



Wava Testerman

June 22, 1917 - June 4, 2015

On Thursday, June 4, 2015, after a brief illness, Wava Wheeler Testerman, age 97, passed away in Ocean Springs, MS, where she had lived for the past seven years with her daughter and son-in-law. She was born June 22, 1917 in Penvir, VA to the late William H. and Nora Lake Wheeler, the fifth of 11 children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor R. Testerman in 1945; her brothers, Leonard, Tom, John, Paul, Sam, Ray, Clifford, and Carl Wheeler; and sister, Boneda Roatenberry; half-brothers, Edgar and Ernest Wheeler.

Wava graduated from Narrows High School and McClain's Business College in Bluefield, WV. She worked for 27 years with the Richlands office of the Virginia Division of War Veterans Claims and never lost her respect and sympathy for veterans. She also worked for ten years as Secretary and Bookkeeper for pastor and businessman Nelson Baker; and for years as secretary to the administrator of Richlands Clinch Valley Clinic.

Wava loved to travel and took advantage of opportunities to attend state and south-wide church meetings and trips abroad with family. In Richlands, she was an active member of First Baptist Church as Secretary and Treasurer, a Sunday school teacher, and in the Business Women's Circle where she became President of the Southwest Federation of Baptist Business Women. Heavily involved in the youth work of the local church and at the associational

and state level, she became the New Lebanon Associational Director of the YWAs. Later she was an active member of Hill Creek Baptist Church for many years. In the community, she was an early member of the Intermediate Woman's Club that became the Richlands Woman's Club where she was always involved in their city projects.

Her courageous ability to make things work, her gracious gentility, her leadership, her concern for veterans, and her love of family are attributes that made her life an asset to all who knew her.

She is survived by:

Her Daughter:

Drs. Patricia Testerman Pinson and her husband, Ernest Pinson of Ocean Springs, MS

Granddaughter, Drs. Heather Pinson and her husband, Matthew Conboy of Pittsburgh, PA

Younger Sister, Hazel Akers of Narrows, VA

Several nieces and nephews also survive, along with a host of family and friends.

Funeral Services for Wava Wheeler Testerman will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, VA with the Rev. Bill Fletcher and Rev. Stafford Compton officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery in Bluefield, WV. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. The Testerman family will receive friends from 11:00 am until the funeral hour at the funeral home on Wednesday afternoon. She and her family would be honored if you would like to give a gift

to one of these organizations in her name: Hill Creek Baptist Church, Treasurer, 214 Philpot Ave; Richlands, VA 24641 or Bluefield College Nelson and Ethel Barker Scholarship Fund, 3000 College Dr.; Bluefield, VA 24605. 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

Woodlawn Memorial Park

Rt. 52 Bluewell
Bluefield, WV 24701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wava Testerman*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Wava Testerman*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Dana Pauley lit a candle in memory of Wava Testerman*



Dana Pauley - September 11, 2015 at 02:37 PM



Patsy and Family, this is Dana Pauley, formerly Dana Lowe, daughter of the late Eula (Twitch) Lowe of Richlands. I grew up enjoying your mom's company during my Mom's visits with her and Mrs. Barker. In fact, it was your mom who gave me my very first Bible! I still have some of her more recent Christmas cards. What a wonderful lady and friend...she will always be dear to my heart! Thinking of you across the miles. Dana (Denver, CO)

Dana Pauley - September 11, 2015 at 02:41 PM



I am daughter of the late Twitch Lowe, a dear friend of Wava. Fond memories of your mom, Patsy, are part of my childhood! It was your Mom who gave me my very first Bible. I will always hold her dear in my heart. Dana Pauley (Denver, CO)

Dana Pauley - September 11, 2015 at 02:47 PM

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“ Patsy I remember your Mom being so very active with GAs. She was always one classy Lady I have been thinking about you and your more in the passed week my prayer and thoughts go out to you and yours God bless you in your hours of grief Martha Lowe

Martha Lowe - June 10, 2015 at 12:04 PM

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“ Bandy Cline & Associates lit a candle in memory of Wava Testerman

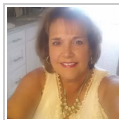


Bandy Cline & Associates - June 09, 2015 at 07:54 AM

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“ Ms. Testerman was a true lady . She was one of the sweetest ladies ever in Richlands I always looked up to her . I have lost a true friend . She lover her daughter so much . I haven't seen her in years as I am now located in Va. Beach . She came to most every place I worked , I truly loved her . She made the world a better place Patsy so sorry for your loss & the family I went to school with you . My Deepest Sympathy to all the family . Love to all , Pat Grove Rickey Lyons .

Pat - June 08, 2015 at 06:40 PM



When I think of a gracious, southern lady, I will always think of Ms. Testerman. She was involved in the many activities I participated in as a child at the Richlands First Baptist Church. I particularly remember her helping me learn bible verses for the Girls Auxiliary.(GAs). She was the kind of lady that little girls wanted to grow up and be like. Condolences to the family in the passing of a beautiful lady.

Rebecca Mullins - June 09, 2015 at 12:20 PM