



Catherine Warner

November 26, 1916 - October 31, 2004

Mrs. Catherine G. Warner, age 87, of 1901 N. Fifth St. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania formerly of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, died Sunday, October 31st, 2004 at her residence. She was born in Pounding Mill, Virginia and was a daughter of the late John B. and Uva Steele Gillespie, both Tazewell County natives. Catherine taught first grade for many years. She was a graduate of Richlands High School, received an associate's degree from Farmville State Teacher's College and began her career more than 65 years ago in a two-room school in Steelesburg. More than three decades later, she completed a bachelor's degree at Radford College. She was a lifelong member of Cedar Bluff Presbyterian Church and was the first woman to serve the church as an elder. Catherine married William Scott Warner when he returned from serving in World War II and they made their home in Cedar Bluff. She kept voluminous journals and was an avid gardener and cook. Her lemon lilies and her potato yeast rolls are legend in her family. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Jane Gordanier. Survivors include: Three Daughters: Mrs. Mary Catherine Warner and husband, Steve MacDonald of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Mrs. Wilma Susan Daniels and husband, Dean of Blackstone, Virginia Mrs. Uva Steele Stanley and husband, John of Orange, Virginia One Sister, Uva Frey of Berryville, Virginia Five Grandchildren: Amy Wilson, Charlie Wilson, John MacDonald, Will Stanley, and Joe Stanley. Two Great Grandchildren also survive. Funeral services for Mrs. Catherine G. Warner will be conducted Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the

Cedar Bluff Presbyterian Church in Cedar Bluff, Virginia with Rev. Eddie Nash officiating. Interment will follow in the Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery in Richlands. Pallbearers will be: Steve MacDonald, John Stanley, John MacDonald, Charlie Wilson, Will Stanley, and Joe Stanley. Dean Daniels and Sheldon E. Frey will serve as honorary pallbearers. Friends may call at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands P. O. Box 545, Route 21 South, Wytheville, Virginia 24382.

Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Warner*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Catherine Warner*

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DK

“ I am so glad I was able to know Catherine and to meet her family. I remember her 85th birthday when you all came to The Woods with a big cake and a great gift of a bird feeder for right outside her window. Neat idea.

I was not surprised to read what a grand woman she was because I could see that, indeed, she was. She still was so kind, so poised...such a gracious gentlewoman.

My Mother is Phyllis Gay (born in 1917), who has had Alzheimer's for five years and now lives at Cedar Haven, Lebanon County. I am glad that she and Catherine crossed paths at The Woods.

I was glad to learn to know you, Mary, and to run into you again at Beth Israel Synagogue in Lebanon. As a graduate of LVC, I hope to run into to you again at LVC events. In fact, I plan to be at the Lebanon Country Club on Thursday, November 18 for the program on New Zealand.

My sympathy is with all of you, and I wish you comfort in this time of grief.

Shalom,

Donna Kaplan

Donna Gay Grun Kaplan - October 31, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ For many years, Catherine and Scott were members of the Southwest Virginia Chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War which met in Lebanon, VA. They were a wonderful couple and were missed terribly when Scott died and Catherine moved to Pennsylvania. They were a gentle and gentile couple and were highly regarded by all our members.

As secretary of our Chapter, I wish to extend the sincere sympathy to the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren on behalf of all the members of the Southwest Virginia Chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War.

Mona Owens Austin - October 31, 2004 at 12:00 AM

“*"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it." Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

"The greatest of these is love." II Corinthians 13.

Catherine Warner's life was full of doing things with love. And my life is one affected by her doing these things. Mrs. Warner was my Sunday School teacher at Cedar Bluff Presbyterian Church. I remember sitting in a circle with my other classmates listening to the Bible stories that shaped my life and helped lead me to salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. I remember her teaching us the song, "Oh, who can make a flower, I'm sure I can't, can you? " I remember going to her house for get-togethers. I loved their pool table! (The closest that I came to playing pool was rolling the balls in the corner pockets.) I remember that she loved to sing the hymn, "The Garden." I remember the book that she gave me for my high school graduation with words of encouragement and guidance from the book of Psalms.

Her husband, Mr. Warner, taught me to love my country. I once interviewed him for paper that I had to write in high school. He told me all about the horrors of the Bataan Death March. Hearing him speak helped a sixteen year old kid realize the price of freedom was not free. It is a lesson that I'll never forget it.

When I think about it, the Warners were right there with me throughout my life. They have left a legacy, not only with their children and grandchildren, but with me as well. Mrs. Warner's love of children and teaching have also impacted my career choice: I'm an elementary school guidance counselor.

Mrs. Warner has finally met the One who makes the flowers. She is walking with Him right now through that beautiful garden that she loved to sing about.

May God bless and comfort her family. I love you all.

Donna Williams Lyons

Donna Williams Lyons - October 31, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *What a wonderful woman she was. I will always remember her and the way she made you feel special. I cannot remember a time when I saw her out in town or at the post office that I didn't get a hug, a big hello and how are you and your family. I guess when someone moves away and you don't see them for a long while, it's easy to not think of them regularly, but when they do cross your mind it's nice to have wonderful thoughts of how they have been in your life. I will always have those wonderful thoughts.*

*Love and prayers,
Jennifer Goodwin Bandy*

Jennifer Goodwin Bandy - October 31, 2004 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *My deepest sympathy to Uva Warner Stanley and the rest of the Warner family. I am a cousin of the Warners (through the Steeles) who got to know Uva during the time that she and I both lived in Charlottesville.*

William Munsey - October 31, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I usually check online weekly the obits in the Richlands newspaper, being that is my home area. I was very sorry to see this week of the death of Mrs. Warner. She was a fine lady and person, and I remember her with great fondness - her coming by Cedar Bluff School (where my mom taught and where I went to school) and of visiting in her home a few times many years ago. (And of course, we all remember Warner's Foods that your father had in Cedar Bluff). Though Catherine and Susan probably would not remember me, they were in school around the time two of my sisters were (Cosby Steele and Rebecca Steele). Uva and I were classmates and went through Cedar Bluff Elem. and Richlands High, having many classes together.

My sincere sympathy is expressed to the family at this time of loss. Speaking from experience, one will always miss their parents, but one is eternally thankful for the sacrifices they made for us during our "growing up" days and the knowledge and wisdom they passed on to us. I trust that the grandchildren will have wonderful memories to treasure throughout their life of a grandmother who was truly a wonderful person.

If the service had been on Friday, I would have made a quick trip to Cedar Bluff for it. However, on Thursday, I have too many things going on to get away.

My condolences again to the family, and I also send special regards to Uva.

May God continue to grant you strength and peace.

Sincerely,

Charlie Steele

Charlie Steele - October 31, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Our deepest and sincere sympathy in the loss of your mother. She was a very special lady. Our prayers are that GOD will comfort and bless each of you.*
Jerry and Pat Warner

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