



Shirley H. Breedlove

August 8, 1928 - April 1, 2016

Shirley H. Breedlove, age 87, of Richlands, Virginia, passed away Friday, April 1, 2016 in Richlands, Virginia.

She was born in Tazewell County and was the daughter of the late Arthur M. and Ruth Spencer Hilt.

She was a retired switchman from GTE/Verizon for 39 years having been the first female switchman in GTE history. She was a graduate from Radford State Teachers College and a member of the Cedar Bluff Presbyterian Church. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Survivors are:

Three Daughters:

Teresa Hilt of Richlands, Virginia

Susan B. Horner

Ramona A. Beritich of Little Rock, AK

Two Sons:

Tony S. Frederick and wife, Teresa of Richlands, Virginia

Steven D. Frederick and wife, Martha of Lexington, KY

Grandchildren: Amanda Wiley and husband, Joey; Erin Smith and husband, Jeremy; Jacob Berittech; and China Berittech

Great Grandchildren: Ella Smith, Tucker Smith, Zachary Wiley, and Zoen Berittech

Special Friends: Nick and Jackie Silva; Tom and Shirley Henning and their children, Grand and Katie; William "Bill" Carner; Jackie Berittech; Leland Berittech and his wife; Dr. Francis Bride; John Rainey, Donna Beavers, RN; and all the staff of Richlands Home Care, especially Darrell Harman and Dave and Sue Peters; Richard D. Roberts and wife, Karen; Malcolm Vandyke; and Steven Kouchinsky

Funeral services for Shirley Breedlove will be conducted Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 6pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with John Muncy officiating. Entombment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum on Monday. Pallbearers will be: Jeremy Smith, Mike Stevenson, D.G. Jennings, Randy Dye, Randy Mitchell, and Nick Silva. Honorary Pallbearers will be: John Rainey, Dennis Lankford, and Malcolm Vandyke. Friends may call from 4pm until 6pm on Sunday at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. 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.

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

APR 3. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley H. Breedlove*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Shirley H. Breedlove*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Ruby Asbury lit a candle in memory of Shirley H. Breedlove*



Ruby Asbury - April 04, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ *prayers for the family.*



Rocky & Pat Horton - April 03, 2016 at 10:11 PM



“ *Mary Goss lit a candle in memory of Shirley H. Breedlove*



Mary Goss - April 03, 2016 at 07:28 PM



sorry for your loss

Mary Goss - April 03, 2016 at 07:29 PM



“ *Tony, Erin and family,*

Sorry to hear of the passing of your mother and grandmother. May all your wonderful memories comfort you. May God bless you during this time.

Elaine Holmes

Elaine Holmes - April 03, 2016 at 05:19 PM

“ Shirley Breedlove – affectionately called “Nannie” in the Henning household – was a wonderful person. Shirley Henning and I met Nannie when she was hired to sit with my 88 year old grandmother, Gert Baber. We didn’t have any children at the time and we visited Gert pretty regularly. During those visits we got to know Nannie (although at the time she hadn’t gotten her new nickname yet) and found out that for the past several years she had been sitting with the elderly. Well, in 1995 my grandmother passed away. On the day of her funeral Shirley Henning and I got the word that we would be adopting a baby girl the next day. Although we had been in the adoption process for a while you just didn’t know when your time would come to adopt so we weren’t prepared professionally. Shirley Henning was still the office manager at a local law firm and planned on becoming a full time mother when we adopted but she couldn’t leave her firm without any notice. I was still a practicing lawyer. We knew we needed help.

My wife and I didn’t have to think long as to who we would approach to ask for help. Nannie was so kind, thoughtful and compassionate with my grandmother we thought she would be great to help us out with Katie, our new daughter. I remember my conversation with Nannie vividly. I went up to her said “Shirley, you have been taking care of elderly people for many years, how would you like a career change? Instead of taking of elderly people at the end of their life cycle, how would like to take care of a baby at the beginning of their life cycle?” She thought about it for a little bit and said that she would give it a try. So Nannie became “Nannie.

Eventually, Shirley Henning quit her job and Nannie was not needed as much. However, eleven months after we got notice of Katie’s adoption we were notified that we were going to be adoptive parents of a baby boy, Grant. Two infants less than a year apart! Nannie’s services were needed again. Now we got into a routine for when we needed Nannie. Golf days, date night for us, Sunday afternoon at the movies, etc. Nannie was a big help. Then the real fun began. The children were old enough to start going with us to the various business conventions that I would attend or on out of town vacations. There were always a lot of grown up functions we would

have to attend so Nannie came along to watch Katie and Grant when we weren't along. However, the best thing about Nannie was to hear her stories about what she did when we would give her personal time for the day on the days we could spend time with the children. At the end of the day we would ask her what she did and expecting something like I went to a museum or I read a book, it was I went hot air ballooning, tandem sky diving, gliding and all these other wild adventures. It was truly amazing to see the spunk she had.

We continued to use Nannie as the children got older but as you can imagine it got a little bit less and less as the Katie and Grant got more self-sufficient. We still went on vacations, had Sunday movie afternoons, etc. and Nannie was always there. Once the children got into school we saw less and less of Nannie. We always checked up on her by calling. She never forgot a birthday or Christmas for the children. She was family even if out of sight.

Twenty years later after that day we asked Nannie if she would take on the responsibility of helping us take care of our new born infant Tony notifies us that Nannie has passed away. It is sad but I can say several things about Nannie: She loved my children, She cared about their well-being, She was a kind person and She lived life to the fullest. Upon sharing the news of Nannie's passing to Katie and Grant, there were tears shed. I could see in their faces that they remembered all the fun that they had with Nannie and felt the love that she bestowed upon them. Nannie, we love you, we miss you, may God be with you and tell Gert about her great grandchildren she never got to meet. Thanks for being a part of our lives.

Tom, Shirley, Katie and Grant Henning

Tom, Shirley, Katie & Grant Henning - April 03, 2016 at 02:52 PM

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“ Tammy Hess lit a candle in memory of Shirley H. Breedlove



Tammy Hess - April 03, 2016 at 02:41 PM

JF

“ Shirley was the most gracious and fun mother I ever met. I was a friend of Mona's many years ago and I was in awe of her mom and family. My prayers are with the whole family. God bless and comfort you. Judy Goodwin Fowler.

judy Fowler - April 03, 2016 at 08:37 AM

DH

“ Tony and all the family,
I am so sorry about your Mom's passing. I will be praying for the family in the coming days. Sending love and hugs your way. She was always such a pleasant person and so nice.

Debbie Hunsaker - April 03, 2016 at 07:57 AM



“ Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Shirley H. Breedlove



Carolyn Pyles - April 02, 2016 at 08:33 PM