



## Ethel Watson

March 19, 1937 - June 1, 2025

Ethel Irene Cantrell Brown Watson, age 88, of Richlands, Virginia, passed away Sunday, June 1, 2025 in a Richlands, Virginia hospital.

She was born in Buchanan County and was the daughter of the late Elbert Lee Cantrell and Nancy Rebecca Horn Cantrell.

She was a retired school teacher for many years in both West Virginia and Virginia. She ministered in addition to teaching in the Assembly of God faith. She pastored both Trinity Assembly in Cedar Bluff, Virginia and the Road Ridge Assembly of God Church near Raven, Virginia. Her spirit and love for teaching was evident in her life and her ministry as a disciple of Christ. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Rev. Daniel Boone Watson, Jr. and Frederick Lee Brown; sisters, Frances Rosalee Hylton Hughes; brother, Beve Curtis Cantrell; and step children, Joe Waston, Lucy Davis, Peggy Corea, Barbara Coldwell, and Wanda Faye Craven; and step granddaughter, Lisa Altizer.

Survivors are:

Son: Jim Brown and wife, Pat of Richlands, Virginia

Step Children: Anne Watson Brewster, Millie Watson Kaseeska, Bessie Purdle, James Watson, Bill Watson, Tony Watson, and Lou Watson

Grandchildren: DeDe Richardson and husband, David; and Jason Brown and wife, Amanda

Great Grandchildren: Brennan Richardson, Bryson Richardson, and Jase Brown

Several Step Grandchildren and Step Great Grandchildren

Funeral services for Ethel Irene Cantrell Brown Watson will be conducted Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 1pm at the First Assembly of God, 151 Flat Top Road, Richlands, Virginia 24641 with the Rev. Buddy Herald and Rev. Lou Watson officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens at Claypool Hill, Virginia. Men of Richlands First Assembly of God will serve as pallbearers. Friends may visit with the family after 6pm on Tuesday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands is in charge of arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhills Memory Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Richlands First Assembly of God  
151 Flat Top Road  
Richlands, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ethel Watson



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - June 07, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ GlendaRB Altizer lit a candle in memory of Ethel Watson



GlendaRB Altizer - June 05, 2025 at 03:03 AM



“ Ethel was a dear friend of my mother, Shirley Herndon, they taught together for many years. Ethel assisted with many funerals of our family members. She was a dear gracious lady and will be missed by many.

Cathy and Ronnie Mabe - June 04, 2025 at 04:18 PM

EB

“ *Ethel, was a good, Christian lady. She will be missed, everyone, who had the honor being her friend.* ”



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**Eunice and Jack Breeden** - June 04, 2025 at 06:57 AM

JR

“ *JIM & Wanda Robinett lit a candle in memory of Ethel Watson* ”



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**JIM & Wanda Robinett** - June 03, 2025 at 11:52 PM

VN

“ *Vicki Stumpp Nuckels lit a candle in memory of Ethel Watson* ”



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**Vicki Stumpp Nuckels** - June 03, 2025 at 09:27 PM

LN

“ *Leroy & Angie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Watson* ”



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**Leroy & Angie Nelson** - June 03, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Ethel Watson*



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**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - June 03, 2025 at 01:58 PM

DR

“ *One of the finest ladies I've ever known. My fifth grade teacher! Will always remember her!*

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**Debbie Kinder Ratliff** - June 03, 2025 at 12:42 PM

AG

“ *Mrs Brown taught me in 5th grade at cedar bluff elementary she was a wonderful teacher...I had never forgotten her thru the years. Love and Prayers to all her family and friends*

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**Audrey Bandy Godbey** - June 03, 2025 at 12:27 PM

AS

“ *She was such a precious lady and will be greatly missed.*



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**Amanda Short** - June 03, 2025 at 11:56 AM

CL

“ charlie and donna little lit a candle in memory of Ethel Watson



charlie and donna little - June 03, 2025 at 11:28 AM

AP

“ Ethel was a fine Christian lady. Prayers for the family. 🙏. Alice Pyott



Alice Pyott - June 03, 2025 at 09:38 AM

SR

“ Sheri Rasnake lit a candle in memory of Ethel Watson



Sheri Rasnake - June 03, 2025 at 09:23 AM

JB

“ Knowing her was a joy! Always had a huge smile.

James Brewster - June 03, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ *Lisa Sullivan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Watson*



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**Lisa Sullivan** - June 03, 2025 at 08:04 AM



“ *beautiful lady of the lord ....thank you for your services ! condolences to family and friends ..... R.I.P. ETHEL GREAT RACE YOU RAN .*



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**Davie Horton** - June 03, 2025 at 05:00 AM



“ *Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of Ethel Watson*



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**Charlotte Vencille** - June 02, 2025 at 11:28 PM

GP

“ *What an honor it was to be called your friend. You were an awesome teacher to me in the fifth grade at Jewell Ridge Elementary School, you instilled the love of learning to me and I am forever grateful. And when you decided to teach me how to make quilts, I still saw your desire for perfection in quilt making, cooking, and most of all your desire as you studied and done research to minister God’s Holy Word. I thought about all the crowns you had to lay at the feet of Jesus as you entered the portals of Heaven and began to praise and worship the Son of God free from sickness and healed with your heavenly robe of righteousness and salvation on. I will miss you, but I know that you are home safe forever and I will be looking for you when rapture of the church takes place or by death. I will see you one day and we will do what we have done on Earth, pick up we left off and enjoy each other’s company throughout Eternity.*



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**Glenna Phipps** - June 02, 2025 at 09:23 PM

HM

*She taught my husband and I in first grade. Such cherished memories in that one room schoolhouse at Smith Ridge. She touched our lives and will forever be in our hearts. Hobert and Lucille McGlothlin*

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**Hobert and Lucille McGlothlin** - June 03, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ethel Watson.*



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June 02, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ethel Watson.

June 02, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ To Jimmy, Pat and all the family my prayers and thoughts are with you.



Carolyn Pyles - June 02, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“ Christine Williams lit a candle in memory of Ethel Watson



Christine Williams - June 02, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ Doug and Melinda Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Watson



Doug and Melinda Smith - June 02, 2025 at 07:19 PM