



## Ruby Alice Jane Horn

May 13, 1936 - December 25, 2025

Ruby Alice Jane Horn, nee Cantrell, age 89, received the greatest Christmas gift a person could ever receive, when the Presence of Almighty God came by her home at 4:02 P.M. Christmas Day and ushered her away to begin her eternal life in His presence. Alice was born on Wednesday, May 13th., 1936 on Horn Mountain, Buchanan County, Virginia, to the late Joseph David Cantrell and Betsy Horn Cantrell. She was the last remaining member of her immediate family, being preceded in death by seven sisters and one brother. From her youth, Alice had a desire to learn and persevered to excel in her school studies. Her elementary studies were at the Horn Mountain one-room school—the same school where she later taught for several years. After elementary school, she rose early every day and walked three and a half miles off Horn Mountain to catch the school bus to the Whitewood School, making the return trek up the mountain in the afternoon. She still has report cards showing five years of perfect attendance at Whitewood. Upon graduation in 1955, her bus driver, Thomas ‘Junior’ Compton, relayed to his father, Thomas Compton, Sr., a Buchanan County School Board Member, that he knew a girl that has walked three and a half miles off Horn Mountain every day for the past five years to catch his bus—never missing a single day. Mr. Compton replied, “Any girl that will do that, I’ll make sure she gets a teaching job at that school.” Alice started teaching at the Horn Mountain School that Autumn. Alice pursued her higher education at Radford College, Bluefield State and Pikeville College in Kentucky. Alice taught school for thirty-six years

at Horn Mountain and Whitewood, retiring in 1991.

Alice had a love for sewing and quilting, having made many beautiful quilts throughout her lifetime. She was also a perfectionist in Japanese Bunka Embroidery.

Alice was a founding member of Glory Land Tabernacle at Shortt Gap, Virginia, where she faithfully attended, supported and worshipped God for over fifty years. She was an avid Bible reader, having already read the Bible through twice this year and was currently reading in the Book of Luke before she passed away. She was also a member of the Whitewood Senior Citizens Group since 1991.

Alice is survived by her devoted husband of sixty-six and a half years, Walter Maze Horn of the home. She is also survived by Jerry Olinger, whom she dearly loved and considered to be the son she never had. Walter and Jerry were her faithful caregivers throughout the past few years of her life. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and a host of great friends.

The funeral service for Ruby Alice Jane Horn, nee Cantrell will be conducted at 2:00 pm on Monday, December 29, 2025 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with Pastor Don Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. The family will receive friends on Monday from 12:00 PM until the time of the service.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands oversees 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

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby Alice Jane Horn



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - January 18 at 08:44 AM



“ I was Ruby’s hairdresser for many years and always enjoyed talking with her. Very sweet lady. ❤️🙏

Kim Pursley - December 28, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ Uncle Walt, I honestly don’t know what to say. Aunt Alice was my very precious great-aunt. She was someone I could talk to about anything. I know she is at rest now, but she is one very special lady that will forever hold a very special place in my heart.

You were always my “hero” for pulling me out of the mud one Easter, but Aunt Alice was my comforter. I loved her so much.

Uncle Walt, you will be in my thoughts and prayers. I pray God will hold you in His precious Hands and provide comfort as only he can.

I love you more than you’ll ever know!

As Always,  
Mary Lynne

Lynne Clark-Boyd - December 28, 2025 at 04:29 PM

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“ *Walter and family, I came with Ethel one day to see Alice’s sewing room, I was so impressed with your home, your alls kindness, . I will be praying for all of you. I think about Alice and Ethel rejoicing around the throne of God, healed , enjoying their Heavenly reward.*



glenna phipps - December 28, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Ruby Horn*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - December 28, 2025 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Remember Alice in our early years at Whitewood High. She was just a few months older than me and graduated one year before me! Rest in peace Alice.*

Tommy Horn - December 27, 2025 at 10:33 AM