



## Imogene Meredith Belcher

April 20, 2019

On April 20, 2019, Imogene Meredith Belcher took her last breath on Earth and caught her first glimpse of heaven at her home in Florida surrounded by love. Our loving and devoted mother, grandmother, educator and friend was born in Grayson County, KY in December 1934. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Buell and Nina Haycraft Meredith and her husband, Thomas Belcher.

Her love of life lives on through her two children, daughter, Deanna Ashby and son, Ken Childress, her six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren who affectionately knew her as Momma Jean.

She was the sister to Maxine Edwards and Larry Meredith. She had five nieces and nephews.

After graduation from Western Kentucky University, she began her teaching career at Cherry Springs, a one room schoolhouse, from 1954-1969.

She taught at Clarkson Elementary before moving to Henderson County to become the first female principal in the state of Kentucky at Robards Elementary. Later she rose to Assistant Superintendent of Henderson County Schools.

She then worked at the Grayson County Board of Education for children with special needs and wrote grants for various school systems throughout the state.

She was a member of Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church and Leitchfield Woman's Club, past president of the Wax Fire Department, Board of Directors of Lincoln Trail and a Kentucky Colonel.

Imogene was a Shepard and a safe place for so many children throughout this community and the state of Kentucky. She fought for justice for those who could not advocate for themselves. She modeled integrity, honesty and a level of excellence that consistently

exceeded expectation. Every decision, action and encounter stemmed from her love of life, her family and community.

Ms. Belcher enjoyed singing, writing music, gardening, canning, refinishing and collecting antiques, politics and traveling.

She was a strong, determined and fiercely independent woman with the heart of a warrior. What a beautiful purpose-filled life written by our Creator.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Millerstown with Bro. Charles Bell officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2019 and from 10:00a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Watson and Hunt Funeral Home in Leitchfield.

Watson and Hunt Funeral Home is both honored and privileged to be entrusted with the care of Ms. Belcher. Share your messages of condolence with the family of Imogene Belcher at [www.watsonhuntfuneral.com](http://www.watsonhuntfuneral.com).

# Cemetery

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**Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist  
Church Cemetery**

KY,

# Events

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**APR Visitation 02:00PM - 08:00PM**

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Watson & Hunt Funeral Home  
2373 Elizabethtown Rd,, Leitchfield,  
KY, US, 42754

**APR Visitation 10:00AM - 12:00PM**

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**APR Service 02:00PM**

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Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist  
Church  
Millerstown, KY, US

# Comments

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“ Imogene Belcher was a dear friend to me and my family. She cared about her family and was very supportive of me while I was a teacher and coach in the local school system. Mrs. Belcher had wonderful children and grandchildren whom she loved dearly. My prayers go out to Ken, Kendra, Kellie and the rest of her family.

**Shawn Majors** - April 26 at 12:14 PM

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“ Imogene was a special lady. I'm glad I got the chance to work with her. She was a dear friend of my mom. How she loved her own children and grand children, as well as the children of Grayson County Schools.

**Barry Anderson** - April 25 at 03:12 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Imogene Meredith Belcher.



April 25 at 07:00 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Imogene Meredith Belcher.



April 24 at 02:44 PM

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“ I had the privilege of having Mrs. Belcher for my first principal at Bend Gate School in Henderson, KY. Among the five principals that were there over the course of my 27 year career at Bend Gate, she was by far my favorite! Mrs. Belcher was kind and understanding for me as I was just a beginner as a teacher and was trying to learn

the ropes. She was supportive of me through thick and thin as I was sorting my way through my beginnings as a teacher. God bless you, Mrs. Belcher and Rest In Peace, dear friend!

Most Sincerely,  
Matt Dean

**Matt Dean** - April 24 at 09:22 AM



“ My grandmother was so proud to be at Bend Gate. Thank you so much for sharing, Matt. -  
Kendra

**Kendra Childress** - April 24 at 01:37 PM

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“ Imogene was a wonderful and caring lady who loved every child as if they were her own. She fought for those who didn't have a voice and took care of so many of us that needed her. She will be missed by everyone who knew her and loved her. Fly high beautiful angel you are home in heaven with Jesus love you forever and always.

**Penni Sadler** - April 24 at 07:01 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories with Mama Jean



**Kendra** - April 23 at 09:34 PM

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“ Asa Noblett lit a candle in memory of Imogene Meredith Belcher



**Asa Noblett** - April 22 at 05:05 PM