



Mrs. Sarah "Nell" Blanton

August 31, 1919 - March 14, 2016

Big Stone Gap, VA

Sarah Lane "Nell" Blanton, born Aug. 31, 1919, age 96, made her heavenly flight on March 14, 2016, surrounded by her devoted children.

She lived in Big Stone Gap her entire life. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother of the Blanton clan, which she proudly reminded every one "that she started it all." Sarah was a lifelong member of the Cadet Heritage Church of God. She loved serving the Lord and getting dressed up for church.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Reverend Roy and Lena Lane; her lifelong love and husband of 68 years, Clint Blanton; son, Lee Roy Blanton; grandson, James Edward "Rizz" Davidson and Eric Blanton; brothers, Eugene Lane, Paul Lane, and Freelin Lane; sister, Eunice Pitman; and sons-in-law, James Davidson and Joe Mack Pilkenton.

She will be forever missed by her devoted children and family. Surviving are sons, Johnny Blanton and wife, Linda, and Dennis Blanton and wife, Marlene; daughters, Lois Davidson and Janice Pilkenton; daughter-in-law, Barbara Kedzierski Blanton; grandchildren, Mark Blanton, Kevin Blanton, Clint Blanton, Michael Blanton, Lisa Saggese, Brian Blanton, Brandon Blanton, Sarah

Pilkenton, Delya Branham, and Candice Davidson; great grandchildren, Mandy Blanton, Carissa Blanton, Mackenzie Blanton, Molly Blanton, Abigail Blanton, Nate Blanton, Brennan Blanton, Gabby Blanton, Allie Blanton, Evan Blanton, Madison Blanton, Eli Blanton, Tucker Blanton, Joe Branham and Jenna Branham; brothers, Charlie Lane and Earl Lane; sisters, Ruby Owens and June Messer. She also leaves behind a host of loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Momma, you saw the light-fly, fly, fly high and don't look back. Thank you for the love we will miss you forever. Godspeed with daddy, until we also see the light.

Special thanks to the Rev. Ronnie Mutter and the staff of Heritage Hall.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Ronnie Mutter officiating.

Graveside committal services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Family and friends are asked to meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. on Thursday to go in procession to the cemetery.

Please, no flowers, give donations to the Heritage Church of God, 755 Wood Avenue, E., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, or to the charity of one's choice, in her memory.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Blanton family.

Cemetery Details

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 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
1-276-523-1470
holdingfuneralhome@comcast.net
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Service

MAR 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Procession

MAR 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Sarah "Nell" Blanton*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *I will never forget Nell and I will miss knowing that she has left us for a better place. She was our neighbor and our friend all during our growing up lives. She was so kind and gentle and I always loved her as a person. I always felt close to her, Mr. Blanton, and all of her children. I felt a loss because my sister Shirley and I could not be in Big Stone*

Gap for her service to say goodbye, but she would have understood, because my sister was so sick. I pray for peace in her children's life in the following days to come.

Emma Johnson

Emma Johnson - March 19, 2016 at 08:16 AM



“ *Earth's loss is heaven's gain. Take comfort that Sarah is now in heaven walking & talking with Jesus. she traded her old worn out body for a new body. God bless the family*



lisa johnson - March 16, 2016 at 05:00 PM

PE

“ *Heavens gained another angel. Great person have worked with her at the sewing factory.*



peggy - March 16, 2016 at 12:13 PM

BL

“ *Dennis & Marlene and family,*

Very sorry about your Mother and mother-in-law.. Sending prayers and condolences.

Abbie and Donnie Blair



Blairs - March 16, 2016 at 11:55 AM

WA

“ *So sorry to hear about the loss...Johnny we Love you and Linda and wish you all the best.*

God Bless you all

Wally, Crystal, Eli, Trey Painter



WallyPainter - March 16, 2016 at 10:51 AM

NY

“ Sarah will be missed it was my Pleasure to care for her when I did..Those We love Don't Go Away , They walk beside Us Everyday.. Still Loved Still missed My heart is with Your Family during this difficult moment My Deepest Sympathy



Nancy Young - March 16, 2016 at 12:17 AM

JB

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR ALL BLANTON FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. MAY GOD COMFORT ALL IN THE DAYS AHEAD. MY SYMPATHY.

Julia Brockwell - March 16, 2016 at 08:41 AM

GW

“ My prayers are with the Blanton family. The loss of a mother leaves very difficult times but I believe she rests in peace knowing God and having raised such fine children. I believe I went to high school with all of you and Mrs. Blanton must have been very proud of you.



Georgann Wampler - March 15, 2016 at 10:58 PM

TS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Carissa. Praying for comfort for you, & your family in this sorrowful time.



Tiffany Stidham - March 15, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sarah "Nell" Blanton.*



March 15, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ *Jimmy And Sheila Qualls lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah "Nell" Blanton*



Jimmy and Sheila Qualls - March 15, 2016 at 07:19 PM



“ *Elaine Burton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah "Nell" Blanton*



Elaine Burton - March 15, 2016 at 03:33 PM



It would have been an honor to share in Mrs. Blanton's home going celebration but we did not lear of her passing until it was all over. We worshiped our Lord together with Mr. & Mrs. Blanton for many years. And out of respect always referred to them as: "AS THE SALT OF THE EARTH."

Margie & Curly Lyke

Margie & Curly Lyke - March 20, 2016 at 12:49 PM