



## Bonnie Billings

June 2, 1926 - January 16, 2015

PRINCETON, WV - "Mommy is walking the streets of gold". Bonnie Mae Billings, 88, of Princeton, WV, died Friday, January 16, 2015 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center. Born June 2, 1926 in Springton, WV she was the daughter of the late W.P. Lester and Myrtle Alice Elswick Lester.

Bonnie was a homemaker and a lifetime member of the Matoaka Christian Church. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great, great-grandmother. Her family was her pride and joy. She enjoyed volunteering at several local nursing homes and visited many people while they were in the hospital. She was known for her good cooking and delicious biscuits.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Buster Burett Billings; one son, Jackie Lewis Billings; four brothers, Thomas Lester, Jerry Lester, Paul Lester and Johnny Lester; and five sisters, Nora Tiller, Thelma Shrewsbury, Catherine Lester, Mary Tiller and Nanny Lester.

Survivors include one daughter, Vera Lena Gillespie and her husband Dwight of Princeton, WV; three grandchildren, Michelle Marlene Miller and her husband Steve of Bluefield, WV, "favorite grandson" Benjamin Dwight Gillespie and his wife Angie of Princeton, WV and Holly Beth Martin and her husband Adam of Washington, DC; five great-grandchildren, Mary Beth Miller

of Bluefield, WV, Savannah Hope Gillespie of Princeton, WV, Steven Miller, Jr. of Bluefield, WV, Jackson Scott Martin and Isaac Cole Martin both of Washington, DC; one great, great-grandson, Markus Lewis James Miller of Bluefield, WV; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 18, 2015 at the Matoaka Christian Church with the Rev. Craig Hammond officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dwight Gillespie, Benjamin Gillespie, Steve Miller, Steven Miller, Jr., Adam Martin and Jerry Billings. Honorary pallbearer will be Savannah Hope Gillespie.

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 6-8 p.m. at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton and on Sunday one hour prior to the service at the church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

1917 West Main St.  
Princeton, WV 24740

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
(304) 425-8176  
info@bailey-kirk.com  
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Matoaka Christian Church  
Matoaka, WV 24736

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie Billings*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *The Musgraves would like to offer their sincere condolences on your loss.*

**James and Leah Musgrave** - January 18, 2015 at 02:25 PM



“ *She was a sweet and caring person I will never forget how she would visit my Mom and Dad and everytime I would see her I would tell her how I appreciated those visits and she would tell me you had the sweetest parents and I loved your Mom and Dad now they are visiting again Bonnie will surely be missed because she was there for everybody So sorry I missed her service but I will always remember Bonnie's LOVING SMILE and we meet again at that beautiful place where she is.*

**brenda abram** - January 18, 2015 at 01:33 PM



“ *I miss my great grandmother love u Mawmaw Bonnie*



**savannah hope gillespie** - January 18, 2015 at 09:05 AM

CB

“ *Loved your mom so much, seem like she was always apart of our family, too. She had such a sweet smile and she loved people, always smiling and asking about our family..She will be missed greatly, Praying for the family..*

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**Connie Billings** - January 17, 2015 at 07:15 PM

TL

“ *Terry Lester lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Billings*



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**Terry lester** - January 17, 2015 at 03:31 PM

DO

“ *Always happy and glad to sit and visit with you. She was always so full of life! Will miss visiting with you sweet Great Aunt.*

*Donna C.*



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**Donna** - January 17, 2015 at 03:24 PM

PM

“ *I love Bonnie.she was the sweetist lady on earth she was my friend and I will miss her forever and a day.thoughts and prayers for Vera and family.Love you all..*

*Pete.Peggy.and the Lawrence Family..*

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**Peggy matthews** - January 17, 2015 at 11:37 AM

FG

“ *Freda Greer lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Billings*



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**Freda Greer** - January 17, 2015 at 11:35 AM

FG

*What an true angel, God knew she was very tired on this side of life and wanted another Angel with him in heaven. He surly got one fantastic, caring, loving one. To Vera and family, may the Dear Lord surround you all with comfort during this dreadful tough time. With Love and Prayers, Freda*

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**Freda Greer** - January 17, 2015 at 11:38 AM

JB

*Bonnie was truly an angel she loved every one her John McKinney and I used to go to people's wake even if we didn't know them we always liked to show our respect and I know tat she is getting her rewards now for all the good deed's she has done, it brings me back to the song Medals for Mothers Rest in peace (cousin) and friend*

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**Junior Billings** - January 17, 2015 at 12:15 PM

KS

“ *Bonnie, Always had a Beautiful smile and Kind words for everyone. By far one of the Sweetest ladies I have ever had the privilege of knowing. She will be missed. Thoughts and Prayers for Vera and the Family.* 🙏

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**Kathy Slone** - January 17, 2015 at 10:50 AM

WB

“ *Bonnie was such sweet, caring and loving lady. She visited many people in the hospitals and families at funeral homes. Heaven is truly larger and rejoicing today as Bonnie entered in!!! She will be missed ... Love and are with the family and friends.  
Wayne & Phyllis Billings and family.*

Wayne & Phyllis Billings - January 17, 2015 at 10:26 AM

MH

*I knew Bonnie very well and she was loved by many, but she is more loved now, by her heavenly Father. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. R.I.P Miss Bonnie, we loved you.*

Mary M. Hill - January 17, 2015 at 10:40 AM

WO

*ms. bonnie was an angel to everyone she met ..wearing all the good deed crowns today as she walks the streets of gold and with her family that was awaiting her at the gates...truly god gained another angel..i will miss her ..GOD BLESS AND COMFORT THE FAMILY WILMA ODELL*

WILMA ODELL - January 17, 2015 at 02:55 PM

TD

*What a pleasure to be acquainted with such a lovely lady. We would like to offer our sincere sympathy for your loss.  
Love,  
Smokey and Yuvonne Dickerson*

Thurman and Yuvonne Dickerson - January 17, 2015 at 07:20 PM

WB

“ *Wayne & Phyllis Bilings lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Billings*



Wayne & Phyllis Bilings - January 17, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Bonnie Billings.



January 17, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ John And Debbie Barbour lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Billings



John and Debbie Barbour - January 17, 2015 at 09:05 AM



“ This was such a special lady. She always had a smile and something sweet for everyone. She will be missed by so many. My MeeMaw Siner and my Mommy loved her dearly and so did I the world needs more like this lady and it would be a better place. Love to all the family and many prayers.



Debbie Pierce Stables - January 17, 2015 at 12:06 AM



“ Curious Explorers Home lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Billings



Curious Explorers Home - January 16, 2015 at 11:43 PM

CC

“ *Curious Explorers Home Day Care lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Billings*



Curious Explorers Home Day Care - January 16, 2015 at 11:36 PM

TK

“ *Tala, Isatou & The Kids sent a virtual gift in memory of Bonnie Billings*



Tala, Isatou & the kids - January 16, 2015 at 11:34 PM

SW

“ *What a very special Lady. I remember when I was growing up going to her house after Church on Sunday afternoons.. Best cooking I ever ate. Bonnie was a very loving and caring Lady. My mamaw(Ruth Ford) always had a great friend. Bonnie was about the only one that came to see Mamaw when she was in the hospital. I know those 2'are dancing and catching up in Heaven now. Prayers for the Family & lots of love & hugs. Prayers for the grandchildren for I know how bad you all are hurting and how you will miss her. I pray that God gives you all comfort and eases your pain. My heart breaks for all of the Family. May God bless you all as you say good bye to her. I love you Bonnie*

susan hartwell weese - January 16, 2015 at 11:27 PM

AC

“ Oh Bonnie, what a sweet heart, i loved this woman to pieces. Always smiling. So sad to hear of this. Love and prayers!

Amanda (Lester) Cecil - January 16, 2015 at 09:48 PM

JD

“ Bonnie is one of the great women. Selfless, caring, always thinking of others. She devoted a great deal of time and fulfilled a huge need by offering peace, prayer, and good wishes to so many people in their times of illness or loss. We will truly miss her.

Jared & Kelly Donahue - January 16, 2015 at 09:17 PM

MS

“ I will always cherish your smile..hugs..and laughs...we love you..fly high and shine down on us..RIP Tootsie Mae...

Missy Shrewsbury - January 16, 2015 at 08:49 PM

MC

“ Matoaka Christian Church purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Billings.



Matoaka Christian Church - January 16, 2015 at 08:03 PM

BR

“ She was such a sweet lady!



Becky Riffe - January 16, 2015 at 06:15 PM

TK

“ *Tootsie Mae, was a wonderful person, she always had a smile on face, She will be missed by so many, She is now dancing with my grandma ,Thelma Shrewsbury and all her family. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*



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**Trish Shrewsbury Karnes** - January 16, 2015 at 05:30 PM

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“ *Vera and Family. Buddy and I are so very sorry for your loss. Really going to miss seeing her. She was very special to us. Heaven has gained another angel. Thoughts and Prayers To All Buddy and Arlene Midkiff*



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**Arlene and Buddy Midkiff** - January 16, 2015 at 04:24 PM