



## Ellen Searce White

January 29, 1932 - October 4, 2020

Carrie Ellen Searce White passed away at Brookdale Senior Living on October 4, 2020.

Born in the Mount Cross area to Belt W. Searce and Ida Certis Aaron Searce on January 29, 1932, she was the second of four children in their farm family. She married James Irvin White, of Blairs, Virginia, on January 5th, 1949. Irvin passed away on December 22, 2002. Through fifty-three years, five children, twelve grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren, they shared many adventures.

Ellen was a graduate of Whitmell Farm Life School and worked in Sears and J.C. Penney catalog departments during Christmas seasons. Ellen helped manage the Whitmell cannery for a number of years. She retired from Dan River, Inc., where she worked in quality control. In later years, she managed rental properties that she and her siblings owned.

A lifelong member of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, she worked in Bible School and Sunday School. She sewed costumes for Christmas pageants and robes for the children's choir.

She was the joy and heart of her large family. She provided sage advice, unconditional love, and lots of laughter. Picnics, Christmas dinners, Easter

egg hunts, wiener roasts, and countless biscuits will be remembered by her family. Her daughters benefitted from her sewing talents, as she made everything from school clothes to prom dresses to wedding gowns.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her brothers, Thomas C. Searce and Homer A. Searce, and great-grandson, Parker Smith. Her sister, Joan Holley, survives.

Ellen is survived by her children, Keith White(Phyllis), Sandra Hylton(Charles), Patricia Jones(Terry), Sheila Smith (Buddy), and Mark White. Her grandchildren are Aaron, Sue, Coleman, Patrick, John, Lydia, Thomas, Conrad, Stuart, and Sarah. Her step-grandchildren are Mia and Jonathan. She is also survived by her numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be conducted on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 11:00 AM, in Danville Memorial Gardens, with the Reverend Bob Yeaman and the Reverend Timothy Barth officiating. COVID 19 precautions of social distancing and masks are requested.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 245 Mount Olivet Lane, Danville, Virginia 24540, or Mount Cross Volunteer Fire Department, Mount Cross Road, Danville, Virginia.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the White Family.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Danville Memorial Gardens  
510 Church Avenue  
Danville, VA

# Tribute Wall

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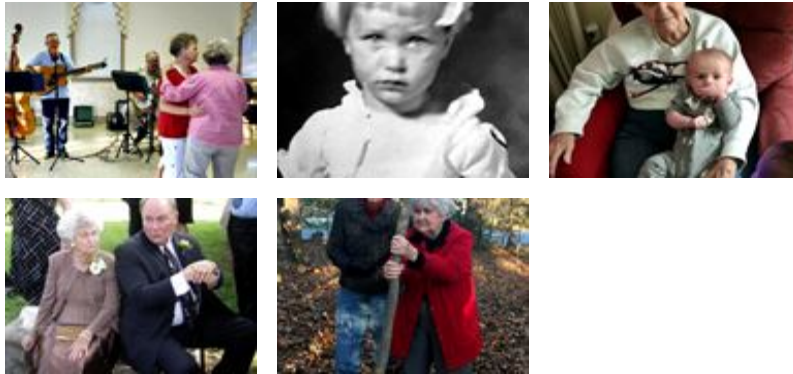
“ Cheryl Ashworth lit a candle in memory of Ellen Searce White



Cheryl Ashworth - October 07, 2020 at 02:22 PM



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“ *Barbara Craig lit a candle in memory of Ellen Searce White*



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**Barbara Craig** - October 06, 2020 at 03:07 PM

BC

*Sorry for your loss Sarah White Craig. I know how much your grandma met to you. I meant this wonderful lady at your rehearsal dinner her and I were working in the kitchen. Big Hug  
My deepest sympathy and prayers goes our to the Craig and White family.*

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**Barbara Craig** - October 06, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DF

“ *Sandra and family, I'm so sorry for your loss.  
Praying for comfort for you and your family.*



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**Diana Dodd Fulton** - October 05, 2020 at 09:31 PM

CC

“ *She was a wonderful, loving, and fun person to be around! She was a blessing to her family and friends! When Sarah came into our lives she also brought her grandma into our lives and we are thankful we got to know her!  
With our deepest sympathy and love,  
Cheryl and Larry Craig*



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**Cheryl and Larry Craig** - October 05, 2020 at 04:19 PM

BP

*I am so sorry for your loss of Ellen. Joan, I know Ellen was so special to you. You are in my prayers. I love you!*

**Betty Patterson** - October 05, 2020 at 07:59 PM

PB

*My heart aches for you all. We will continue to remember you all in the weeks, months and years to come. Remembering a lot of good times with each and every one of you. Ellen will always be remembered fondly, I especially loved to hear her giggle. Love you all!*

**Penny Blair** - October 05, 2020 at 08:52 PM



*May she rest in God's Peace. Shelia, I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sympathy. Suzanne Mundy*

**Suzanne Mundy** - October 05, 2020 at 09:09 PM

RB

*Keith, Sandra, Tricia, Shelia and Mark, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mother was very special to me. I have great memories of coming to your house when I was growing up and of cookouts with our families. I was also the recipient of her special sewing skills. I still have the prom dress she made me. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Rhonda Bliss Brown** - October 06, 2020 at 11:00 AM