



## Mrs. Thelma Charlene Rivers

August 9, 1926 - November 7, 2014

Derby, VA

Charlene Rivers, 88, went to be with the Lord on Friday (Nov. 7, 2014) at Heritage Hall Healthcare in Big Stone Gap, VA.

She was born in Lee County, VA and lived most of her life in Derby. She was a retired Telephone Operator with the C & P Telephone Co., with over 28 years of service. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. She was a Christian.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Florence (Moore) Stapleton; her father, H. F. Stapleton; two sisters, Evelyn Wells and Ruby Martin; and brothers, Willard Moore, Walter Moore, Elmer "Smokey" Stapleton, James Stapleton and Hershel Stapleton.

Surviving are her son, Walter Rivers and wife, Teresa of Big Stone Gap, VA; two granddaughters, Jessica Bellomo and husband, Mark of Kingston, NY, and Alyssa Murray and husband, Tim of St. Peters, MO; two great grandchildren, Samuel and Clare Murray; one brother, Brownie Stapleton of Kingsport, TN; and several half-brothers, half-sisters, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Monday at Holding

Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N) in Big Stone Gap, VA.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Garrett Lee officiating.

Burial will follow in the Cecil-Fry Cemetery in Pennington Gap, VA.

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

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Rivers' family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cecil-Fry Cemetery

Pennington Gap, VA 24277

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
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## Service

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Interment

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NOV **10** (ET)

Cecil-Fry Cemetery  
Pennington Gap, VA 24277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Thelma Charlene Rivers*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Dear Walter,*

*So sad to hear about your mother. May you find comfort among your family and friends during this difficult time.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Bonnie Stapleton Nettles*

**bonnie nettles** - November 12, 2014 at 09:42 PM



“ *Tres Stapleton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Thelma Charlene Rivers*



**Tres Stapleton** - November 10, 2014 at 06:28 PM



“ *Walter & Teresa  
Jessica & Alyssia  
Family & Friends  
God bless you & comfort you.  
Thoughts & prayers.  
Love Treshia Stapleton...*

**Tres Stapleton** - November 10, 2014 at 06:25 PM

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“ *Walt and Teresa and family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. May you feel the comfort of God's arms around you this day and for the days to come.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Donna Lawson*

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**Donna Lawson** - November 10, 2014 at 10:27 AM