



Emma Frances Blankenship

April 13, 1949 - December 22, 2025

Emma Frances Blankenship, age 76, of Richlands, VA, passed away on Monday, December 22, 2025, at Buchanan General Hospital in Grundy, VA.

Emma was born on April 13, 1949, in Tazewell County, VA, to the late John Cordle and Areen White Cordle. She was a homemaker and lifelong resident of the area. She was a friend to all and her family were her greatest joys in life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Richard Blankenship; daughter, Gladys Griffith; sisters, Molly Griffith, Patricia Ann Cordle, Wanda Lester, and Minnie Pearl Cordle; and brothers, Luther Cordle, Leonard Cordle, Buford Cordle, James Cordle, and Ivan Cordle.

Emma's memory will be carried on by her:

Daughters:

Barbara Miller of Richlands, VA

Tammy Mabe and husband, Keith of Richlands, VA

Son, John Griffith and wife, Michelle of Richlands, VA

Step-Son, Billy Richard Blankenship

Grandchildren:

Scotty Miller, Michael Miller, Amanda Sweeney, Danielle Miller and DJ Lankford, Adrienna Griffith, Austin Griffith, and Elizabeth Banegas

Great-Grandchildren:

Ashton Sweeney, Rylee Miller, Lance Key, Emma Key, Mia Miller, Eli Sweeney, Cohen Anders, and Kalany Banegas

Funeral services for Emma Frances Blankenship will be conducted Friday, December 26, 2025 at 2:00 PM at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA, with the Rev. Dannie Shortt and Seth Burke officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, VA. Pallbearers will be John Griffith, William Henry, Roy Edwards, Scott Kennedy, DJ Lankford, David Shelton, Austin Griffith, Eli Sweeney, Ashton Sweeney, and David Richardson. A visitation will be held from 1:00 PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to 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

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral

DEC **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ Really enjoy talk talk her at family dinner yall
in my prayers



Delores Rutledge - December 26, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of
Emma Blankenship



TonyanEdgar Wicks - December 26, 2025 at 10:45 AM

MS

“ Barbara, Tammy, &John, I am so sorry for your
loss.



Machell Shelton Spann - December 24, 2025 at 11:09 AM

RA

“ So sorry Danielle and family, Prayers for
Gods comfort and peace.



Ruby Asbury - December 24, 2025 at 02:31 AM



“ I knew her very well a kind loving woman and friend. She was a lovely lady and a wonderful mother to both her child and her grandchildren.

Tina Vassi - December 23, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ Barbara, John and Tammy I'm so sorry for your loss. I will hold you all up in prayer 🙏 that God will give you strength to get through this most difficult time. I have so many memories of France when we were growing up. So many fond memories of her and momma that I'll treasure forever. She was loved by everyone that had the pleasure of knowing her. May God bless you all.

Melissa Pinson - December 23, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ Melissa Pinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Emma Blankenship



Melissa Pinson - December 23, 2025 at 06:00 PM