



## Frances "Katie" Holley Lacey

June 14, 1938 - March 1, 2026

Frances "Katie" Holley Lacey, 87, passed away at her Pittsylvania County residence on Sunday, March 1, 2026. Born on June 14, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Louise Burch Holley and H. Hedrick Holley.

She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Martha R. Holley and B.M. Holley. Her grandparents became her guardians when she was six weeks old. This appointment followed the death of her mother.

On October 22, 1955, Katie married Melvin G. Lacey. They had been married forty-five years when he died on July 24, 2001. She is survived by her two daughters, Wanda F. Lacey and Deborah L. Carson (Crawford) and a grandson, Andrew.

Katie was a graduate of Callands High School. She worked for Pittsylvania County Public Schools for forty-two years before retiring. During her years as an employee, she had multiple positions including kindergarten aide and library aide.

She was a member of Swansonville Methodist Church. Katie enjoyed volunteering as a choir member and Sunday School teacher.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at

Highland Burial Park with Reverend Daryl Joyce officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Tunstall Fire & Rescue, 740 Tunstall High Road, Dry Fork, VA 24549.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Lacey family.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Highland Burial Park  
3049 North Main Street  
Danville, VA

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ So sorry to hear of Katie passing. I remember her and Melvin well. They were both hard workers. I remember working in tobacco with Katie when I was a young boy. I handed leaves of tobacco while she strung it on a stick (old method). She was fast and a good talker that helped pass time while working.

Condolences to the daughters and family. God bless you all. — Don Reynolds

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**Don Reynolds** - April 22 at 05:22 AM

LD

“ Mrs. Lacey was a great Kindergarten aide for Mrs. McMannen at Whitmell. She put her whole heart into her job. May God bless you.

Lee Ann C. Dillion

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**Lee Ann Dillion** - March 04 at 11:08 PM

MO

“ She was my aide, friend, and "mother" for 16 years at Twin Springs Elementary in the library I will always remember her.

Marvin Osborne

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**Marvin Osborne** - March 04 at 08:06 PM

SM

“ I am sorry for your loss. Please accept my sympathy. Suzanne Mundy, Weymouth, Massachusetts



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**Suzanne Mundy** - March 04 at 02:24 PM



“ *Loved Mrs Lacy. Goodness could she calm down a cafeteria of the noise. LOL An instrumental part of Whitmell School. Rest in peace my friend. You made your mark in the community.*

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**Cheryl Lee** - March 04 at 10:15 AM