



Eleanor G. Kensinger

October 28, 1938 - July 4, 2022

Eleanor D. Kensinger, 83, of Cumberland Rd, Bluefield passed away Monday July 4, 2022 after a long illness. She was preceded in death by her parents Derrill and Isabelle Douthit and by her husband of 38 years Donald C. Kensinger.

She is survived by a sister Alice Gray of Mechanicsville, VA, a sister Cindy Thomas (Stewart) of Waynesboro, VA, a brother Derrill Douthat Jr. and Linda of Bluefield, VA. a sister-in-law Janice Heath (Rayford) of Summerfield, NC, a beloved friend and caregiver Evelyn Davis of Bluefield, VA, special caregiver Ashley Green of Bluefield, VA, a special niece Karen Sarver of Carlisle, KY, special nephews Justin Douthat of Bluefield, VA, and Ryan Douthat of Midlothian VA, and her 3 fur babies George, Lucy and Sandy.

Eleanor graduated from Graham High School, earned an Associate of Arts degree in Education from Bluefield College, A Bachelor of Arts degree from Radford University and her Master's in Education degree from the University of Virginia,

She lived her lifelong dream of being a teacher, beginning her career at Burk Gardens School, then taught English, Speech and Drama for many years. She received numerous awards as an educator. She also directed several plays with Summit Players in Bluefield.

Eleanor and Don served in the First Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, for all of their married lives.

Since a funeral service was not held for Don in 2020 due to COVID concerns

services for Eleanor and Don will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Aug 4, 2022 with former pastor W.D. Hasty officiating. Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
Tazewell Ave.
Bluefield, WV 24701

Memorial Service

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
208 Tazewell Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor G. Kensinger*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *To Buzzy, Alice, Cindy and extended family, I'm so sorry to hear of Eleanor's passing. What a wonderful legacy both she and Donnie left to the Bluefield community! Although Eleanor was older than me I always enjoyed her colorful stories of our Mahood family. She had the gift of "words" that so many of the Mahood women shared. I hope sweet memories of days past fill your hearts instead of grief.*

Patti Bradshaw, Durham NC

Patti Bradshaw - August 02, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Nancy & Sam Gibson purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Eleanor G. Kensinger.*



Nancy & Sam Gibson - July 29, 2022 at 11:40 PM



“ *Almost 60 years ago was when I first met Eleanor, Miss Douthat then. As a young teenage boy she seemed intimidating as my English teacher, however as time passed I realized that she was this lovely, sweet person who cared for her students. Many years later I was blessed to be able to connect with her again. We had some wonderful conversations the past 2 years.*

Winston Gregory - July 27, 2022 at 09:04 PM

DF

“ *Deborah Frye lit a candle in memory of Eleanor G. Kensinger*



Deborah Frye - July 24, 2022 at 01:30 PM

LW

“ *Ms Kensinger was one of my favorite teachers. She inspired me and encouraged me when I needed it the most. She was such a special person. Sending condolences and prayers to her family.*

Lena Annette Winfrey - July 17, 2022 at 04:49 PM

KH

“ *Much love and prayers during this time of transition and loss.*



Karen Harlow - July 17, 2022 at 04:40 PM

JK

“ *I knew her as my English teacher at Graham High School. She left a lasting impression on me through the years and would consider her the finest of teachers in my high school years. Condolences to her family and friends as I know she will be missed by all.*

Jeannie Sisson King

Jeannie King - July 17, 2022 at 12:37 PM

LB

“ She was a great teacher. I remember her well from my time at Graham high.

Lisa Griffith Bradford - July 17, 2022 at 01:30 AM

LE

Eleanor was, without a doubt, the most influential teacher I ever had. Aside from the subject matter, she taught us about respect, discipline and responsibility. She was simply the best! I will always be grateful for her and love her for all she gave to all her students. May God provide peace and comfort to the family.

Larry Ellis July 21

Larry Ellis - July 21, 2022 at 07:37 AM

DF

I met Eleanor when I was in the first grade due to being friends with her youngest sister. She was my Speech and Drama teacher in high school (excellent class) and I was somewhat intimidated by her....when I returned to GHS as a teacher and we were peers, I adored her! She and Donnie were so sweet together. Rest in Peace, Eleanor. Godspeed.

Deborah Frye - July 24, 2022 at 01:29 PM