



Nellie Ruth Hensley

November 12, 1943 - September 3, 2025

Nellie Ruth Hensley, 81, of Big Stone Gap went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Nellie was born in Wise County, Virginia to Alfred Taft and Polly Thompson. She was a woman of faith with a heart of gold. Nellie loved country music and dancing, but her greatest enjoyment was her many fur babies.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Jimmy Bowman; her daughter, Connie Lynn Bowman; and her son, Jimmy Bowman, Jr.

She is survived by her sons, Shawn Bowman, Daniel Bowman, Chad Bowman; her daughters, Elizabeth Bowman, Marsha Bowman, and Savannah Gamble; a special granddaughter, Kayla Linebaugh; a special son-in-law, Ian Gamble; several grandchildren; and numerous extended family members and friends.

The family will receive friends at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 7, 2025, with a funeral service beginning at 7:00 p.m. (17. E. 3rd. St. N.) The service will be officiated by Roger Barker, special music will be provided by Roger Barker.

Her burial will be in the Bowman Family Cemetery on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Those wishing to attend are asked to meet at Holding Funeral Home at 12:30 p.m. to travel in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ian Gamble, Lucas Gamble, Shane Linebaugh, Shawn Bowman, Derek Bowman, and Brad Bowman.

An online registry is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 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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Funeral Service

SEP 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

SEP 8. 1:00 PM.

Bowman Family Cemetery

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Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Nellie Ruth Hensley*



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - September 12, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ *Elizabeth Bowman lit a candle in memory of Nellie Ruth Hensley*



Elizabeth Bowman - September 09, 2025 at 08:56 AM



I am so sorry for this families loss. I will be praying for all of you.

Elizabeth Bowman - September 09, 2025 at 08:58 AM

DA

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of your mom Marsha. Always enjoyed talking to her when I seen her. Prayers for you and your family.*



David Aistrop - September 06, 2025 at 12:33 AM

HR

“ *Hope Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Nellie Ruth Hensley*



Hope Reynolds - September 04, 2025 at 03:58 PM

JR

“ Jessica Rogers lit a candle in memory of Nellie Ruth Hensley



Jessica Rogers - September 03, 2025 at 10:44 PM

JR

Prayers for all Savannah and family and Kayla and friends

Jessica Rogers - September 03, 2025 at 10:48 PM

MB

“ Gonna miss you Ruby you were always like a second mom to me ❤️ I will cherish all the memories we had together 🥺 prayers for the family and friends R.I.P we love you ❤️



Melinda Bowman - September 03, 2025 at 09:52 PM

LB

“ Lisa Bernard lit a candle in memory of Nellie Ruth Hensley



Lisa Bernard - September 03, 2025 at 09:12 PM

WW

“ WENDY J WALDRON lit a candle in memory of Nellie Ruth Hensley



WENDY J WALDRON - September 03, 2025 at 07:29 PM

DG

“ David Grubb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nellie Ruth Hensley.

David Grubb - September 03, 2025 at 06:09 PM

DG

“ *David Grubb purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Nellie Ruth Hensley.*



David Grubb - September 03, 2025 at 06:09 PM

BD

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family 🙏🙏 Savannah and Family love you I'm so sorry praying for Kayla and family as well 🙏🙏.*



Barb Deel - September 03, 2025 at 05:52 PM