



## Ethel Lee Branham

October 2, 1940 - October 4, 2020

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Ethel Lee Branham, 80, known as “the walker” passed away peacefully two days after her 80th birthday on Sunday, October 4th, 2020 at Lonesome Pine Hospital.

Ethel (Newberry) Branham, was a native of Dickenson County, Virginia, but had resided in Big Stone Gap since 1967 after returning to the mountains from Welaka, Florida. She developed a love for the medical field while working at Putnam County Memorial Hospital, and retired after 33 years from Lonesome Pine Hospital working mainly in Pediatrics. She loved her job and her co-workers. She was a longtime member of Oak Grove Baptist Church where she attended regularly. Ethel & her husband were foster parents, and took great joy in all "her " babies. She enjoyed making Christmas special for all her kids. More recently she enjoyed the sounds of the children playing outside at Kings Christian Academy.

Mrs. Branham was preceded in death by her forever sweetheart of 56 years Billy Joe Branham, her Parents; Bob and Fronie Newberry, sister, Peggy Thompson, son-in-law; Joseph Gupton Jr, and grandson-in-law Steve Parsons.

She is survived by son Billy Branham of the home, daughter, Teresa (Chris), of East Stone Gap, Sister; Janice Hurt of Smithfield, NC; Grand-daughter, Hillary Lovell (Steve) of Kingdom Come Kentucky; Grandsons, Joseph N. Gupton (Victoria) of Richmond; Cheyenne Nichols, Noah Gupton; Steve & Tristan Parsons; Eddie Newsome; Conner Whitley & Baby Mikey, Granddaughter Aubrey Nichols;. Also, a special friend, Mattie West Newsome of Prince George, Virginia. Other nieces & nephews close relatives and friends. Ethel will be greatly missed by many.

A Graveside service will be conducted on Thursday, October 8, 2020 in the Newberry Family Cemetery in Clinchco, Virginia at 11 a.m. (2761 Big Ridge Rd. Clintwood VA, 24228)

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest registry, or leave the family a condolence at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home of Big Stone Gap, VA is serving the Family of Ms. Ethel Branham.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM.

Newberry Cemetery  
Haysi, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel Lee Branham*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Susie Fig lit a candle in memory of Ethel Lee Branham*



Susie Fig - October 11, 2020 at 02:58 AM



“ *Ethel lived across the road from my mom, Midge. She walked heck or high water. I loved her mom. She was a jewel. Prayers for the family.*

Janet Wilson - October 10, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ *I know that Ethel loved her daughter Teresa very much and raised her to be a loving friend and Mother and daughter and Grandmother. My deepest sympathy to Teresa Branham Gupton on the loss of her dear Mother. Love and comfort from Jesus, Debra Bowsher*



Debra Bowsher - October 09, 2020 at 02:12 AM

JP

“ Jennifer Pannell lit a candle in memory of Ethel Lee Branham



Jennifer Pannell - October 08, 2020 at 02:02 PM

DB

“ Denny Branham lit a candle in memory of Ethel Lee Branham



Denny Branham - October 07, 2020 at 12:50 PM

RW

“ Praying for you all!  
I'm so sorry for your loss..  
I am so blessed to have known her and will forever be thankful for all the kindness that showed me.  
God bless you all ❤️



Rhonda Womble - October 06, 2020 at 10:30 PM

CU

“ Charles E Upchurch lit a candle in memory of Ethel Lee Branham



Charles E Upchurch - October 06, 2020 at 10:18 PM

RF

“ *Rosalie Fleming lit a candle in memory of Ethel Lee Branham*



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**Rosalie Fleming** - October 06, 2020 at 09:25 PM

UK

“ *UNCLE MACK AND AUNT KITTY purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ethel Lee Branham.*



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**UNCLE MACK AND AUNT KITTY** - October 06, 2020 at 05:48 PM