



## Sylvia Joyce Clay Pettry

July 12, 1946 - January 31, 2021

Big Stone Gap, Virginia,

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Isaiah 40:31.

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Sylvia was born in Huntington, WV., the daughter of the late Troy Wilson Clay & Lois Kathleen McGinnis Clay. She was married to her sweetheart, Bob, of 49 ½ years. She graduated from Marshall University with a degree in Education. The family moved to Wise County in 1981, where she was employed by the Wise County School Board until her retirement. Sylvia was very active in the Church, she took great pride in being a productive member of East Stone Gap United Methodist Church. Her active roles within the ministries of the church involved, teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and coordinating the hospitality committee.

Sylvia was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and wife. She devoted her life to others, caring for children and her family. She loved to prepare meals for them, she would show her love to others by preparing wonderful food for them to enjoy. Her Godly character will shine through her family for generations to come. She will be sorely missed by her family, grandchildren, and church

family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one granddaughter, Brylee Pettry, sister-in-laws, Pat Clay, and Terry Clay, brother-in-law Jim Pettry.

Surviving are her husband, Robert "Bob" Pettry of the home; children, Cynthia Johnson of Ukiah, CA, Leslie & husband Brian of Daniels WV., Deidre & husband Tom Pendleton of Gate City, VA., John Pettry & wife Beth of Atlanta, GA., Jada Oakes & husband Joe of Dunbar, VA., Samantha Pettry of Salisbury, N.C., Robbie Pettry & wife Hayley of Big Stone Gap, VA., her grandchildren; Blake Craft, Scott & wife Hannah Harmon, Aaron Harmon, Brianna Harmon, Will Harmon, Jillian Hood, Madison Hood, Shelby Pettry, Hank Pettry, Annabelle Oakes, Hudson Oakes, Levi Pettry, and Elliana Pettry. Great-grandchild, Nehemiah Harmon, her siblings; Dallas Clay and Bill Clay & wife Clara, both of Hurricane WV., Joe Clay of Weston, WV., Ronnie Clay & wife Shelley of Milton, WV., sister-in-laws Frances Dee Clark of Elkins, WV., Nancy Wilson of Danville, VA., her church family at East Stone Gap United Methodist Church, other close relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at East Stone Gap United Methodist Church, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. for the visitation. The funeral service will be conducted following with Pastor Brad Stapleton, and Rev. Dr. Brian Harmon officiating. Burial will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be: Aaron Harmon, Will Harmon, Robbie Pettry, Tom Pendleton, Joe Oakes, John Pettry. Honorary Pallbearers, Hudson Oakes, Hank Pettry, & Levi Pettry.

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

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/S8MFXLFYG2SZ58FT>

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest registry, or leave the family a condolence at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Sylvia Pettry.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

East Stone Gap United Methodist Church  
3926 East Stone Gap Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

## Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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3926 East Stone Gap Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

## Graveside Service

FEB 4. 3:30 PM (ET)

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Sylvia Joyce Clay Pettry*



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**Holding Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 03, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Sylvia Joyce Clay Pettry*

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October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia Joyce Clay Pettry.*



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February 06, 2021 at 02:21 AM



“ *Dallas Clay purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Joyce Clay Pettry.*



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**Dallas Clay** - February 03, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ Jada -

*I'm so sorry about your mom. You must be just like her - a firecracker! Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Jane Jones*



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**Jane A. Jones** - February 03, 2021 at 04:10 PM



*From the bottom of our hearts we send you our condolences to the whole family. I keep you in my prayers and in our hearts and minds.*

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**Charissa Sturgill Collier** - February 03, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sylvia Joyce Clay Pettry.*



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February 03, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sylvia Joyce Clay Pettry.*



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February 03, 2021 at 08:45 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia Joyce Clay Pettry.



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February 02, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ Lois Garrison lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Joyce Clay Pettry



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lois garrison - February 02, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ I am so very sorry for loos. Leslie, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Leslie you are such a sting person and you will get through this.



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Ginny Pultz - February 01, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ Susie Fig lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Joyce Clay Pettry



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Susie Fig - February 01, 2021 at 11:02 PM

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“ *Deborah lit a candle in memory of Sylvia  
Joyce Clay Pettry*



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**Deborah** - February 01, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear this.*

*Sylvia was a fine lady.*



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**Janet Wilson** - February 01, 2021 at 05:21 PM