



Clara M. Rife

December 14, 1929 - August 9, 2020

Clara M. Rife, age 90, of the Steelesburg section of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, passed away Sunday, August 9, 2020.

She was born in Russell County and was the daughter of the late Johnny and Maudie Ray Sword.

Clara was a lifelong resident of the area and was a former Emergency Room Nurse at the Clinch Valley Clinic Hospital in Richlands, Virginia for over 30 years. She was also a founding member of the Clifffield Church of Christ. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Mack Rife; one sister, and three brothers.

Survivors are:

Daughter: Shirley Rife Buchanan of Tazewell, Virginia

Son: Tom W. Rife of Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Sister: Ruth Rhea of Mansfield, Ohio

Two grandchildren also survive.

Private graveside services for close friends and her church family will be

conducted Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 1pm at the Ketron Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Lebanon, Virginia with the Elder Keith Matney officiating. Interment will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Clifffield Church of Christ, P.O. Box 738, Pounding Mill, Virginia 24637. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Ketron Memorial Gardens

Main Street
Lebanon, VA 24266

Tribute Wall



“ *Clara M. Rife*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Clara M. Rife*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Clara, was a great nurse at Clinch Valley. I enjoyed working with her! Patricia Smith Altizer*



Pat Altizer - August 27, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Aunt Shirley, Tracey and Tom
Our thoughts and prayers are with you
always.
Dana and Reuben*



Dana Pritchard - August 12, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Clara M. Rife*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - August 12, 2020 at 08:38 AM

HC

“ *Tom, Shirley and the family of Mrs. Clara Rife, Our thoughts and Prayers are with you in the passing of your loved one. May God grant you peace and comfort in your bereavement! God Bless you! David Ascue, Jerry Vencill, Helen Vencill Custalow*

Helen Vencill Custalow - August 11, 2020 at 09:51 PM

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Helen Vencill Custalow - August 11, 2020 at 09:51 PM

SL

“ *Tom and family, So sorry for the loss of your mother. Shirley Lawson*

shirley lawson - August 11, 2020 at 06:23 PM

SM

“ So sad to hear of Ms Clara’s passing. She was always a kind caring person. RIP



Sandra Dean Magee - August 11, 2020 at 05:47 PM

SR

“ Sylvia Rose lit a candle in memory of Clara M. Rife



Sylvia Rose - August 11, 2020 at 03:32 PM

SS

“ I am saddened to hear of Clara’s passing. My mother (Margie B. Smith) spoke highly of her as a nurse at the clinic! May your memories sustain and God keep you in his healing embrace.

Sandra Scull

Sandra Scull - August 11, 2020 at 01:48 PM

BL

“ Tom, Henry and I are sorry to learn of your mother's passing. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.



Brenda Lawson - August 11, 2020 at 01:04 PM

FV

“ Clara was an encouragement to her Church family in various ways. A beautiful lady with a warm friendly smile, she will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered.



Near the end of the last chapter of a book Clara authored, "A Struggle for Life in the Mountains", she shares, "I've had my cup of joy, and my share of sorrow and pain. I've delighted in the sweet smell of a rose, I've heard the birds sing their cheerful songs, and watched the butterflies flutter from flower to flower." She ends the book with "I suppose my journey that once appeared to be long is ending, and home is where I am going when the last sparkle of the day has disappeared."

May we all take comfort in Clara's faith and hope of an eternal home with God.

Frances & Pete Vance - August 11, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DN

“ David Nelson lit a candle in memory of Clara M. Rife



David Nelson - August 11, 2020 at 11:24 AM

GT

“ Clara was such a dear person, wonderful nurse. I worked with her for many years. She was a special lady.....
deepest sympathy for her family.



gail tatum - August 11, 2020 at 06:55 AM

DH

“ Shirley and Tommy I am so sorry about your Mom’s passing . Sending you both a big hug and much love. Your Mom was always the sweetest person. I dearly loved her.



Debbie Hunsakee - August 11, 2020 at 06:02 AM

FM

“ My memories of Clara was the way she came to work. She always wore white and her Nurse’s hat. She was the picture of a true nurse. We worked alot together. She was a sweet lady.

Frances Meadows - August 10, 2020 at 11:35 PM

FM

“ Frances Meadows lit a candle in memory of Clara M. Rife



Frances Meadows - August 10, 2020 at 11:32 PM

SR

“ For the family of Clara Mae, I am so sorry for your loss. She has been one of the best Friends I have ever had. I know she is in a better place tonight and has joined with Mack Which will make them both happy. Prayers for each of you.

Sylvia Rose - August 10, 2020 at 10:37 PM

BN

“ *Bill & Vicki Nuckels lit a candle in memory of Clara M. Rife*



Bill & Vicki Nuckels - August 10, 2020 at 09:40 PM

VA

“ *I'm so saddened hearing of my aunt Clara maes passing....i have so many fond memories of going to her house for all those wonderful Christmas parties she had...she was a sweet soul*

Virginia peck armstrong - August 10, 2020 at 07:46 PM

DC

“ *Darell and I are truly saddened by Clara Mae's passing. We loved both she and Mack and will always remember them with great warmth and fondness. Love and prayers. We're out of town this week but will be with you in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. May God comfort and keep you in this great loss.*

Darell and Dwana Cantrell - August 10, 2020 at 06:34 PM

SH

“ *Tom and family, Jill and I will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sanders Henderson - August 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM

JH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! It was wonderful to work with Clara - such a wonderful nurse and a very special friend!!*

Jeanne Horne - August 10, 2020 at 04:53 PM

SC

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of this beautiful lady. Clara was beautiful both on the inside as well as the outside. She was a mentor and friend as we worked together as nurses. I will always remember her and all of the times we found humor in our many working hours in the ER.

Sandra Culler - August 10, 2020 at 03:02 PM

AM

“ Shirley and Tommy, I send my sincerest condolences in the passing of your sweet beautiful gentle Mom.

Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - August 10, 2020 at 02:03 PM

AM

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Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - August 10, 2020 at 02:00 PM

DB

“ David Beavers lit a candle in memory of Clara M. Rife



David Beavers - August 10, 2020 at 01:45 PM

LM

“ *Our family will miss Clara Mae being at our family and Church get together. She will always be a part of our family. We will all miss her and Pray for her family. May God grant her rest. Love and Prayers Keith Matney Family*

Linda Matney - August 10, 2020 at 12:28 PM