



Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French

July 1, 1930 - June 16, 2013

Sarah Catherine "Cassie" Beavers French, age 82 of Princeton, WV, formerly of North Tazewell, VA departed this life on Sunday, June 16, 2013 at Princeton Community Hospital in Princeton, WV surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 1, 1930 in the Dry Fork community of Tazewell County, VA and was a daughter of the late Ross Jackson Beavers and Sallie McGuire Beavers. She was a Graduate of Tazewell High School and had attended Southwest Virginia Community College, where she studied music and art. Mrs. French taught piano and organ lessons for over fifty years. She was a member of and the organist for the Stras Memorial Episcopal Church in Tazewell, VA for the last thirty-four years. For many years she was an active member of the Tazewell County Theatre Group and director of the children's plays. Cassie was a member of the Bluefield Community Concerts Association, past president and member of the Tazewell Music Club, directed many choirs and youth groups. She enjoyed gardening and sharing the homegrown vegetables with everyone. Mrs. French was a wonderful mother who loved and was dedicated to God and supporting her eight children, thirteen grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren in their many activities. She will always be loved and remembered for her beautiful smile, her gift of music that she shared with everyone and her dedication to her family, which was known as Tazewell's singing and musical Von-French family, taken from the "Sound of Music's" Von-Trapp family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Zed

“Sherrill” French, Jr.; one son, Richard Byron French; one grandson, Adam Litz French; one sister, Betty Jane Beavers; one brother, George Richard Beavers.

She is survived by four sons, Zed “Zeddie” Sherrill French, III and wife, Kathy of Stanardsville, VA, Lindsey Ross French of North Tazewell, VA, Mark Wheeler French and wife, Susan of Abingdon, VA, and David Carey French of Princeton, WV; three daughters, Sarah Lynne French and Diana Catherine Bragg and husband, J.J. both of Princeton, WV, and Sallie Faye Bowen and husband, Rees Bowen, VII of Maiden Spring, VA; daughter-in-law, Jeanie French of Taey’s Valley, WV; twelve grandchildren, Zed “Zee” Sherrill French, IV and wife, Andrea of The Woodlands, TX, Jessica Sublett Armistead and husband, Justin of Charlottesville, VA, Richard “Richie” Byron French, Jr. and wife, Mandy of Tazewell, VA, Amy Elizabeth Bower and husband, Erik and William “Will” Joseph French and wife, Melissa both of Taey’s Valley, WV, Marcus Hunter French of Abingdon, VA, Matthew Caemron Bragg and wife, Stephanie of Narrows, VA, Catherine “Katie” Elizabeth Painter and husband, Jared and Ryan Carey French both of Princeton, WV, Jeseca Lynne Bragg and fiancé, Zack Sowder of Bluefield, WV, Kimberli Ann Bragg of Lexington, KY, and Rees Tate Bowen, VIII of Maiden Spring, VA; twelve great-grandchildren, Landry and Presley French, Charlize “Charlee” and Gabrielle “Gabi” French, Faith Julieann and Luke Adam Bower, Christian, Hunter and Noah French, Erin Nicole Bragg, Alayna Catherine and Jackson Thomas Painter; one sister, Margaret Reed of Bridgewater, VA; four brothers, Ross Jackson Beavers, Jr. and wife, Genevieve of Louisville, TN, Harman Beavers and wife, Effie of Olin, NC, Litz Beavers and wife, Elizabeth of Washington DC, and A.R. Beavers and wife, Shirley of Bishop, VA; sister-in-law, Mary Faye Barnett of Gatlinburg, TN; several nieces and nephews, other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah “Cassie” French will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 2013 at the Hurst – Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA with Father Russ Hatfield and the Rev. Emily Edmonson

officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA. Pallbearers will be Rees T. Bowen, VIII, Ryan French, Marcus French, Richie French, Will French, Matthew Bragg, Zee French, Jared Painter, Zack Sowder, and Erik Bower.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 2013.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell, VA will be serving the family of Mrs. French and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Gov . G.C. Peery Hwy
Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell
870 Main Street
Tazewell, VA 24651
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Service

JUN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ To the family of Sarah Catherine French, first of all just to render my sympathy and prayers for your strength, comfort, understanding and peace at this time. I think I had spoken with your mother (or her sister Betty) years ago in regards to my relationship to our family ties. She later wrote to me and sent some pictures of my Aunt Heneretta , called "Topsy". If someone would contact me I would be so grateful as it is very important to me and my family. I apologize for taking this time but it will help you to know me better: My Mother was Sarah Hankins, daughter of Tom Hankins. They were sharecroppers on Beavers dairy farms. I had an aunt Catherine also so maybe your mother was named with them in mind. My email is eatladyfaye2653@att.net and telephone 817-447-3340. Again, please forgive me for using this time and space to make this connection. Oh, how was Jack McQuire related to Sarah? r

Linda Johnson - June 28, 2013 at 10:22 PM

AG

“ Robert and I have wonderful memories of Cassie. She and Sallie were the first ones to keep our daughters overnight for us. We felt so comfortable leaving them in their care. She was a bright light for sure! Our deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. We will be praying for you. Annabelle and Robert Galumbeck

Annabelle Galumbeck - June 20, 2013 at 08:28 PM

JS

“ Sallie and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I am so sorry for your loss. May God bring you comfort in the time ahead.

Judy Stamper

Judy Stamper - June 20, 2013 at 05:00 PM

DE

“ Cassie's music will always be in our hearts. We are thankful for her gift of music to Stras Memorial Episcopal Church. May God be with you at this time.

In His Love, The Lutz family

Debbie - June 19, 2013 at 07:11 PM

CW

“ Chris White lit a candle in memory of Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French



Chris White - June 19, 2013 at 01:14 PM

SB

“ Shirley Brown lit a candle in memory of Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French



Shirley Brown - June 19, 2013 at 12:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French.



June 19, 2013 at 09:56 AM

AD

“ Anna Damron lit a candle in memory of Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French



Anna Damron - June 19, 2013 at 08:54 AM

AD

My sincere prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Sallie, I send you my personal love and support.

Anna Damron - June 19, 2013 at 08:55 AM

BR

“ *Diana, our deepest condolences to you and the family on the loss of your mother. May God comfort you through these sad days.*
Bonnie & Shari, Princeton Middle School

Bonnie Roberts - June 19, 2013 at 08:43 AM

KM

“ *Ms. French & Family,*
We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. May God grant you strength during this difficult time. Love and prayers from all of us!

Keith, Donna, Jared, and Keith Minnix

Keith, Donna, Jared, & Keith Minnix - June 19, 2013 at 07:55 AM

CS

“ *Charlotte (Doss) Short And Anita Short lit a candle in memory of Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French*



Charlotte (Doss) Short and Anita Short - June 19, 2013 at 07:54 AM

JW

“ *Susan*
So sorry to hear about your Mother-In-Law. Will be praying for your family. Love you.
Jerry & Pat Warner

Jerry & Pat Warner - June 19, 2013 at 07:15 AM

SA

“ *Susan Altizer lit a candle in memory of Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French*



Susan Altizer - June 18, 2013 at 09:35 PM

JW

“ *Jennifer White purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French.*



Jennifer White - June 18, 2013 at 04:51 PM

BA

“ *Brenda Altizer lit a candle in memory of Sarah Catherine "Cassie" French*



Brenda Altizer - June 18, 2013 at 03:37 PM