



Hester West Riffe

December 24, 2019

On December 24, 2019, Hester Riffe returned home to the mountains after 89 years on this earth. There, she reunites with her parents, eleven brothers and sisters, and her beloved husband Jim.

She leaves behind a legacy of children: Gina Riffe, Trisha Lewis (Roy), Terry Riffe (Debbie), Tim Riffe (Betty Lou), Tom Riffe (Kathy), and Gary Riffe (Garry), as well as ten grandchildren eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, who all lovingly knew her as Nana. She was blessed with many nieces and nephews.

Hester, along with her husband Jim, successfully owned and operated Goldstar Tours until they retired in 1992. Hester was a longtime member of the Church of Christ who enjoyed reading, quilting, gardening and listening to country and gospel music.

Her family would like to thank the staff and residents at Province Place of Maryview and Lake Taylor Transitional Care hospital and Dr. Kevin Wilson for their kindness and professional care during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, Hester requested donations to the Potter's Children's Home in Bowling Green, Kentucky or a charity of one's choice.

A funeral service conducted by Dr. Robert Guffey Jr will be held 2:30 PM on Sunday, December 29 in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel with the family receiving friends one hour before the service. Burial in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens following the service.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA 23435

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Tribute Wall

MT

“ I loved Jim & Hester. I worked for them as a Hostess "Way Back then". I loved to work wiith them, especially Tim and Terry, we travelled all up the East Coast and more. Sure do miss those days. So sorry for your loss. I sure hope you are doing well, .Mary gmomtye @yahoo.com Love to hear from you'all. Just know you were loved by your Mom and Dad..
Mary Tye

Mary Tye - January 09, 2020 at 09:44 AM

RS

“ To all of the family, we want to send our sympathy to you at this time of sadness. As a teenage girl, I remember my family going to your home on Sunday mornings to pick you up for church. We all rode together in my Dad's Buick each Sunday morning. Your Mother was truly one of my Mother and Dad's favorite people on the earth. She was always kind and had such a sweet gentleness about her that made her easy to love. May your sweetest memories of her fill your mind and bring a smile to your face again. Our love to each of you, Richard and Linda (Crowe) Sterling

Richard Sterling - January 03, 2020 at 12:36 PM

KS

“ Dear Riffe family,
We were so sorry to hear about your loss. We remember Hester as one of the sweetest ladies ever to worship with us at the Suffolk church. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Keith and Darlene Stacy

p.s. We were also sorry we couldn't make it to the memorial services. Darlene was under the weather and we had family in from out of town.

Keith Stacy - December 31, 2019 at 09:52 PM

ES

“ On behalf of the Fortson Family, we extend our deepest sympathy to the Riffe family. We remember the bus trips to the Keller and the fellowship singing on the bus. At that time Danny Douglas was the minister The obituary was shared with the congregation and posted in the foyer. May you find comfort in the many happy times to sustain you in the days to come.

*Edward Earl Fortson, Sr. & Family
Portsmouth Church of Christ*

Edward Earl Fortson, Sr. - December 31, 2019 at 04:22 PM

CM

“ Trisha, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Cathy McCreary

Cathy McCreary - December 29, 2019 at 05:49 PM

AW

“ Dear Gary - I am so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. I know how much you cared for her. Please accept my heartfelt love and sympathy. Agnes Wynne

Agnes Wynne - December 29, 2019 at 11:48 AM

JL

“ So sorry for your lost.
Our thoughts are with you Tom and family

Jerry and Francene Ledbetter - December 28, 2019 at 07:56 AM

BO

“ I remember how much Aunt Hester loved music and laughter. She was always so kind. Memories of her always bring a smile. She will be greatly missed

Bonita - December 27, 2019 at 01:32 PM

MS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Hester was a warm and gentle lady whom we had the privilege of knowing while she was at Province Place. It was a joy meeting her family and spending time chatting with them often. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. With deep sympathy,
John and Tunkie Stone (and Marion Lottich)

M. Stone - December 27, 2019 at 09:20 AM

JP

“ To the entire Riffe extended family. I am sad at your mother's passing. It fills my heart with joy to know that while she was here she was surrounded by love and family.

Jack Peirson

Jack Peirson - December 27, 2019 at 08:52 AM

MN

Trisha,

Tony and I were sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Marie & Tony Nicolo

Marie Nicolo - January 06, 2020 at 02:28 PM