



## Rita Marie Benfield

March 5, 1955 - April 5, 2026

Rita Marie Benfield (Castle), age 71, of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 5, 2026.

Born in Wise County, Virginia, Rita was the daughter of the late Charlie and Agnes Castle. She was one of five children and grew up surrounded by family.

Rita was married to the love of her life, Paul Stapleton Benfield, a devoted minister who served several local churches. She faithfully supported her husband, her faith, and her family throughout her life. Rita will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister, and aunt who cherished her family deeply.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Benfield, and her brothers, Charlie Castle, Delmar Castle, Ralph Castle, and Ron Castle.

She is survived by her son, Paul Edward Benfield, along with several nieces, nephews, and many close relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026, at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Family and friends are asked to meet at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. to travel in procession. The service will be officiated by pastor Rick Phillips.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

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

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Benfield family.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Graveside Services

APR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Benfield.*



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April 08 at 01:55 PM



“ *Ron, Debbie and MacKenzie purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Rita Marie Benfield.*



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**Ron, Debbie and MacKenzie** - April 08 at 10:15 AM