

## Vada Ratliff Charles

May 17, 1937 - March 2, 2019

Vada Lester Ratliff Charles, age 81 of North Tazewell, VA died Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Johnson City Medical Center in Johnson City, TN surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was born May 17, 1937 at McDowell Co., WV and was a daughter of the late Cloyd Lester and Chloe Dales Lester Blankenship. Mrs. Charles loved spoiling her grandchildren, who were proud to call her mom-maw. She really enjoyed sharing stories of her life and childhood and spending time with her caregiver and special "Angel" Shari McGuire. She was a loving lady who would give the food off her table or from her cupboards to help someone who was in need. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her step-father, Boyd Blankenship; husband, Allen Ratliff; daughter, Die-alma "Patty" Duty; sister, Hazel Brown. Those who survive to cherish her memories include four grandchildren, Heather Smith and fiancé, Carl "Scooby" Davis of Tazewell, VA, Robert Fowlkes and wife, Sarah of Grundy, VA, Angie McGuire, who was also her caregiver, and husband, Mark of North Tazewell, VA and Jeff Duty of Amonate, VA; four great-grandchildren, Charisma "Doodle Bug" Smith, Janesa Harris, Brooklyn Fowlkes and Kailee Smith; two sisters, Denver Bowles of North Carolina and Sadie Stiltner of Virginia; four brothers, Olen Lester of West Virginia, Posey Lester and Howard Lester, both of Virginia and Hershel Lester of Paynesville, WV; several nieces; nephews; other family members and friends also survive. Funeral Services for Mrs. Charles will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA with Lisa Haywood officiating. Burial will follow at the Mountain Valley Memorial Park in Big Rock, VA. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Carl "Scooby" Davis, Frankie Hicks and Darrell Hicks.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 12:00 p.m. (noon) Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell, VA is serving the family of Mrs. Charles and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at <http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>.

# Cemetery

## Mountain Valley Cemetery

Big Rock., VA,

# Events

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Visitation

12:00PM - 01:00PM

Hurst- Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell

870 Main Street, Tazewell, VA, US, 24651

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Funeral Service

01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vada Ratliff Charles.



March 19, 2019 at 01:15 PM

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“ She was a sweet caring lady. Sorry for the loss of a beautiful soul may God carry the family through this rocky ordeal.



**Amanda Rutherford** - March 08, 2019 at 05:35 PM

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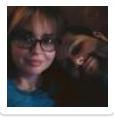


“ So sorry Robert for your loss. May God give you strength and comfort.



**Debbie motley** - March 07, 2019 at 09:26 PM

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“ I didn't know my great Aunt Vada very well but I do know she was the most kindest person you would had ever known. My heart goes out to the rest of my family and all my great Aunts and great Uncles.



**Sarea Lester** - March 05, 2019 at 09:34 PM

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“ I remember as a teenager, I loved to go to Aunt Vada's house and eat dinner. If she didn't already have something cooked, it didn't take her long to have something ready. I also remember how she loved children, especially her grandchildren. She will truly be missed by all that knew her.

**~North~** - March 05, 2019 at 04:58 PM

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“ Donald Meade lit a candle in memory of Vada Ratliff Charles



**Donald Meade** - March 05, 2019 at 11:49 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vada Ratliff Charles.



March 04, 2019 at 05:42 PM

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“ Sweetest lady I ever had the honour of taking care .. She surely was an angel on earth and will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her .. Prayers for you all peace and comfort in the days ahead ...

**Amy Owens** - March 04, 2019 at 01:59 PM

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“ Just last Oct 2018 Vada helped me learn how to put my hair in a bun style just like my grandmother did....i practiced. Every day though out the day many times..

**Maxine Larry Collins** - March 04, 2019 at 08:56 AM

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“ Maxine C. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Vada Ratliff Charles.



**Maxine C.** - March 04, 2019 at 07:34 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless and comfort you in the days ahead.



**Marnell Wolfe** - March 04, 2019 at 07:17 AM