig Jr.

“ Lourdes Maria Rettig was added to the Family Tree.

Stephen Rettig Jr. - October 14, 2016 at 08:53 PM

RR

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



roschelle rettig - October 14, 2016 at 08:21 PM

BR

“ Finn Gorriz was added to the Family Tree.

Briana Rodriguez - October 14, 2016 at 11:58 AM

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“ Mya Gorriz was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Samantha Gorriz was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Kurt Gorriz was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Michael Rettig was added to the Family Tree.

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“ *Briana Rodriquez was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Cassie Rettig was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Stephen Mitchell Rettig jr was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Jennifer Rettig was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Lourdes Rettig was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Stephen (steve) Mitchell Rettig was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Corinna Gorritz was added to the Family Tree.*

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Briana Rodriguez - October 14, 2016 at 11:37 AM

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“ 8 files added to the album Memories of Grandma



Briana Rodriguez - October 14, 2016 at 11:35 AM

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“ Cassie Rettig was added to the Family Tree.

Briana Rodriguez - October 14, 2016 at 10:22 AM

MR

“ Marilyn Rettig-Naze sent a virtual gift in memory of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig



Marilyn Rettig-Naze - October 13, 2016 at 11:48 PM

Jennifer Rettig

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Jennifer Rettig - October 13, 2016 at 10:23 PM

Jennifer Rettig

“ Jennifer Rettig lit a candle in memory of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig



Jennifer Rettig - October 13, 2016 at 10:21 PM

SR

“ Steve Rettig sent a virtual gift in memory of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig



Steve Rettig - October 13, 2016 at 10:18 PM

BR

“ Dave Rettig was added to the Family Tree.

Briana Rodriguez - October 13, 2016 at 07:45 PM

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“ Michael Mchenry rettig was added to the Family Tree.

Briana Rodriguez - October 13, 2016 at 07:44 PM

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“ *Briana Rodriquez lit a candle in memory of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig*



Briana Rodriquez - October 13, 2016 at 07:36 PM

ST

“ *Steve lit a candle in memory of Iona Brink Mchenry Rettig*



Steve - October 13, 2016 at 07:25 PM

BR

“ *68 files added to the album Memories of Grandma*



Briana - October 13, 2016 at 03:01 PM

BR

Hope everyone enjoys some of these photos!

Briana Rodriquez - October 13, 2016 at 07:37 PM