



Jeanette Handy Ricketts

February 4, 1942 - January 17, 2015

Jeanette Handy Ricketts, 72, of 4709 Mount Cross Road, Danville, VA, died Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Duke Medical Center after being in declining health for the past two years.

Mrs. Ricketts was born in Danville, VA on February 4, 1942, a daughter of the late Franklin Edgar Handy and Bernice McDowell Handy. She had lived her life in Danville, VA and Pittsylvania County and graduated from George Washington High School, class of 1960.

Mrs. Ricketts worked for Dan River Mills and later for J.C. Penney as a merchandise manager. She was a member of Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church where she had served as treasurer.

She loved bluegrass music, fishing, scrapbooking, traveling, the beach and camping.

On August 3, 1962 she married Warren Douglas Ricketts, who survives.

In addition to her husband, of the residence, she is survived by three sons, Donald Ricketts, Steve Ricketts, and his wife Tammy, and David Ricketts, and his fiancée, Patty Holley, all of Danville, VA; a brother, Frankie Handy, and wife Beverly, of Mount Airy, NC; a sister, Jo Ann Herndon, and husband M.H., of Danville; five grandchildren, Lewis Ricketts, Hannah Ricketts, Jacob

Ricketts, Sarah Ricketts and Tyler Ricketts; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. from the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with Elder Danny Parker officiating. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday at the funeral home from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m. and at the residence at other times.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Mount Cross Fire and Rescue, 4812 Mount Cross Road, Danville, VA, 24540 or to a charity of your choice.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Ricketts family.

Cemetery Details

Danville Memorial Gardens

510 Church Avenue
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Warren & Family, so very sorry to hear about Jeanette. I knew Jeanette for many years & she was such a good friend. I will never forget her as she was so sweet & compassionate God be with you & your family at this sad time. Love to all.

Mary Ann Owen Ludwick & Tommy Ludwick
Clayton, NC



Mary Ann Ludwick - January 24, 2015 at 09:28 AM

NR

“ Danny & I will always remember Jeanette's friendly smile. She will surely be missed. Prayers for all the family.

Nancye Ricketts - January 22, 2015 at 09:03 AM

MC

“ Donald,
Shawn & I were so sorry to hear of your family's loss. I remember your mom with great fondness. How she put up with band kids constantly at her house I will never know! Our thoughts and prayers are with you & your family.

Mitzi Wyatt Cassidy

mitzi cassidy - January 21, 2015 at 07:01 AM

JM

“ *Jim Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Handy Ricketts*



Jim Montgomery - January 20, 2015 at 12:56 PM

JM

So sorry to hear of Jeanette's passing. It's been many years since all the cousins were together, but I remember Jeanette always smiling and laughing. I have wonderful memories of those times.

Jim Montgomery - January 20, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jeanette Handy Ricketts.*



January 20, 2015 at 06:41 AM

 Vicki Spain

“ *Vicki Spain lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Handy Ricketts*



Vicki Spain - January 20, 2015 at 06:23 AM

RB

“ To Warren and family,
my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. My fondest memories of Jeanette are of her dressing up as the witch at the mt. cross fire department halloween parties. As a little girl my father (Dalton Robertson) would always take my sisters and I to the fire department halloween party and Jeanette playing the witch still is a vivid memory today. Please cherish the wonderful memories of her and she will forever live in your heart.

Robyn Robertson Bridges

Robyn Robertson Bridges - January 19, 2015 at 07:38 PM

CN

“ You were always just across the road since I was born you looked after us just as our own mama would when we left home you still watched after granny and daddy you will be truly missed from all the Nortons we will miss you and are still just across the road if the family you left behind needs usLove Christy Norton

Christy Norton - January 19, 2015 at 11:12 AM

KB

“ Godspeed to one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. A second mom to me, much loved and greatly missed. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die." You have loved and laughed and lived a beautiful life touching so many. Rest well sweet angel.

Hugs and prayers to your family, I love you.

Kaye

Kaye Brady - January 19, 2015 at 09:22 AM

ST

“ *Such a sweet lady. She always had a smile on her face. Prayers for Warren and the family. Stacie & Brett*

Stacie - January 18, 2015 at 09:11 PM

PF

“ *Penny and Scott Cummings and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeanette Handy Ricketts.*



Penny and Scott Cummings and family - January 18, 2015 at 08:33 PM

AM

“ *To the family of this beautiful women; she was loved by so many. She always had a sweet smile on her face; I know she will be missed by all of you ; but also by so many others who loved and admired you . Thinking of all of you Bill , Anne Maultsby , and family. We love you.*

Anne Maultsby - January 18, 2015 at 06:03 PM



Thinking and praying for the family. Jeanette was a sweet lady who always had a smile and had a kind word. I have known her since I was a child. Heaven has another angel. Melissa Cooke Meredith

Melissa Meredith - January 18, 2015 at 06:47 PM

JM

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ricketts family as they go through this difficult time. Jeanette was wonderful caring person. She will be missed by all who knew her. Jodi & Bryan Martin

Jodi & Bryan Martin - January 18, 2015 at 07:47 PM

BF

So blessed that she was part of our family Jeanette always was so loving and gracious to others and will be missed by many. We are praying that God will give comfort and peace to her family and friends.
Bob & Sybil Flanagan

Bob & Sybil Flanagan - January 19, 2015 at 07:26 AM

 Vicki Spain

A very sweet and lovel Lady. I know she was loved by many, she will be trully missed by all. Sorry fr your lost. Prayers for you Donald and your family. My thoughts are with all of you.

Vicki Spain - January 20, 2015 at 06:22 AM

CG

On behalf of my mother, Mattie Wilson, and myself, we extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of Jeanette. My mother thought so much of her. We are sure that our Lord has welcomed her Home. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.

Cynthia Wilson Guill

Cynthia W Guill - January 20, 2015 at 07:37 AM

GL

“ Gladys Lance lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Handy Ricketts



Gladys Lance - January 18, 2015 at 05:55 PM

GL

In loving memory of one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. i will miss you so much. Thanks for being such a wonderful friend. I will always cherish the times we spent together. Rest in Peace, Love to Warren and family. God Bless you! Love Always.

Gladys Lance - January 18, 2015 at 05:59 PM

HM

“ *Harold & Mary Moses-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Handy Ricketts*



Harold & Mary Moses-Hicks - January 18, 2015 at 05:01 PM



“ *Wonderful lady. Loved talking to her when she came into our office. She will be greatly missed. Tina C.*



Tina Clark - January 18, 2015 at 03:27 PM

KR

“ *Kawania Reed lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Handy Ricketts*



kawania reed - January 18, 2015 at 03:04 PM

CS

“ *Christine Schwitzerlett lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Handy Ricketts*



christine schwitzerlett - January 18, 2015 at 02:48 PM