



## Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head

July 14, 1927 - May 14, 2023

Proverbs 31:27

“She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed... Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.”

Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head, of the Southern Section of Big Stone Gap, Va. left for Heaven on Mother’s Day morning, May 14, 2023, ending her journey on earth of ninety-five years. She was at her home when she passed away surrounded by her daughters, Kathy and Mary Gay and her niece Sandy Kaye.

Born in Appalachia Va. on July 14, 1927, she was the first grandchild of Laura Frazier who pampered her with much love, care, and wisdom, teaching her by Godly example about the Lord.

Lola grew up in the coal mining community of Pardee, Va. with her father Flem Jackson, a coal miner, and her loving mother, Ethel Frazier Jackson. She adored her brothers, sister and many relatives and loved to reminisce about the good old days in Pardee, Va.

It was in Pardee at the age of 14 that she met her first love Garnett Fletcher. They later married and were blessed with a daughter and two sons while living in Pardee. When the coal mines shut down many families of the Pardee

community had to leave to find work. Lola and Garnett moved to Cracker's Neck near Big Stone Gap, Va. and were blessed with two daughters, completing their family.

Years later, Lola and Garnett went their separate ways. Although they divorced, Lola was still a loving member of the Fletcher family. She made sure that her children spent time with their father and his relatives. Her children will always be thankful for their mother's wisdom because they were blessed with many wonderful memories of growing up with precious aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In 1970 she married her second husband Phil Head. They resided in the Southern Section of Big Stone Gap and spent many blessed years together until his death in 2012.

Lola was a friend to all that knew her. She loved her family and was always happy to have company and put on a fresh pot of coffee. She kept a spotlessly clean house, loved doing laundry and hanging clothes on the clothesline, taking care of her flowers, and cooking delicious meals. She wore beautiful clothes and jewelry and was well known for her collection of fancy hats. Her favorite pastime was shopping at the Dollar General Store, The Family Dollar, Belk and especially going to yard sales.

Lola was a Born-Again Christian. She formerly attended Duffield Missionary Baptist Church and Model Baptist church in Jasper. She loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In her later years she enjoyed the good preaching and anointed singing at her TV church, SBN, the SonLife Broadcasting Network.

She was preceded in death by her father Flem Jackson, her mother Ethel Jackson Minor; three brothers, Fred Jackson, Artemis (Buddy) Jackson, and Gerald Jackson; one sister, Virginia (Sis) Adams; the father of her children, Garnett Lee Fletcher and her husband Phillip Head Jr.; two sons, Gary Dale

Fletcher Sr. and Stacey Lee Fletcher; a daughter-in-law Patsy Fletcher; her grandchildren Carl Rasnick Jr., Lori Fletcher Jones, and David Wayne Fletcher; her great grandchildren, Chrisanna Carter, Jayden McElyea, Brayden McElyea and Gabriella (Gabby) Blair.

Those left to cherish her memory and hold her in their hearts, her daughters, Linda Rasnick, Duffield, Va., Kathy (Charlie) McElyea, Big Stone Gap, Va., and Mary Gay (Rick) Altizer, Lebanon, Va.; her step-daughter Lisa (Bo) Raleigh, Dryden, Va.; 14 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; sister-in-laws, Sylvia Zirkle, Big Stone Gap, Va., Betty Head, Ewing Va. and Ledna Jackson, Sevierville, Tenn.; her nurses, Neisha Tuggle, Jennifer Chandler and Renau Hazelwood; her longtime friends, Judy (Robert) Bishop, Kimberly Sue Moore, Betty Mitchell, Pam Stacey, Lou Cummins, Jean Williams Hall, Daretha Morris, LuAnn Summers, and the delivery drivers from Four Seasons Restaurant; her best friend Linda Delph Blevins, Spokane Washington; and Karen Rhea Collins, Monticello, Illinois, who she loved like her own daughter; her loving, devoted caregiver and dear friend who she loved like a sister, Jessica (Tim) Clark, Big Stone Gap; a very special granddaughter Heather McElyea Blair, Dryden, Va. and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Holding Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held following in the funeral home's chapel with Pastor John Dickenson officiating. Special singer and guitarist will be Tracey Fletcher.

Graveside services will be at 1:00 on Thursday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to meet at Holding Funeral Home by 12:30pm to go in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Charlie McElyea, Rick Altizer, Jason McElyea, B.J Blair, Lazarus Blair and John Dickenson.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/QHC45JK59W7ZH5R9>

An online register is available for the family at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 679-0030

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
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## Service

MAY 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Procession

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**MAY 18. 12:30 PM (ET)**

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head*



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**Holding Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 16, 2023 at 10:04 PM

DG

*Lila was a beautiful person. Her smile and her humor will be missed. My sympathy and prayers for her family. May God bless each of you.*

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**Deborah Gardner** - May 17, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head*

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October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Toni Trigiani lit a candle in memory of Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head*



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**Toni Trigiani** - May 18, 2023 at 12:17 PM

TT

“ Sincerest sympathies to the entire family of Lola Fletcher-Head. I had the opportunity to meet her and was charmed by her spirit and energy. I can only imagine what a force she was as a younger woman.

May God receive her and send comfort to those who loved her so much.

*Toni Trigiani*

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**Toni Trigiani** - May 18, 2023 at 12:16 PM

KA

Thank you Toni for your kind words...❤️

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**Kathy** - June 01, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head.



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May 16, 2023 at 09:06 PM

PS

“ Lola was a very close and dear friend to me. She welcomed me into her home for coffee and good conversation many times. She always talked about the Lord. We had some fun times together like Halloween and Christmas. I know that people come into our lives for different reasons. Lola truly loved me and told me every time I saw her. I loved her so much and I miss her. She was lovingly taken care of by her amazing daughters, Kathy and Mary Gay. She was blessed beyond measure. She is home now where we all will meet again one sweet day. Until we meet again Lola, I love and miss you.

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**Pam Stacy** - May 16, 2023 at 06:38 PM

KA

*She loved you very much ..you were a good neighbor & friend to her...  
love you Pam*

**Kathy** - June 01, 2023 at 10:43 AM

PS

“ *Pam Stacy lit a candle in memory of Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head*



**Pam Stacy** - May 16, 2023 at 06:30 PM

LN

“ *Leroy And Angie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head*



**Leroy and Angie Nelson** - May 16, 2023 at 05:58 PM

ST

“ *Sanctuary Leadership & Concierge Teams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head.*



**Sanctuary Leadership & Concierge Teams** - May 16, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of  
Lola Irene (Jackson) Fletcher-Head.*



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May 16, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ *Mary Gay you and your family are in my  
thoughts and prayers!*  
*Ms Pat*



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**Pat Fortner** - May 16, 2023 at 12:29 PM