



Verna Nagel

February 5, 1942 - February 7, 2012

Big Stone Gap VA

Verna Nagel, 70, of the Seminary community, passed into her saviors arms after an extended illness on Tuesday (Feb. 7, 2012) at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville TN.

Verna was born in Barbourville, KY on Feb. 5 1942, the daughter of Chester and Illie Vaughn Frost. Verna was of the Presbyterian faith. She was one of the matriarchs of the Big Stone Gap Presbyterian Church, where she was instrumental in home and hospital ministry. She was a avid volunteer with the Wise County Food Bank and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in KY.

Verna worked for 16 years as a coil insulator for the McGraw Edison company in Harlan, KY, she was also employed for Don Kenney as a seamstress for 3 years in Dryden VA. Verna had a deep love for her family, traveling, and riding motorcycles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chester and Illie Frost; sister, Ora Cecil Lugo, and stepson, William W. Nagel III.

She is survived by her loving husband of 27 years, Bill Nagel; daughter, Vickie Lynn Smith, son, Harold William Smith and wife Dorothy, all of Maryville TN, son, Noble Dwight Smith III of Dryden VA; two sisters, Sarah J. Farmer of Harlan KY, and Christine Blair and husband Bobby of Mount Washington, KY; three grandchildren, Charrissa Leigh Smith of Enid OK, Christopher Brian Smith of Knoxville Tn, and V. Elizabeth Smith of Pennington Gap VA; three great grandchildren, Christian Branae Smith, Kaleb Crawford Birch, and Lillie Ann Dakota Smith; and a host of nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by all.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 10th from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral Service will be conducted at the Big Stone Gap Presbyterian Church (302 Clinton Ave, E.) on Saturday, February 11th at 1:00 p.m with the Rev. Tony Palubicki officiating.

Interment will follow at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Christopher Smith ,Timothy Farmer and friends.

Donations may be made to the Wise County Food Bank, 206 E. 1st St., N, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219.

To view the online obituary or sign the guest registry please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home Big Stone Gap is honored to serve the Nagel Family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Verna Nagel*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM

BN

“ *The two best things of my life have been ripped from my heart but I know they are with my Lord and will be waiting for me some glorious day.*

Bill Nagel - December 10, 2013 at 08:12 AM

AP

“ *Bill and Family, I wanted you to know how much I loved Verna, we had so much fun Painting the church classrooms and ending up with more paint on us than the walls. I have so many Wonderful memories of her and will always caring them in my heart. I love you Bill and Elizabeth and all the rest of Verna.s wonderful family.*

Anne Palubicki - December 10, 2013 at 08:12 AM

MP

“ *I was so saddened to hear about Verna's passing. She was truly one of the most wonderful ladies I have ever known. I will always remember how good she was to me all through my childhood and even in my later years. I am so sorry for the loss to the family. Women like Verna are absolutely few and far between. May God be there to help everyone cope with this grief. This was a great loss to all who knew her. My heart goes out to you and yours. Goodbye, Verna... and thanks for being such a wonderful person.*

Mark Perkins

Mark Perkins - December 10, 2013 at 08:12 AM

JC

“ *My heart is so saddened for your loss. I have known Vern since I was very young and spent many a night at her house sleeping over with her sister(Tine) we had such wonderful times. Vern fought a hard fight but now we know she is at peace with out Lord. My prayers are with all of the family at this time. I love you Tine.*

Jenny Garret Cox - December 10, 2013 at 08:12 AM

MB

“ We met Verna and Bill through the BSG Presbyterian Church. Verna and Bill were ideal church members and God's loyal representatives. Whenever anything needed to be done, and done well, in the church, Bill and Verna could be counted on to do it. Verna gave of her time and skill to help others. She did it quietly, respectfully, and she did it faithfully. Verna was very genuine and loving wife, mother, and friend. We will miss her dearly.

Our love to Bill, Elizabeth, and all her family.

Love, Marilyn and Gary

Marilyn and Gary Bumgarner - December 10, 2013 at 08:12 AM

GB

“ Dear Bill, We will all be feeling this loss, but you most of all. When I think of how selflessly Verna shared her time and talents with the church and with Phyllis and Sara Collier and the Food Bank, I can't help feeling her wonderful example as a candle lighting the way for the rest of us. Most of all we will miss her smile and her laughter and her very big heart.

Grace Bradshaw - December 10, 2013 at 08:12 AM

PC

“ Bill I am so sorry for your loss. I will be remembering you in prayer during this difficult time.

Philip Cox - December 10, 2013 at 08:12 AM

JB

“ This is so sad - Wendy and I have you in our prayers, Bill

Jack Beck - December 10, 2013 at 08:12 AM

JD

“ Dear Bill,

We were saddened to learn of Verna's passing. Please know you are in our hearts and prayers.

Thinking of you at this difficult time,

Jim and Anne Daugherty

Jim Daugherty - December 10, 2013 at 08:12 AM

SC

“ *Missed but not forgotten.*

Shirley Childs - December 10, 2013 at 08:12 AM