



Janie Ellen Crutcher

June 15, 1923 - November 4, 2005

On November 4, 2005, Janie Ellen Crutcher passed away in Maryview Bon Secours Hospital after a two-month illness. She was born in Grayson County, Virginia to Columbus and Roberta "Bertie" Phipps and was the youngest of ten children. Devoted to her family, she leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband of 58 years, William L. Crutcher, her daughter Deborah Holland M.D., Granddaughter, Ellen Claire Holland, as well as several nieces and nephews, and many sister and brother in-laws.

Janie moved to Portsmouth in the 1940's working for Bell Telephone Co. She met and married her husband during WWII and after moving temporarily to Baltimore and Tennessee, they returned to Portsmouth where they opened Airline Television Service. They co-operated the business for 40 years until their retirement. In the past years she took pleasure in traveling with her family, sewing projects and flower gardening. She was a member of United Congregational Church, where she participated in the Women's Fellowship and greatly enjoyed her church community. Janie was particularly devoted to her daughter and granddaughter providing unfaltering love, support, and laughter.

The enormous void left in our hearts will be filled with memories of her grace, charm, compassion, and the special feistiness that could only be "Janie".

The family wishes to thank each of you for your outpouring of love and support during the time of her illness. Most especially, we thank her dear neighbors, the incredible nurses at Maryview Hospital, her physicians, and

Pastor Charles, who helped us during this difficult time.

There will be a graveside service Monday November 7, 2005 at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens at 2:00 pm. Family will receive visitors at Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel from 3:00-4:00 pm Sunday November 6, 2005.

In place of flowers, donations may be made to United Congregational Church in Portsmouth or the Children's Hospital of the King Daughters.

Tribute Wall



“ Debbie:

I was so sorry to hear about your mother's death. I have lost both my mother and father in the last ten years and Wanda has lost her father as well. I can tell you that it gets easier as time passes but it never goes away. Cling to the memories of your Mom and that will get you through. Our roles in life reverse as we get older and it is never easy. It makes us appreciate our parents all the more. I just wanted to express our sympathy to you, your Dad and your daughter at this time. We wish you all comfort at this most difficult time.

Barry and Wanda###imported-begin###Barry Smith###imported-end##

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“ *I had the privilege of taking care of Mrs. Crutcher during her final days and even as she slipped into eternal rest. When I was asked by family and friends how was my patient..I stated with a sad but comforted heart, "Another one of the Saints has entered into the Kingdom of heaven! Hallelujah!" I want you the family to know that I am praying for you. The most painful times may come when you want to speak with her or see her and you can't...but BE ENCOURAGED, because we'll meet in heaven some day! I love each of you. You're all very wonderful people, filled with the love of Christ. Look to the hills from which cometh your help. Help, strength and power, comes from God!!###imported-begin###Clarisa Napier,R.N.###imported-end##*

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