



Ida B. Bailey

November 4, 1932 - January 5, 2025

Lt. Commander Ida B. Bailey, USN (Ret.) passed away on January 5, 2025, after a decline in health over several months.

Born in Crewe, Virginia on November 4, 1932, to Walter Shepperd Bailey and Mamie Hines Bailey, she grew up in Gretna, Virginia and graduated from Gretna High School in 1951. After earning her registered nursing certification from The Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1955, Ida joined the United States Navy Nurse Corps. During her 20 years of service, she had numerous duty stations throughout the United States and in Taiwan. Because of her service during the Vietnam era, she was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Ida returned to Danville after retiring from the Navy in 1977.

She volunteered to serve with several civic and charitable organizations. She also traveled extensively throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. Ida was a charter member of the Navy Nurse Corps Association, a member of the Women in Military Service Memorial, and the Military Officers Association.

In addition to her parents, Ida was predeceased two brothers, James G. Bailey and Don P. Bailey, and two sisters, Dorothy Bailey Chandler and Chloe Bailey Slayton. She is survived by three nephews, three nieces and a number of cousins.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 12 Noon on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at Greenfield Baptist Church Cemetery, 384 Fairmont Road, Gretna, Virginia, five miles east of Gretna.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is handling her arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Greenfield Baptist Church, 384 Fairmont Road, Gretna, VA 24557.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 16. 12:00 PM (Est)

Greenfield Baptist Church
384 Fairmount Rd
Gretna, VA 24557

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ida Belle Bailey was the last member of my husband's family and was a wonderful sister-in-law. She cared for her mother who lived with Ida during her later years. Ida will be sorely missed.*

Shirley Mayhew Bailey - January 07, 2025 at 12:28 PM

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I didn't know her but I am thankful for her service. Prayers for her family

Kathy McCarty - January 07, 2025 at 09:02 PM