



Margaret Kirkland Sneed

September 6, 1928 - June 19, 2025

Our mother, Margaret Kirkland Sneed, 96, passed peacefully June 19, 2025, at her home in Bristol, VA, with her daughters by her side.

She was born on September 6, 1928 in Levy County, FL, to her parents, William Guy Kirkland and Louise Barrow Kirkland. The family lived in Levy County until 1939 when her parents were killed in an automobile accident. Margaret was 11 years old and for the next several years was taken in by relatives. When she was 13, she and her younger siblings were given a home with her older brother Royce and his new bride, Lucille, in Jacksonville, FL. She went to school and worked part time in a local bakery until she graduated from high school. Her brother, Royce, introduced her to his friend, a Navy man, Earl Sneed, who was stationed in Jacksonville during WWII. They married in September of 1946 and she moved with him to Buchanan County, VA. We joked with Mom as to how Dad got her to Buchanan County after leaving all the straight roads in the south. She said it was dark when they came through Abingdon, or he couldn't have.

They lived in Keen Mtn, VA where mom helped dad run a garage/grocery store. Then they moved to Wyoming, WV, before moving to Richlands, VA in 1957 where she ran parts to Dad's coal mines and raised their 3 daughters-Phyllis, Nina, and Kathy. They retired to Palatka, FL in 1977 and to Bristol, VA, in 1979.

Margaret was a wonderful mom. She sacrificed her own needs to make sure that her daughters had not only what they needed, but what they, to an extent, wanted. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with all her heart. They were the light of her life. She loved working in her flowers and mowing her grass. She was independent, driving herself to Florida at the age of 80, and had a memory like no other. She remembered everything about her past, back to her early childhood. She liked playing cards, especially Rook and Uno with her grandkids. She enjoyed reading and working crossword puzzles.

During the 60s and 70s, she and Earl enjoyed many wonderful days on their houseboat at Painter Creek Marina on S. Holston Lake. In more recent years, she enjoyed the lake with her children and grandchildren. Prior to her passing, she was the oldest surviving charter member of the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Richlands, VA.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Earl W. Sneed; grandson William Sneed Richardson; son-in-law, Odell Rogers; sister, Rita Kirkland; brothers, M.G., Clyatt, Horace, Royce, Herbert, and W.G. Kirkland; her mother and father-in-law, Elsie Swain and John Sneed, and their families who Margaret loved dearly. She always said the Sneed family always treated her with warmth and kindness like she was their own daughter. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

She is survived by:

Daughters:

Phyllis Sneed Osborne and husband, Richard whom she loved like a son of Bristol, Virginia

Nina Rogers of Bristol, Virginia

Kathy Sneed of Bristol, Virginia

Grandchildren:

Jeff Osborne (Stephanie), Jason Osborne (Rhonda), Matthew Osborne (Meredith), Patrick Osborne (Megan), Katelynn Short Moyher (Wayne), Josh Short, Artie Rogers (Tonya), Sandy Rogers (Kathy)

Great-Grandchildren:

Jackson Osborne, Grace Osborne, Justin Osborne, Josh Osborne, Ella Osborne, Eli Osborne, Alexis Osborne, Malakye Burcham, Cash Wilmouth, Caljah Wilmouth, Fallon Short, Natalie Richardson, Blair Rogers, Jake Rogers.

Special Sister in Law: Gracie Kirkland of Neptune Beach, Florida

Special grand dog, Kosmo

Many special nieces and nephews who loved her and she, them, including Susie Rife.

She is also survived by special friends who were just like family:

The Persingers- Allen, Betty, Percy, Margaret, Lisa, and Tommy; Susie and Gerald Hess; Rhonda Simmons Garrett and daughter, Amy; and Eva Howser.

A special thank you to Taylor Lee, R.N., Mom's hospice nurse.

Funeral services for Margaret Kirkland Sneed will be conducted Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 4 pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, VA with the Rev. Lee Kidd officiating. Entombment will follow Monday, June 23, 2025 at Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery in Richlands VA. Those wishing to go to the

cemetery are asked to line up at 11:30am at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be: Jeff Osborne, Jason Osborne, Matthew Osborne, Patrick Osborne, Josh Short, Malakye Burcham, Cash Wilmouth, Eli Osborne, Greg Rife, and Kirkland Franklin. Honorary pallbearers will be Gerald Hess, Jim Osborne, C.T. Osborne, Doug Hess, Roger Rife, Jim Boyd, Justin Matney, Donald Ratliff, and Robert "PeeWee" Brown. The Sneed family will receive family and friends from 2-4 pm on Sunday afternoon prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Gethsemane Baptist Church, ATTN: Greg Edmunds, 2902 Clinch Street, Richlands, Virginia 24641. The service can be seen via Facebook Live on Sunday. Please visit our Facebook page to watch the service on Sunday. 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

Cemetery Details

Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery

3201 West Front Street/US 460
Richlands, VA 24641

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 22. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Committal Service

JUN 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery
3201 West Front Street/US 460
Richlands, VA 24641

Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Kirkland Sneed



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - July 04, 2025 at 08:00 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Kirkland Sneed.



June 24, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ Nina- I am truly sorry for the loss of your Mother. I am keeping you and your sisters in my thoughts and prayers so that you may find comfort in knowing how special she was.

melissa Samons - June 22, 2025 at 01:33 PM

TF

“ To the family of Margaret Sneed, So sorry for the loss of a genuine great southern lady, she was like a great big Magnolia tree of the south, strong resistance of and storm that may come her way, she stood tall and proud from any other tree in her forest, had a smile and grace like the big magnolia flower bloom, with its white huge flower, and the wonder smell from this flower was like her presence that everyone enjoyed to have in their company, may her tree live on in our hearts forever to be our own lasting flower from her on magnolia tree of her life, God bless her, may she rest in peace in God's forever home heaven, so that one day we again may give her our own flower from whatever tree we become.

Terry OSteen(Dear Friend) - June 22, 2025 at 01:04 PM

SJ

“ Summer Johnson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed



Summer Johnson - June 22, 2025 at 12:31 PM

TF

“ Terry O' Steen (Dear Friend) lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed



Terry O' Steen (Dear Friend) - June 22, 2025 at 12:29 PM

FW

“ Sending our family's deepest condolences and prayers in this difficult time.

Frank White - June 22, 2025 at 08:47 AM

AD

“ Mrs. Sneed was a treasure, and I enjoyed meeting her at the church's fiftieth anniversary. She was a loyal member of Gethsemane Baptist for all of our existence. We honor her memory and pray for her devoted family.



Anna Y. Damron - June 22, 2025 at 06:51 AM

DB

“ Thoughts and prayers for Phyllis, Nina, Kathy, the rest of the family and all that knew her. God be with you all. With deepest sympathy, Dee (Patrick) Barbour and Rita (Patrick) Hawkins.

Delores Barbour - June 22, 2025 at 05:43 AM

VN

“ Vicki Stumpp Nuckels lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed



Vicki Stumpp Nuckels - June 21, 2025 at 11:02 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Margaret Kirkland Sneed.*



June 21, 2025 at 10:07 PM



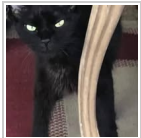
“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Kirkland Sneed.

June 21, 2025 at 10:07 PM



“ *I'm beyond so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother Momma Kathy and the loss of your grandmother Katelynn and Josh. She was a very sweet beautiful woman. I love you all and my prayers are with you all.*

Tracy May - June 21, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ *Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed*



Davie Horton - June 21, 2025 at 07:14 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mcvey lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed*



Kathy Mcvey - June 21, 2025 at 04:36 PM

TJ

“ *Phyllis, Kathy & Nina, my sincere sympathies to you in the loss of your wonderful mother. God has called home another angel.*

Tom Jessee - June 21, 2025 at 04:00 PM

TJ

“ *Tom Jessee lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed*



Tom Jessee - June 21, 2025 at 03:56 PM

NA

“ *Such a kind, beautiful soul*

Nita Walls Asbury - June 21, 2025 at 12:35 PM

JH

“ *Joyce Haynes lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed*



Joyce Haynes - June 21, 2025 at 10:28 AM

IS

“ Kathy, Nina and Phyllis, I am so very sorry for your loss of your beautiful mother. She was always a favorite of mine when Kathy and I were younger and always treated me with kindness. Love, hugs, and prayers. Iris



Iris Walls Stilwell - June 21, 2025 at 10:28 AM

WR

“ Wendy Joyce Reedy lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed



Wendy Joyce Reedy - June 21, 2025 at 09:10 AM

CV

“ Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed



Charlotte Vencille - June 20, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed



TonyanEdgar Wicks - June 20, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Kirkland Sneed.



June 20, 2025 at 08:25 PM



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

June 20, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ Dearest Phyllis, Nina & Kathy: We are so sorry for the loss of your Mom. Margaret was such a sweet precious gentle lady. We enjoyed so many wonderful times with her, your Dad & you girls. Great memories. Praying God will comfort each of you in this most difficult time & give you peace. Our deepest sympathies to all of you. We love you all just as we loved them. Nancy & Doug Hess ❤️❤️❤️🙏
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Nancy H. HESS - June 20, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ Kathy, Phyllis, Nina and family, my deepest condolences and sympathy in your loss.



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - June 20, 2025 at 06:00 PM

KH

“ *Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

Kathy J Hess - June 20, 2025 at 05:44 PM

SR

“ *Sheri Rasnake lit a candle in memory of Margaret Sneed*



Sheri Rasnake - June 20, 2025 at 05:15 PM

PW

“ *Nina and Kathy, so very sorry for your loss. Your Mother was a beautiful lady. Prayers that God will grant you peace and comfort in this difficult time. Sending hugs and love to you.*



Pat Warner - June 20, 2025 at 05:13 PM

AS

Kathy, Nina, and Phyllis, the fun memories come flooding back from my earliest childhood throughout the years. Our Dads were dear friends and our moms put up with lots of shenanigans those two got up to. Your mom was a gracious host on the houseboat or at your home. I always thought the world of her. My heart was broken for her when your dad passed far too soon. I can only imagine their loving reunion and I am so glad that they are together again. I pray the peace that passes understanding hovers over you sisters. You are all wonderful ladies who carry on your parents' beautiful legacy.

Alisa Simmons-Snapp - June 21, 2025 at 09:31 PM

SS

I'm so sorry for your loss, may your wonderful memories carry you through this difficult time. Prayers for your entire family.

Sandra Lowe Scull - June 23, 2025 at 08:55 AM