



Ruth Nannie Hays

December 29, 1928 - October 17, 2012

Ruth "Nannie" Keen Hays, age 83, of Richlands, Virginia, passed away on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at a Johnson City, Tennessee hospital.

She was born in Buchanan County, Virginia and was the daughter of the late Jake and Julie Mae Matney Keen. She was a former CNA and homemaker and of the Seventh Day Adventist faith. She was a lifelong resident of the Richlands area. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roma R. Hays and four sisters.

She is survived by:

One Daughter:

Brenda Cantrell and husband, Mike of Christiansburg, Virginia

Four Sons:

Rhiannan "Smokey" Hays and wife, Sallee of Richlands, Virginia

John Hays of Virginia Beach, Virginia

Randy Hays and wife, Jamie of Salem, Virginia

Denvin "Denny" Hays and wife, Tootie of Richlands, Virginia

One Brother:

Jack Keen of Jennings, Florida

Ten Grandchildren:

Shane Hays, Glen Hays, Jonathan Kennedy, Kayla Hays, Chelsea Hays, Houston Hays, Michael Cantrell, Zachary Cantrell, Sara Cole and Corey Boyd

Three Great Grandchildren also survive

Funeral services for Ruth "Nannie" Keen Hays will be conducted Sunday, October 21, 2012 at 2:00pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Pastor Don Elswick officiating. Entombment will follow at the Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Claypool Hill, Virginia. Grandsons and Ricky Connors will serve as pallbearers. Friends may call from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Saturday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home; 1401 Second Street; Richlands, Virginia 24641. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of the 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

OCT **20**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Richlands
1401 2nd Steet
Richlands, VA 24641
(276) 964-4041

Service

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Nannie Hays*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Ruth Nannie Hays*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *You may not know me, but I wanted to express my sympathy to the family for your loss. Many will say to you, God needed another angel, it was their time to go, and it is understood that words don't come easy at a time like this. Rather, I wish to extend God's words to you found at Psalms 36:7..."How precious your loving kindness is, Oh God! And in the shadow of your wings the sons of men themselves take refuge". I would love to mail you a free brochure entitled "When Someone You Loves Dies", it has helped many people find comfort from the Bible. If you would like a copy you may email me at: shawnehurd@hotmail.com. Again, my deepest apologies for your loss.*

Shawn Hurd - November 01, 2012 at 06:58 AM



“ *Rhiannon "Smokey," hated to see in the paper about the loss of your mother. You, Sallee and Ruth's family will be remembered in our prayers.
Jim and Sylvia Boyd*

Jim Boyd - October 24, 2012 at 09:09 AM



“ *Anita Gibson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



Anita Gibson - October 23, 2012 at 03:17 PM



Johnny and Rhiannon and family, I am so sorry to hear about your sweet Mom. She was always so kind and caring. All of you are in my prayers. ...Anita McGlothlin Gibson

Anita Gibson - October 23, 2012 at 03:20 PM



“ *Jeffrey Lester sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



Jeffrey Lester - October 22, 2012 at 02:16 PM



Ruth was a big part of Richlands SDA church. She was always a loving, kind person she will be greatly missed. I look forward to seeing all who have left us on heaven's bright shore some day. May God bless You all and give you peace and comfort in this difficult time.

Jeffrey Lester - October 22, 2012 at 02:21 PM

CA

“ Dear Hays Family:

So many memories down through the years. So many shared Sabbaths. We watched our children grow up and make lives of their own. It is not possible for me to be there, but my heart and prayers are with you. I love each and every one of you. We still have items made for Chris in Cradle Roll in Vacation Bible School in our family, Ruth and Roma supplied the blocks for building blocks. Jerry and I sat up late at night sanding, then the ABC decals went on. Ruth and Roma put coat after coat of sealant letting the blocks dry between the coats. The end result is blocks my little great grand-daughters, Lexie and Lacey, can still play with. C is for church, S is for Sabbath, P is for prayer, and J is for Jesus. Now my grand-daughter Misty is teaching them to pray to Jesus and sing of His love. The oldest, Lexie, almost 6, asked to go to Nanny's church. Maybe she will get to come soon with the rest of the family. I will miss Ruth, but I look forward to the day when we'll part no more. God bless you all! Love, Shirley Armes

Christopher Armes - October 20, 2012 at 07:30 PM

FR

“ We were very saddened to hear this news. Our thoughts are with you, especially with Sallee and Rhiannan. May we extend our deepest sympathy.

Frances & Sandy Rodgers

Frances and Sandy Rodgers - October 19, 2012 at 11:33 AM

RF

“ *Ruth & Eddie Culpepper And Family lit a candle in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



Ruth & Eddie Culpepper and Family - October 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RC

I was so sad to get this call on Aunt Ruth. I will never forget the talks we have had over the last almost 12 years since Mom passed away. The words of strength and wisdom you gave me will be with me always. I was so blessed to be named after such a christian woman with so much love for her family and friends. You were such a good writer and i have a letter she wrote Mom after the passing of Dad. The last lines said .Jesus is never early or late He's always right on time. So with that i know it was her time to go and be with the rest of our love ones. To all the kids i send my love and pray that god gives you the comfort and strength to get through this trying time.

Ruth Edna Culpepper - October 19, 2012 at 11:38 AM

MB

“ *Missy Boyd-Hood lit a candle in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



Missy Boyd-Hood - October 19, 2012 at 11:20 AM



“ *The Powell Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church family in Dryden, Virginia would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy at this time to the Hays family. It is our hope that you will draw comfort in knowing that you are in our thoughts and prayers. A gift has been sent in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays.*



Powell SDA Church, Dryden, - October 19, 2012 at 10:58 AM

KA

“ *Dear family,
We will miss Aunt Ruth very much. But , We have many memories of her to carry with us. I wish I could make it there to be with everyone but I can't. Remember I'm with you in spirit. I know the feelings you are feeling right now. Just each of you know, I love you.*



Kathy Joann (Smoot) Apfel - October 19, 2012 at 09:34 AM

CK

“ *Courtney Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



Courtney Kennedy - October 19, 2012 at 09:01 AM

MC

“ *Mary Barrett Chapiewski lit a candle in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



Mary Barrett Chapiewski - October 19, 2012 at 07:58 AM

GW

“ *I was blessed in my lifetime to know this human being who gave so much of herself to the lives of others with her selfless love, her never ending support, who never ask for more, who never complained and who never doubted her Lord. She is far superior to any Saint of our time in my opinion and I took comfort in just knowing she was "there." She will never be far from me, because I have held her in my heart for years and will continue to hold her in my heart until I see her face to face again. I love you Ruth, I am a blessed woman that you came into my life path. I will hold your loved ones in my prayers as they begin the new journey of their life without you here, and I will ask God to be near to them and give them courage and hope. Gay Childress*



Gay Childress Wright - October 18, 2012 at 08:58 PM

SL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Ruth was a wonderful woman and always made you feel loved and welcome.*

Samantha Whitt Lewis - October 18, 2012 at 08:46 PM

JB

“ Aunt Ruth you will sincerely be missed by us all. I know you are smiling down all of us with the family members who have gone to our Lord. Please give them all big hug from Judy and David . I will miss your words of wisdom to us all and how you seem to always see the bright spot in day. I carry a poem you wrote called " NO SECOND CHANCE" the poem's last couple lines go like this - FOR EVERY THING MUST END,LIFE HAS A CLOSING LINE, SO I WANT TO SAY " I LOVE YOU" WHILE I STILL HAVE THE TIME. This was Aunt Ruth she always told us how much she loved us all. What Aunt,what mother,and what a christian woman.



JUDY AND DAVID BOHNSTADT - October 18, 2012 at 07:46 PM

SA

“ Susie Addison lit a candle in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays



Susie Addison - October 18, 2012 at 07:41 PM

CM

“ Carolyn Hess And Brenda Matney lit a candle in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays



Carolyn Hess and Brenda Matney - October 18, 2012 at 07:37 PM

JB

“ *JUDY AND DAVID BOHNSTADT lit a candle
in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



JUDY AND DAVID BOHNSTADT - October 18, 2012 at 07:10 PM



“ *Connie Montgomery sent a virtual gift in
memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



Connie Montgomery - October 18, 2012 at 05:54 PM

KB

“ *Kevin,Johnna,Allanna & Seth Byrnes lit a
candle in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



Kevin,Johnna,Allanna & Seth Byrnes - October 18, 2012 at 04:38 PM

DL

“ *I will always treasure having known such a beautiful lady, inside and
out!*

Debi Lester - October 18, 2012 at 03:56 PM

DL

“ *Debi Lester sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



Debi Lester - October 18, 2012 at 03:55 PM

DH

“ *Debra Hays-Humphries lit a candle in memory of Ruth Nannie Hays*



Debra Hays-Humphries - October 18, 2012 at 02:59 PM