



## Alice Akers Rhinehart

December 23, 1934 - December 25, 2012

Princeton, WV- Alice Jeanne Akers Rhinehart, 78 formerly of Bluefield, WV passed away at Princeton Community Hospital on December 25, 2012. Born December 23, 1934 in Welch, WV she was the daughter of the late Raymon H . Akers, Sr. and late Alice Jeanne Porter Akers. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 yrs Frankie E . Rhinehart Sr.; a brother Raymon H . Akers, Jr.; two sisters, Wanda Martin and Doris Jones. Survivors include sister Glenna Mathena of Waverly Ohio; daughter, Kimberly Sigmon (C. Richard) with whom she made her home after the death of her husband, Frank, this past October; two sons Frank E. Rhinehart, Jr. (Diana) and David Rhinehart (Eb); five grandchildren Chrissy Claypool (Steve), Aja Rhinehart, Maria Jones (Mike), Adam Rhinehart (Tiffany) and Aaron Sigmon; and six great grandchildren. She graduated in the first nursing class at Bluefield State College in 1969 and was a nursing supervisor at Bluefield Community Hospital from where she retired. She was also previously employed at St. Lukes Hospital and was a substitute clinical instructor at the Mercer County Education Center for the Licensed Practical Nursing program. She took much pride and love in her nursing career. She volunteered and aided in the Buffalo Creek Flood disaster in 1972 and was deeply affected by the experience which led her to strive to help people in many ways in the following years. When her sons were young, she was a Cub Scout Den Mother who loved working with her scouts and even years later spoke proudly of all the activities and experiences with her scouts. She was a member of

Maple View Church of Christ. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday December 29, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Tony Reed officiating. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour. Entombment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton where Adam Rhinehart, Denver Akers, Shannon Akers, Steve Claypool, Robert Jennings and Phillip Sigmon will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Aaron Sigmon. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1601 Second Avenue, Charleston, W V 25387. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Alice Jeanne Akers Rhinehart.

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Alice Jean. She was like a second Mom to me and I cared so much for her. So many memories with her and our families. There was nothing she wouldn't do if you were in need of anything. Gave the best advice. I will always love you Aunt Alice Jean.

Barry L Martin - November 16, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ Alice Akers Rhinehart

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Thinking of you Alice,,



Debbie Hughes Morris - July 08, 2014 at 01:22 AM



“ Kim, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother & father, you & your family are in my thoughts & prayers.

Sandy Cundiff - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DM

“ I am very sad to hear of the passing of Alice. Such a beautiful sweet person! I worked with Alice at B.R.M.C. years ago. She will be missed by many. My heartfelt condolences goes out to her family. Alice will live on in our memories. Heaven received a new angel, and what rejoicing is going on now. She is at peace.

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**Debbie Hughes Morris** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SC

“ David, Frankie and Kim. I am very sad to here of your Mother passing. She was a great person with a wonderful personality. She always made me feel at home when I came to the house (which was a lot of times) Your family are in are prayers. PLease let us know if we can do anything for any of you May the piece of Chirst be with you Scott&Diane Cravens

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**scott cravens** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PF

“ To the Family and Loved Ones of Alice Jeanne: Our condolences to the family with the passing of my beloved cousin Alice Jeanne. Alice Jeanne and her family spent many fun times at our homes in Abbs Valley and Bluefield, Va. We were very close growing up and she will be sadly missed. On behalf of my family, I hope all of the fond memories of Alice Jeanne will bring comfort in the days ahead. We will remember her often and fondly. With love, Phyllis (Akers) Gianforcaro Columbus, OH

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**Phyllis (Akers) Gianforcaro and Family** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KH

“ So sorry to read about Alice. She was a wonderful person and a great nurse. My mother thought the world of her. I can remember Alice was one of the first visitors at moms house when Cindy passed away. She's another angel in Heaven. God bless you all!

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**Kathy Hyder Hairston** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KW

“ My sincere sympathy to Alice's family. I know this is a big loss for you. Alice made a tremendous impact on me as I began my career in healthcare and I have many fond memories that I will always hold dear. Alice was a sincere and compassionate nurse and friend who touched the lives of many. May you find comfort in her journey to God's love and everlasting life.  
God's blessings to all.

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**Kathy Wolford** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

YT

“ So many memories I just dont know where to start. Myrtle Beach a big one. Camping. I still make three cheese pasta. Thank you for the receipe. Will be carried on generations to come. Everyone loves it. Be good. Tell Uncle Frank Hi and give him a big smooch for me. Miss you and you will always be in my heart. Tammy

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**Your neice Tammy** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TS

“ I will Greatly miss Alice. Even tho she was my Aunt, she was like a Mother to me. The Love I have for her is so deep. My husband Tom and I looked forward to seeing Alice and the Rhinehart family. Alice God Bless you. You are at home now. The Lord will look after you now. Be Happy with the Lord. Love Thomas & Deborah Martin-Smith

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**Tom & Deborah Smith** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TF

“ Paula sent us the email about Ms. Rhinehart's passing. We are so sorry to hear this and so soon after Mr. Rhinehart's passing. Our love and prayers are with you. May God comfort each one of you with His great love and peace. God Bless, Roscoe & Rusty Lusk & Family

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**The Lusk Family** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LS

“ Alice Jeanne was such a sweet person. We are so sorry for your loss. May God grant you peace and comfort during this most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Lya (Cartwright) & Steve Stroupe** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Alice is one of the best people I have ever encountered she taught me so much about our career and people. Respected, admired, and loved by her staff, always fair and compassionate Her pride was her very lovely family , her home and her work. She laughed heartily and cried when the occasion called for it. I pray she has found her peace.

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**Kathy lusk** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MB

“ Dear Maria, So sorry for the loss of your grandma. She always talked so lovingly about her family.

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**Marietta Buckner** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MB

“ *What a sweet lady. I am so sorry for your loss. We appreciated her helping us out with the LPN program. The first time I met her, I was a nursing student. She was working the pediatric unit, playing cards with a young man - back in the days when parents were not allowed to stay - at the old Bluefield Sanitarium. I mentioned it once and she said that was the first time she had worked that unit. As a student - I was so impressed.*

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**Marietta Buckner** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JH

“ *DAVE AND ADAM; WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEARING ABOUT THE PASSING OF YOUR MOM AND GRANDMOTHER. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. JAMES AND MARIE HILL*

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**JAMES AND MARIE HILL** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CM

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Aunt Alice. We will miss her dearly, such a sweet sister and aunt. Our thoughts are with all of you. We also send blessings for Uncle Frank. We did not know that he had passed also. Mush love to all of you.*

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**Carol Mathena** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM