



Rema Blankenship

August 31, 1925 - August 27, 2016

MATOAKA - Rema Faye Shrewsbury Blankenship, 90, passed away at her home in Matoaka on August 27, 2016 surrounded by family. Born on August 31, 1925 in Amigo, WV she was the daughter of the late Wiley Shrewsbury and Gracie Shrewsbury Blankenship.

Rema graduated from Stoco High School at Lego and was employed at the Turkey Gap Coal and Coke Company at Dott before marrying her husband Charles E. Blankenship in December 1946. Rema was a member of the Ashworth Memorial United Methodist Church in Matoaka for over 65 years and enjoyed singing in the choir there. Rema lived a Christian life, serving her Lord and Savior. She loved everyone she knew and would help anyone with anything she could. Her faith was tested when she lost her only son, Charles Howard. However, her faith carried her through and made her stronger. Her faith was lived every day.

In addition to her parents, Rema was preceded in death by step-father, Lacy Blankenship; son, Charles Howard Blankenship; sister-in-law, Marie Shrewsbury and niece, Sheila Croy; brother-in-law, Cliff Hoffman; sister-in-law, Eva McDaniel and husband, Jim; brother-in-law, Paul Blankenship and wife, Jean; grand-niece, Melissa Palmer; brother-in-law, Claude E. Blankenship; great-niece, Eleanor Palmer-Boyer and August Palmer-Boyer; and nephew, Jay Blankenship.

Rema is survived by her husband of 70 years, Charles E. Blankenship; daughter Sherry Lynn Sharpe Johnson and husband, Bill of Greensboro, NC; granddaughter, Lisa Ann Fara Johnson and husband, Kevin, great-granddaughter Lora Grace Fara all of Portsmouth, VA; grandson Mark Howard Sharpe and wife Danielle, and great-granddaughters Hannah and Sadie Sharpe of High Point, NC; brother, Winfrey "Wimpy" Shrewsbury and nephews Stephen and Jonathan Croy all of Princeton; sister, Sharon Rose Hoffman of Paradise, CA; niece, Susan Hoffman and husband Blaine Wells of Roseville, CA; nephew, Ron Blankenship of Princeton; sister-in-law, Toni Blankenship of Matoaka; niece Sandra Palmer and husband, Terry; grand-niece, Erica Palmer and

husband, Craig Boyer and great-nephew, Jay Thomas Palmer-Boyer, great-niece Maggie Boyer and great-nephew Andrew Boyer of Greensboro, NC; and nephew, Bret Palmer of Mayodan, NC; additional grandchildren and great great-children include Felicia, Todd, Junie and Chloe Wright, of Chapin, SC; Dustin Sanson of Greenville, SC; Derek Sanson of Charleston, SC; Billy, Chris and Joshua Johnson of Greensboro, NC; and Megan and Melissa Hicks of Madison, NC. The family would also like to thank special care-givers, Shirley Tiller and Dolly "Dee Dee" Chartrand, who assisted Rema in the years preceding her passing, as well as Amedisys Hospice Care.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel with Captain Jerry Shields officiating. Interment will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Bluefield.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions may give to SECU Family House, 1970 Baldwin Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103, Amedisys Hospice Care, 3879 Maple Acres Road, Bluefield, WVA 24701 or the Alzheimer's Association.

The family will receive friends Monday, August 29, 2016 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a tribute to Mrs. Blankenship, or share condolences with the family, please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

to view a video memorial tribute to Mrs. Blankenship.

Cemetery

Events

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

3716 Maple Acres Road
Bluefield, WV,

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Visitation

06:00PM - 08:00PM

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home, Inc.

1612 Honaker Avenue, Princeton, WV, US, 24740

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Funeral Service

01:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - August 29, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ Always such a beautiful and graceful Lady--so glad to have known "Sweet Rema"--certainly left an impact with all that knew her! RIP Sweet Rema--thoughts and prayers to the family!
Jim & Teresa Ann Sangid

Teresa Leslie-Sangid - August 30, 2016 at 06:43 AM



“ Always a smile!

Joan Lockhart Compton

joan - August 31, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ John & Debbie Barbour sent a virtual gift in memory of Rema Blankenship



John & Debbie Barbour - August 30, 2016 at 09:01 AM



“ Condolences to the family. Hoping all the happy memories will bring you peace.

Weldon (Bud) and Linda Godfrey

Linda Godfrey - August 30, 2016 at 08:07 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rema Blankenship.



August 30, 2016 at 07:07 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, Charles.....I has been a long time since I was back to WV, but grew up knowing the Blankenship Family. My prayers are with you.

Patsy Jones Carnahan

Patsy Carnahan - August 30, 2016 at 05:34 AM



“ Pink Shoes!!!! I'm going to buy myself a pair of pink shoes and every time I wear them, I will think of my dear Aunt Rema who loved shoes and the color pink. I could never fill her shoes, but I can be reminded of her and I can let her voice echo in my mind. She said to me once as I was facing a challenging moment in my own life, "Susie, now don't you worry, honey! Anyone from West Virginia can make a friend!" Being a shy and somewhat awkward person, those words have haunted me most of my life. But, Aunt Rema,well, she was friends with the world now wasn't she? She was never shy with anyone! She was always ready to be someone's friend. Never was there a stranger to Aunt Rema.

I can only thank God for her presence in my life. One of those miracles. I got to call her Aunt. She has been a great lady in my life, a true role model! Oh how sad it is that her life has passed from us here, but oh how wonderful to know that a new door has opened for her in the journey of life. I don't even have to pray to know that she will have many friends in this next phase of her life, that she will join many people she loves and I know that her soul was so full of love that she will continue to reach us all here as well. We'll just have to think of her and she will be with us.

To quote the great nun, Mother Angelica, ..."When you die, you are the love, the compassion you had in life...that's all you've got when you die. All the things you've had to suffer in recent years...they are all gone." Well, ...Aunt Rema certainly passes through the door of this life as a symbol of great love and compassion.

I pray for her...Oh Lord, let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, through your mercy rest in peace.

Aunt Rema, thank you for the treasure you leave behind,... the legacy of your love and compassion. I love you very much. I hope you will be having tea on your birthday with some Angels and a few of your greatest friends that have passed before you.
Susie



Susan Hoffman - August 29, 2016 at 11:05 PM



“ I came to Matoaka straight out of divinity school to serve as pastor of Ashworth Memorial. I could not have been greeted by a more caring group of people. Rena took me with her gift baskets to visit folks who never darkened the door of the church. She had a quite and deep faith that expressed itself in her care for others. My prayers are with Charles, a man i deeply respect. May Rena rest in peace and rise in glory. A true faithful servant of God and children of Matoaka.

Tim Lusk
Tucson, Az

Tim Lusk - August 29, 2016 at 09:54 PM



“ Love, Bob and Claudia Nesbit purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Rema Blankenship.



Claudia Nesbit - August 29, 2016 at 08:24 PM



“ Dietta & Diana Barker lit a candle in memory of Rema Blankenship



Dietta & Diana Barker - August 29, 2016 at 07:13 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss Charles and I pray that God gives you and your family strength to get through this difficult time. God Bless all of you.

Bobbie Ramsey - August 29, 2016 at 07:12 PM



“ Johnny And Denise Farmer lit a candle in memory of Rema Blankenship



Johnny and Denise Farmer - August 29, 2016 at 11:50 AM



“ Oh when i come to the store and charles and rema be sise by side the beutiful and caring people we will rema Charles your in my thoughts and prayers we send our love johnny and Denise Farmer

Johnny and Denise Farmer - August 29, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Rema. Charles, Sherry, and extended family my heart is breaking for each of you. Rema was beautiful inside and out. If aunt Louise were here she would say no better friend did she ever have. Sorry I can not be with you.

With love,
Joan Lockhart compton

Joan lockhart compton - August 29, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Will keep all of you in my prayers.

John & Dawn

Dawn Rosson - August 29, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember all the Blankenship family in my years in Matoaka. My prayers are coming your way. Nancy Hardesty Walker.

Nancy Walker - August 29, 2016 at 07:33 AM



“ Sherry Sorry About you lost wish I could be their but God Bless

Cliff & Dot Michael - August 29, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ Calvin And Sue Poff sent a virtual gift in memory of Rema Blankenship



Calvin and Sue Poff - August 29, 2016 at 07:13 AM



“ Dorothy Lawrence sent a virtual gift in memory of Rema Blankenship



Dorothy Lawrence - August 29, 2016 at 07:12 AM



“ Arlene And Buddy Midkiff lit a candle in memory of Rema Blankenship



Arlene and Buddy Midkiff - August 29, 2016 at 06:50 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with each of you at this time.

Benita Dishner - August 29, 2016 at 06:42 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Rema Blankenship.



August 28, 2016 at 11:12 PM



“ Charles and Family

So very sorry for your lost. Rena will be remembered as a wonderful kind lady.

Lane McComas - August 28, 2016 at 10:30 PM



“ Charles & Family,

We are so very sorry to hear of Rema's passing. She was a dear, sweet lady. Please know that we are praying for and love you and your family very much.

(The Gene Brooks Family) June Brooks, Ernie Brooks, Janie (Brooks) and Jim Wiblin and Dora (Brooks) and Wayne McKinney.

Janice Wiblin - August 28, 2016 at 10:20 PM



“ Clifford And Brenda Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Rema Blankenship



Clifford and Brenda Hall - August 28, 2016 at 08:25 PM



“ I'm so sorry , my prayers are with you all.

claudia farmer - August 28, 2016 at 08:15 PM



“ JC & Sandy Vickers lit a candle in memory of Rema Blankenship



JC & Sandy Vickers - August 28, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ Rest in peace Nana.....some people are simply irreplaceable!!!



Zach Fara - August 28, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ Connie And Randall Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of Rema Blankenship



Connie and Randall Cook - August 28, 2016 at 05:31 PM



“ Pete @ Peggy Matthews sent a virtual gift in memory of Rema Blankenship



Pete @ Peggy Matthews - August 28, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ Heather Phillips lit a candle in memory of Rema Blankenship



Heather Phillips - August 28, 2016 at 03:31 PM



“ Earnest and I had the privilege of knowing Charles and Rema for many years, she was a fine caring sweet lady, she will be missed.....The DeHarts



Earnest and Diane DeHart - August 28, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ Jessica Farmer lit a candle in memory of Rema Blankenship



Jessica Farmer - August 28, 2016 at 02:08 PM