



## Mrs. Mary Jean Botts

July 9, 1924 - July 31, 2015

Mary Jean Bledsoe Botts ,91

Big Stone Gap, Va./Elizabethton, Tn.

Mary Jean Botts, 91, died Friday, July 31, 2015 at Ivy Hall Nursing Home in Elizabethton, Tennessee.

She was a native of Jonesville, Virginia, but lived in Big Stone Gap most of her life. She also lived for a while in Weber City, Virginia and Kingsport, Tennessee.

She was the daughter of the late Clyde and Lora Bledsoe.

Jean was married to the late Dr. William (Bill) Botts, Jr. They owned Botts Drug and Variety Store in Big Stone Gap for several years.

Jean was very involved with "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" outdoor drama for many years. She, along with her husband, was one of the founders of the drama. She was also the drama stage manager and a make-up artist.

She was a talented portrait, landscape, and still life artist, as well. Her work was on exhibit, locally, and some of her pieces are part of the permanent art collection at the June Tolliver House. She helped her husband, Bill, paint the original drama backdrop. Together, they served as Art Directors for the June Tolliver House.

In the past, she was an active member of the Boone Trail Chapter DAR, AARP, and Dogwood Garden Club. She held various high offices in these organizations, including president of the AARP.

Surviving are one daughter, Becky Botts Arnott and husband, Greg, of Columbia, Tennessee and one son, Dr. Nick Botts and wife, Lisa, of Elizabethton, Tennessee. Also surviving are two grandchildren, John Botts and Julie Botts of Elizabethton. She had one

surviving brother, Ray Bledsoe, from Jonesville, Virginia, and a sister-in-law, Lena Bledsoe of Jonesville, Virginia, and she was preceded in death by siblings, Sally Akard and Clyde Bledsoe, Jr. She leaves several nephews and nieces.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Ivy Hall Nursing Home for their care of Mrs. Botts.

Receiving of friends will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 5 at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Joel Cook officiating.

Afterwards, graveside services will be conducted in Glencoe Cemetery in Big Stone Gap.

Memorial contributions may be made to the June Tolliver House, 522 Clinton Avenue E., Big Stone Gap, Va. 24219

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

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Botts family.

# Cemetery Details

## Glencoe Cemetery

Spring Street  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 5.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
1-276-523-1470  
holdingfuneralhome@comcast.net  
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## Memorial Service

**AUG 5.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

**AUG 5** (ET)

Glencoe Cemetery  
Spring Street  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Jean Botts*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM

LT

“ *Lenny Thio lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jean Botts*



**Lenny Thio** - August 05, 2015 at 12:09 PM

LT

*My deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. My thought and prayers for you and your family.*

**Lenny Thio** - August 05, 2015 at 12:13 PM

WR

“ *Mrs. Botts was such a lovely, caring lady. I remember spending time at her home and admiring her beautiful work as a young teenager. Love and prayers to her family during this time and the difficult days that lie ahead. May God bless and comfort you.*

**Wanda Rogers** - August 04, 2015 at 06:11 AM

BB

“ *Sorry for your loss, your mother is now in heaven with your father what a wonderful celebration for them together again. Thinking about your family and praying for them.*

*Sincerely, Brian and Kim Buckner*

**Brian and Kim Buckner** - August 03, 2015 at 12:16 PM

BB

“ *Brian And Kim Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jean Botts*



**Brian and Kim Buckner** - August 03, 2015 at 12:07 PM

KC

“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one, it's not easy losing a parent no matter how old we are. Thoughts and prayers to all the family.  
*Ken and DeeDee Cole*

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**Ken and DeeDee Cole** - August 03, 2015 at 12:01 PM

KT

“ Nick,  
*My sincere sympathies to you and your family in the loss of your mother. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Kathy Taylor*

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**Kathy Taylor** - August 03, 2015 at 07:50 AM

HH

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Prayers for you and your family at this time.  
*Heather Hutchins*

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**Heather Hutchins** - August 03, 2015 at 07:36 AM

TC

“ Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. *Terry Cole*

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**Terry Cole** - August 02, 2015 at 06:31 PM

SA

“ Nick, I am sorry to hear about your Mother. She was a very beautiful lady. I know you loved her so much. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless you and your family. If you need anything please let me know.  
*Sheila Andes*

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**Sheila Andes** - August 02, 2015 at 06:21 PM

SH

“ I have loss one of the best neighbors and friends anyone could wish for..She was such a beautiful lady through and through//Jean may you rest in peace.

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**shelbymeade** - August 02, 2015 at 11:12 AM

GW

“ *Condolences to all the family. Went to high school with Becky and Nicky. May God be with you at this time.* ”



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**Georgann Wampler** - August 02, 2015 at 08:24 AM