



## Elva Burkett

May 29, 2011

LAKE SHAWNEE - Elva Truler Burkett, 92, of Rock, departed this life peacefully on Sunday, May 29, 2011 following a short illness. Born February 22, 1919 at Piedmont, she was the daughter of the late Charles Graham and Elizabeth Midkiff Graham.

Aunt Elva loved many nieces and nephews, the children of her brothers and sisters and her husband, Warner's family. She was especially close to her brother, Milton "Buck" Graham's children, Donnie Ray Graham, Kenny Layne Graham, Curtis Dale Graham, and Jennifer Rhee Graham. Elva cherished the time that she and Warner spent helping to raise Donnie and Kenny at their home in Rock. The last year of Elva's life was spent as a resident of rural Montpelier, Virginia at the home of Kenny and Laura Graham.

Elva was raised in Piedmont, WV where she was married and lived for 43 years. She was a long-time member and worshiped regularly at the Lakeview Presbyterian Church in Rock, WV. Elva loved her home in Lake Shawnee that she and Warner built in 1962. They loved gardening together and spending time with family, friends and neighbors.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Warner C. Burkett; six brothers, Cletus Graham, Howard Graham, Harold (Boots) Graham, Trigg Graham, Willis Graham and Milton Graham; and four sisters, Ocie Stevens, Helen Smith, Arlie Clark and Norma Jean

Graham.

Survivors include one brother, C. W. Graham of Mullens.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Ralph Calfee and the Rev. Bundy Dye officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Serving as pallbearers will be nephews Jerry Smith, Ronnie Smith, John Clark, Eugene Clark, Jimmy Graham and Harold Burkett.

Friends may call Wednesday, June 1, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mrs. Burkett, or send the family online condolences, please visit [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

\*Please click here to view a video tribute to Mrs. Burkett.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elva Burkett*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Elva was a life-long friend from Piedmont...Have many special memories of her and Warner...Sympathies to the family and may God bless all of you..*

**Evelene Elledge, Lisa, Gary and family** - June 01, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ *I am the daughter in law of Mrs. Burkett's longtime neighbor, Everett Tyree. I am from Mississippi. I met Mr. and Mrs. Burkett about 16 or 17 years ago. After Mr. Burkett passed, I tried to make it a point to go over and visit with her when we were in WV. She was a very sweet little lady. We would sit and talk for an hour or so at a time. She always asked questions about what it was like in Mississippi and how all my family was doing and she always mentioned her brother or her neices and nephews. I cared a lot about her and I am so sad to hear of her passing. I am sorry that I haven't talked to her in quite a while. She lived a long life and is in a better place with God now. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, her family. May God bless you all in the days to come as you adjust to the the loss of such a dear woman. She will truly be missed.*

**Sherryel Tyree** - June 01, 2011 at 12:35 PM

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“ I have many fond memories in Lake Shawnee growing up beside Burkett. I remember her and my mother canning and pickling and stringing leather britches. Always a garden. I remember her taking me to the little white church on the hill when I was very young she and Warner. She has a special place in my heart. To her family I am so very sorry. R. I. P. Burkett...

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**Michelle Ford Ridge** - May 31, 2011 at 03:27 PM