



## Katharine Nelson

February 2, 1927 - April 13, 2013

Bluefield, WV - Katharine Kinnear Nelson age 86 of 320 Parkway Bluefield, WV died Saturday April 13, 2013 at The Maples. Born February 2, 1927 in Bluefield, WV she was the daughter of the late Walter Virgil Ross and Katharine McClung Ross. Katharine "Kitty" was a portrait artist, with works displayed all around the country. An artist, as well as a homemaker, she was active in civic and community affairs, and her membership in Westminster Presbyterian Church, where she was very active in the youth group, serves as Brownie Scout and Girl Scout Leader. She also painted the portrait of Dr. C.H. Patterson, which hangs in the church today. She attended R.P.I. (Richmond Polytechnic Institute) Richmond, VA as well as Concord University and West Virginia University and the Vavine Art Studio in Bluefield. She composed the lyrics to the Beaver High School alma mater song, as well as being an inductee to the BHS Academic Hall of Fame. She was also a member, and historian of the John Chapman Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. Kitty loved nature; birds, trees and flowers, and was a very active proponent in animal rights and welfare. She loved history, and spent her life seeking knowledge, and was also a family genealogist. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother Walter Virgil Ross, Jr. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Dr. James A. Nelson, a daughter Katharine Lyle Nelson of Bluefield, WV, a son; James A. Nelson, Jr. and his wife Carol of Bluefield, WV, grandchildren; USMC SSgt. James Andrew Nelson, III and his wife Heather, Kailua, HI, Adam Nelson and his wife Amber

of Radford, VA and Jacqueline Kelly Nelson of Bluefield, WV and her fiancé Ben Sarles of Princeton, WV. Great-Grandchildren are Ethan Nelson and Samantha Nelson of Kailua, HI, and sister in law Willie Ross of Garden City, SC. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday April 16, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Craig Hammond officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time. Interment at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Bluefield will be private. Serving the family as pallbearers will be Adam Nelson, Randy Phillips, "Lucky" Goforth, Wayne Pelts, Thomas Jeffrey and Rich Nuckolls. Honorary pallbearers will be "Lon" Hopkins, Cecil Smith, Keffie Curvence, Dick Silbaugh, Allen Jonas and Randy Stevens. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial donation be made to the Mercer County Spay Association, Box 1992, Princeton, WV 24740. 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 Nelson family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Katharine Nelson*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *jim was so sorry to read of katherines death. our deepest sympathy to you and your family. she painted beautiful pictures for many to enjoy.GOD be with you in your sorrow*

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**joe and betty dunn** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *"Kitty" Nelson had a profound impact on our lives. She, along with Dr. Jim, patiently disciplined us and prayed with and for us as we began our new lives in Christ. Kitty was a consummate artist. My husband requested that she paint an oil portrait of me (before I was 30 and over-the-hill!). I came kicking and screaming but she kindly overlooked that and showed much grace in the process. Kitty also painted oil portraits of two other family members and offered to use our young daughter as her sculpture model, a wonderful treasure to us. Interestingly, the eyes are somewhat reminiscent of Kitty's beautiful deep-set eyes. Charlie and I extend our sincere condolences to Katharine, Dr. Jim, Jim, Jr. and others in her family.*  
*Hazel Peery Cauthen*

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**Charlie and Hazel Peery Cauthen** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Mrs. Nelson was a sweet lady. May she rest in peace and my thoughts and prayers are with all of her family*

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**Brian Sprouse** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Nelson family. She was a wonderful person and will be missed but will reside in our heart forever. Peace and comfort to all of you.

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**Blaine & Teresa Braithwaite** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ Jim, Kathy and Dr. Jim, Sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Nelson. A fine lady and remebered graciously by all. Thoughts and prayers go with you all.

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**Mike O'Dell** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of Katharine Nelson's passing. She was a wonderful person and a masterful artist. Her greatest masterpiece was her wonderful children. We will be thinking of you in this time of sorrow. Mary and I love you and are honored to call you both friends. Love Mary and Jim Leedy.

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**Mary & Jim Leedy** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM