



## Nita Bales

October 26, 1946 - October 11, 2008

Mrs. Nita Karan Bales, age 61 of Pounding Mill, VA passed away Saturday, October 11, 2008 at a local Richlands hospital following a lengthy illness. She was born in Richlands, Virginia and was the daughter of Helen Buskill Blankenship of Kents Ridge Rd. in Richlands, VA and the late James Lilburn Blankenship. Nita was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother who loved her family dearly. She was a graduate of Richlands High School Class of 1965 and a graduate of the Marion Business College. Nita was a retired Office Manager for Fiddle Coal Co., and was a member of the United Mine Workers Association; she was one of the initial women who took part in the union. After retiring she enjoyed spending time with her family and playing Bingo. In addition to her father she was preceded in death by one sister, Kay Lyn Gibson. Those who survive her are: Her loving husband, George Gerald Bales of Pounding Mill, VA Her mother, Helen Buskill Blankenship of Kent's Ridge Road area of Richlands, VA Her son, Gerald DeLee Bales of Pounding Mill, VA Her sister, Helen Louise Roesch of Auburn, NY Her brother, James Robert "Lonzo" Blankenship and wife Christine M. of Richlands, VA Grandchildren: Ryan William Bales, Emilie Madison Paige Griffey, Meghan Renea Griffey and Eyan Daniel Blake Griffey.

Graveside Services for Nita Karan Bales will be at 11:00 am on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum with the Rev. Jim Denton officiating. Entombment will immediately follow. No visitation will be held. 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](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nita Bales*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Nita Bales*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *When I lived with my grandparents, Karen showed me a lot of acceptance and friendship. I will not forget the times we stayed out and played cards. I also remember my grandparents Troy and Ethel cared a lot about her and ABe and little Abe. I am very sorry for your loss and will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kimberly Thompson - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *just want to say that i am sorry to hear for your loss.*

stachia helton - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Karan, I knew her in high school. I hadn't seen her in many years, but she was always so nice. May God comfort and bless each member of her family is my prayer.*

Pat Reedy Warner - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Hey Abe....just found out tonight....really sorry to hear about Karan's passing.....I hope you and Gerald are doing ok.....If you need anything.....Craig

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**Craig Hunsaker** - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ To know Karen was to Love her. She was my friend for many years. We had been out of touch for the past few years, and I deeply regret that I did not get to see or talk to her. She will be sadly missed. My heart goes out to Abe and Abey. You two are special to me also. I send my prayers and Love to all the family. May God Bless All of You.

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**Kay (Whited) Monk** - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ WE WERE DEEPLY SADEN TO HEAR OF KAREN'S PASSING. KAREN WAS A SWEET PERSON AND WOULD ALWAYS BE THERE TO HELP ANYONE IN NEED. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE THINKING OF YOU IN YOUR TIME OF MOURNING.

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**JACK & DONNA WHEELER** - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM