



## Betty S. Akers

January 31, 1942 - September 5, 2016

Bluefield, WV - Betty S. Akers, 74, of 326 Point Street, Bluefield, passed away Monday September 5, 2016 in a Tazewell hospital. Betty was born in Bluefield, WV on January 31, 1942 and was a daughter of the late Charles A. Shephard and Martha G. Williams Shephard.

Betty was a former employee of Mercer County Schools, having worked as a Teacher's Aide at Ramsey Elementary School until the school closed, then she went to Whitethorn Elementary School where she retired in 2005 after 36 years of service. In 2004 she received the Service Personnel of the year. Betty was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by the Husband Raymond G. Akers and a son Ricky G. Akers, a brother Eddie Dean Shephard, her grandparents; William Mack Williams and Margaret Shinault Williams and Charles A. Shephard and Susan Jane Crutchfield Asbury, two half-brothers Charles Shephard his wife Jay and Curtis Shephard, a half-sister Juanita Shephard Turner.

Surviving Betty are a son Teddy Ray Akers, of Bluefield, her grandchildren; Timmy Akers and Alex Akers both of Bluefield, Noel Akers and Miah Grace Akers both of Bland, VA, three sisters; Eleanor Johnson and husband Donald of Bluefield, WV Maxine Tinsley and husband Larry of Round Rock, TX, Helen Williams and husband Kenny of Bluefield, WV, two brothers; Roger Shephard and wife Bonnie of Tazewell, VA and Michael Shephard and wife Michelle of Bluefield, WV.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday September 7, 2016 at 8:00 PM at the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with the Pastor David Bailey officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 -8 PM.

Burial will be Thursday September 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Grandview Memory Gardens Cemetery. Those wishing to attend the graveside service are ask to meet at the cemetery by 9:45 AM

Pallbearers will be Timmy Akers, Josh Sluss, Danny Johnson, Noah Stamper, David Bailey, Jr. and Mark Tinsley. Honorary Pallbearers will be Kenny William and Alex Akers.

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 Betty S. Akers.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

SEP 7. 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Burial

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Grandview Memory Gardens  
Bluefield, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mercer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty S. Akers*



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**Mercer Funeral Home** - September 07, 2016 at 10:29 AM



“ *Betty S. Akers*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Rest in peace! You are free now, Ms. Akers!!! Our prayers, thoughts, condolences for the beautiful Ms. Akers! May you feel the presence of the God of ALL comfort when you miss her the most! Be proud to know that she was a kind soul to all she came in contact with because she generously shared that awesome smile! I could not believe what I was seeing when I saw the attached photo of her! I remember her from Ramsey Elementary and will now miss her as my neighbor! Rest in peace sweet lady until we meet again! To the family: may you embrace the true and genuine relationship with God through Christ Jesus our Lord that will help you to live on in her legacy of kindness! Know that you are NOT alone and that others are praying for you! God bless!*



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**Anneka Powell** - September 09, 2016 at 11:10 AM

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“ *Patricua Carbaugh sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty S. Akers*



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**Patricua Carbaugh** - September 07, 2016 at 07:31 AM



“ *Sweet lady. I still remember how great she was as an aide at Ramsey. She was definitely a fond memory from my years there.*



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**Karla Perdue** - September 05, 2016 at 08:03 PM