



Berla Sloan Peterson

January 8, 2016

Berla Sloan Peterson, 89, went to Heaven to join her husband, Leonard, and son, Jerry on January 8, 2016. She was born in Franklin County, Virginia. During the years of WWII, her family moved to Portsmouth so her father could work at NNSY. During this time she met the love of her life, Leonard Peterson. They married in March 1947, and were blessed with two children, Gerald (Jerry) Lee and Lynne Adair. Berla was a stay-at-home mother until her children were older, then she went to work for the federal government. She retired after 10 years of service.

A dedicated Christian, Berla taught Sunday School and sang in the choir at Green Lakes Baptist Church, where she and Leonard were charter members. After they moved to Orange Park, Florida she continued serving her Lord at Island View Baptist Church by singing in the choir, working with The Young at Heart, and volunteering as a chaplain for hospice.

Berla is survived by her daughter, Lynne Adair Peterson; two granddaughters, Melanie Roane (Mike) and Courtney Engel (Jed); great-grandchildren, Casey Lee Engel, Cameron Martin Roane, Chandler Roane, and Frankie Engel; her sister, Joy Cauldwell; her brother, Dale Sloan; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Berla was predeceased by her husband of 68 years, Leonard, on December 19, 2015 and her son, Jerry, several years prior; her sister, Jean Luffman; and her brother, Derl Sloan.

A joint memorial service for Berla and Leonard will be held on January 23, 2016 in Green Lakes Baptist Church, 1610 Hodges Ferry Rd., Portsmouth, VA at 4 p.m. Donations may be made to the Portsmouth Fire Station on Hodges Ferry Road who always responded kindly in our times of need.

Services postponed due to weather conditions. Services will be held sometime Sunday

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 24 (ET)

Green Lakes Baptist Church
1610 Hodges Ferry Road
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Their love and devotion for one another always inspired me. They held hands for 70 years! They were beautiful, inside and out and I will miss my Auntie and Uncle. But I know they are with Jesus and their son, Jerry and so many family members in Heaven. We will see them again. No doubt, they will be holding hands. Aunt Berla and Uncle Lenny, Thank you for all the beautiful memories. I love you. Praying God will bless and comfort Lynn, Aunt Joy, Uncle Dale, Melanie, Courtney and the rest of our family. When you can't hold on, Just be held. Feel Jesus' presence. Love you.*

Sharon Atkison - January 11, 2016 at 11:10 AM

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Their holy Union for 68 years is a testimony to us all- Love endures! God bless Lynne and all of us left behind until we all meet again in the kingdom of Heaven.

terri sloan - January 11, 2016 at 11:42 AM

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Many cherished memories, mostly of how they loved each other. She was so beautiful, he was so kind. They put Christ first in their lives and marriage. They contributed so much to family, friends and community. They had a zeal for life and fun. Losing Jerry hit them so hard. Having Lynne to care for their every need was a tribute to their love and care. They adored their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Love and prayers to all. The world is not as bright but Heaven is brighter than ever.

Karen Butler-Coup - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 PM

BM

My Aunt Berla and Uncle Lennie will be missed by so many! Their testimony of love to Christ, love to each other, and love to all family and friends is like no other. I loved them dearly. They were my second mom and dad. They are with their beloved son, Jerry and their beloved savior, Jesus.

Beth Moore - January 23, 2016 at 03:35 PM

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“ 11 files added to the album *A Beautiful Love Story*



Sharon Atkison - January 11, 2016 at 11:02 AM