



## Donna Kaye Blanton

April 7, 1967 - December 5, 2017

Big Stone Gap, VA

Donna Kaye Blanton, 50, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday December 5th, 2017.

She was a graduate of Powell Valley High School class of 1985, where she loved cheerleading for the Vikings. She was previously a nurse at Heritage Hall and Ridgecrest Manor Nursing Home and loved her job helping those who could not help themselves. She was a kind and selfless woman who strived to make others happy. She enjoyed fishing with her spouse, drawing and singing.

She was preceded in death by her father, Claude Blanton; step-father, Fred Falin; maternal grandparents, Dora and Curtis Holbrook; step-grandmother Bessie Falin; and friend and father to her daughter, Michael B. Galloway.

Surviving are her companion, Tracy Flanary; daughter, Stephanie Galloway Jenkins and husband David Jenkins; son, Jessie Calvin Swiney IV and fiancé Jocelyn Thacker; mother, Evelyn Holbrook Belcher; sister, Rhonda Womble and husband Billy Womble; sister, Patricia Suiter; brother, Doug Falin, and 3 special grandchildren- Gracie Swiney, Jacelynn Willow Swiney, and Aidan Swiney; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap, VA.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Roy Smith officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the Kelly Cemetery (400 Dogwood Drive) in Big Stone Gap. Family and friends will meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. Friday to go in procession to cemetery.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com).

Holding Funeral Home is serving Ms. Blanton's family.

# Cemetery Details

## Kelly Family Cemetery

400 Dogwood Drive  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
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## Service

DEC 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Procession

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DEC 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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DEC 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Kaye Blanton*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Robin Bartee lit a candle in memory of Donna Kaye Blanton*



**Robin Bartee** - December 08, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ *You were a beautiful, loving person. May God be with you & your loved ones at this time. See you on the other side. RIP.*

**Caroline Douglas** - December 07, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss, Stephy. I've always thought so highly of you & your Mom. You & your family are in my thoughts & prayers, always. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4*



**Tiffany Stidham** - December 07, 2017 at 12:49 AM



*I dont know why I am just now seeing this but thanks tiffy. prayers are still much needed. love you*

**Stephanie Galloway Jenkins** - March 22, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Kaye Blanton.*



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December 06, 2017 at 10:53 PM



“ *Jeannie Gilley lit a candle in memory of Donna Kaye Blanton*



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**Jeannie Gilley** - December 06, 2017 at 09:22 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to all the family! I've known Donna since she was just little and I thought so much of her! May God hold you close and bring His peace and comfort during the hard days to come! Love and prayers,  
Debbi Seals Davidson*

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**Debbi Davidson** - December 06, 2017 at 08:30 PM



*Thank you so much Debbie, I am just now able to come here and read these. thank you for praying*

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**Stephanie Galloway-Jenkins** - March 22, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ I know we all have a favorite memory, mine is a happy one to say the least. I really enjoyed laughing with her and she had no problem laughing laughing at herself, a quality I think more people should share. Let's just say she lost a tooth one night and retrieved it in a kind of unique way. Those of you that knew her well are probably familiar with that tale. You were my next door neighbor and my friend for a lot of years.  
I'm gonna miss ya, girl.

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**Joseph Carroll** - December 06, 2017 at 06:36 PM

FB

*I can't believe that my cousin is gone so young. Lord knows that she has sure had a rough life to live. She was my BFF before we found out that we were cousins and we were more like sisters. I pray that God keeps her kids and grandchildren strong and comforted through this time of mourning. I know that God is helping me through. I can hear her laughter and I feel like that is her way of telling me that she is pain free and singing in God's Choir. I am sure gonna miss her. RIP my Sweet Donna Kaye... until we meet again on the other side of Jordan. Sending my Love to Stephanie, Jesse, Evelyn, Rhonda, and Doug. Be there for each other in this time of need. Tracy Flannery you are in my prayers too. I Love You All!*

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**Frankie (Fraley) Belda** - December 07, 2017 at 04:03 PM

SA

*Our Sincerest and Deepest Sympathy to Donna's family and her Mom Evelyn. I remember when Donna was almost 2 months the first time I saw her, when her Dad Claude, my Uncle passed away in 1967. I saw her again when our Granny, Sarah Blanton, passed away in 2005. She was a sweet girl and I was glad I got to know her even tho we live in Michigan, we thought fondly of her. From our family again condolences to her family.*

*Aunt Kat Blanton*

*Cousins - Shirley Blanton Aspenleiter, Charles Blanton, Darlene Blanton Wagner, Rick Blanton, Roger Blanton and Rob Blanton  
God Bless and prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Shirley Aspenleiter** - December 07, 2017 at 09:26 PM

SJ

*Hi . this is donnas daughter and I just wanted to try to reach out to you all somehow.if maybe I could get an email address ??*

Sj - December 14, 2017 at 05:19 PM

SJ

*The Blanton family*

Sj - December 14, 2017 at 05:20 PM

JL

*Donna was such a fun, loving person to be around. She was always laughing and smiling. May she smile while walking with the angels now. Sincere sympathy to her family and Tracy. So very sorry*

Joy Lane - December 17, 2017 at 09:08 AM



Debbie Thompson

“ *My sweet cousin Donna I'm going to miss you and our phone calls to each other I love you. My heart is broken knowing you are gone but you are with all our loves ones we have lost in heaven rip beautiful soul*



Debbie Thompson - December 06, 2017 at 04:56 PM

NL

“ *Nellie Lawson lit a candle in memory of Donna Kaye Blanton*



Nellie Lawson - December 06, 2017 at 10:21 AM

JC

“ *Jeanette Castle lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Kaye Blanton*



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**Jeanette Castle** - December 06, 2017 at 10:15 AM

JC

*I am so sorry for the loss of Donna. She was a sweet and loving lady. She will be greatly missed by all her friends and family. I pray God will comfort and bring peace to all our broken hearts. I love you Donna my sweet friend.*

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**Jeanette Castle** - December 06, 2017 at 10:20 AM