



Emily Lee Brown

September 2, 1926 - March 15, 2026

Emily Lee Byrd Brown was born on September 2, 1926, age 99 years, 6 months and 13 days, made her crossing to heaven's shore to be with loved ones gone on before, and to wait for those of us yet to make the crossing. Departing this life on Sunday, March 15, 2026,

Emily was the daughter of the late W.C. Will Byrd and Rosa Whitt Byrd, both former natives of Russell County. Emily worked in many places, retiring from Ingersoll Rand in 1993. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She was one of the best cooks around and loved cooking family dinners and inviting friends to share. She loved having her family at home and was always glad to see them come and visit. She always welcomed anyone who came and made sure they felt at home and had plenty to eat. Emily grew a garden and canned food every year until she was 94; even then, she helped to can what came out of the garden. This is what she loved doing and was very good at it. Emily had a strong belief in God and was of the Holiness faith

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Claude Brown; six sisters, Mary Hall, Grace Miller, Maude Witten, Ora Byrd, Thelma Boyd, and Delora Richardson. Five brothers, Harve Byrd, Robert Byrd, Herbert Byrd, Clarence Byrd, and Floyd Curits Byrd; a special niece who was a sister, Dorothy "Doris" Whited, and a son-in-law, Jimmy

Salyers.

She is the last surviving member of her immediate family.

She is survived by:

Five Special Daughters:

Linda Salyers of Christiansburg, VA

Phyllis Hall and her husband, Ronnie of Swords Creek, VA

Judy Gross and her husband, Gary, of Pounding Mill, VA

Gaynell Richardson of Pounding Mill, VA

Janice Brown of the home

A special son, Charlie Brown, and his wife, Missy of Richlands, VA

Eleven Precious Grandchildren, Tracy and her husband Keith Vinson, Mona and her husband, Billy Dowdy, Valerie and her husband, Roy Burton, Kevin and his wife, Jennifer Salyers, Lori and her husband, John Thornsberry, Britta and her husband, Mackenzie Herald, Eric and his wife, Rebecca Richardson, Chastidy and her husband, Brandon Estep, Charlotte and her husband, Cody Lester, Jenny-Marie Gross and Angel Brown.

Fourteen precious great-grandchildren, Hilary and her husband, Tim Thompson, Rachael and her husband, Robert Carter, Adam Dowdy, Hannah and her husband, Nunzio Gallo, Nathan and his wife, Jessica Bruton, Emily Salyers and her fiancé Joey Ballard, Sydney Salyers, Issac Thornsberry, Sky-Lynn and Zavian Estep, Pierce and Aftyn Richardson, Ellie and Eli Herald.

Eleven Precious great-great-grandchildren, Hayden, Drew, and Gabe Thompson, Silas and Shepard Carter, Roman and Viviana Gallo, Jaxon and Weston Burton, Ashlyn and Aurora Dowdy.

One great niece, who was her baby girl and loved with all her heart, Loretta Hall.

In Lieu of flowers, Emily requested that donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN.

A funeral service for Emily Lee Brown will be conducted at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia, with the Rev. Bruce Mitchell and Rev. Roger Boyd officiating. Interment will be at Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be Eric Richardson, Kevin Salyers, Danny Byrd, Roy Burton, Mackenzie Herald, Terry Byrd, Smiley Wicks, and Alfred Wicks. Howard Byrd will serve as an Honorary Pallbearer. The family will receive friends from 6-9 pm on Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Janice, I am so sorry to hear about your
momma. I have had you on my mind.* ”



Brian Wright - March 21 at 06:39 PM

JA

Thank you so much Brian.

Janice - April 09 at 10:18 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of
Emily Lee Brown* ”



TonyanEdgar Wicks - March 18 at 07:12 PM

SR

“ *Sheri Rasnake lit a candle in memory of Emily
Brown* ”



Sheri Rasnake - March 18 at 12:29 PM

ES

“ Prayers for the Brown family.



Ed and Jackie Smith - March 18 at 10:21 AM

CH

“ Christine horton lit a candle in memory of Emily Brown



Christine horton - March 17 at 05:57 PM

JG

“ Jean Gordon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emily Lee Brown.



Jean Gordon - March 17 at 02:38 PM

KM

“ Such a very sweet and wonderful person. A God fearing woman. Our prayers are with the family.

Kirby and Kimberly Miller - March 17 at 11:54 AM

RH

“ *ROBERT & SHIRLEY HARRISON lit a candle in memory of Emily Brown*



ROBERT & SHIRLEY HARRISON - March 17 at 09:38 AM

JR

“ *John and Wendy Reedy lit a candle in memory of Emily Brown*



John and Wendy Reedy - March 17 at 07:43 AM

CC

“ *Cathy Cordle lit a candle in memory of Emily Brown*



Cathy Cordle - March 17 at 02:48 AM

KA

“ *KathyMiller lit a candle in memory of Emily Brown*



KathyMiller - March 16 at 09:17 PM

MA

“ *Emily, was such a great person. She always talked to us when she seen us. Always told us to come eat at her house. Will love and miss her.* ”



Marie Altizer - March 16 at 08:20 PM

RS

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Regina Stinson - March 16 at 07:57 PM