



## Betty P. Cain

April 11, 1940 - November 23, 2025

Bluefield, WV - Betty Pearl Cain 85 of Bluefield, WV and formerly of Harpers Ferry, WV died Sunday November 23, 2025 at a Princeton hospital. Betty was born April 11, 1940 in Amherst County VA, a daughter of the late Tom Lewis Vass and Bessie Shanks Vass.

Betty attended the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind where she met her first husband James Hess, Jr., the father of her 3 children. Betty's first job was at the Department of Commerce, NTIS Bureau, in Customer Service from 1978 until her retirement in 2005. After her retirement she kept busy working part time at Kohl's to satisfy her love of shopping, as well as short travel trips, knitting and sewing. Betty founded and was President of an ASL Club for the deaf in Harper's Ferry where she made many friends.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister Mary Louise Vass Johnson, daughters Nadine S. Poff and Betsy Hess. She is survived by her son Doug Hess (Terri) of Sterling, VA, granddaughters Ann Marie Hess, Natalie Hess, and Nicole Hess, a grandson Cody Poff and 5 great grandchildren, and a brother Carl J. Vass of TX.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday December 16, 2025 at Mercer funeral Home at 2:00 PM with Rev. Ed Fisher officiating. Friends may visit at the funeral home one hour to service time. Burial and graveside services at St. Peter's Cemetery in Charles Town, WV will be held Wednesday December 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the Cain family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Betty Cain.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
(304) 327-6155  
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## Funeral Service

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

DEC 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Cemetery  
49 Crosswinds Drive  
Charles Town, WV 25414