



Loraine Crockett Alley

November 23, 1917 - August 1, 2014

Bluefield - Myra Loraine Crockett Alley, 96, died on August 1, 2014, at Ocala Fl. Born in Bluefield, VA, November 23, 1917, she was the daughter of the late Robert Addison Crockett and the late Ella Sue Wright Crockett Hall. Her paternal grandmother, Eliza Jane Moore, was the granddaughter of James Moore, Indian captive in the massacre of the Moore family, Abbs Valley, VA. Her maternal grandmother, Eugenia Bailey, was a descendant of the Revolutionary War soldier, Richard Bailey, whose grave on Route 460, Bluefield, VA, is marked with a Revolutionary War stone. Following her graduation from Graham High School, she earned an undergraduate degree at Emory and Henry College, Emory, VA, and a Master's degree at Radford University, Radford, VA.

She married Richard Franklin Alley, July 1, 1942. The couple, their three children, Mary Sue, Richard and Myra and Loraine's mother made their home in Bluefield, WV. In 1954, John S. Hall and Loraine's Mother, Ella Sue Wright Crockett, were married, and Mr. Hall's daughter, Eleanor Tracy Hall, became a beloved family member.

Loraine started her teaching career with 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades in a two-room school, Springville, VA. She taught English at Tazewell and Graham High Schools. Following her move to West Virginia, she taught English and Social Studies in Mercer County Schools at Wade Junior High, Bramwell High School, Montcalm High School, McComas High School, Fairview Junior High School; and English at Bluefield High School, where she was head of the

English Department, Supervisor of the Student Council, and named Mercer County Teacher of the Year. She ended her 40 years in education as English and Social Studies Supervisor of Mercer County Secondary Schools. As Supervisor she designed, initiated, coordinated and directed a Current Events Quiz Contest, produced by WHIS Television, in which students of Mercer County Social Studies classes competed weekly. She initiated and coordinated the original implementation of the West Virginia Writing Project, "Methods of Teaching Writing," for English teachers in Mercer County Schools. Mrs. Alley was an active church member and Sunday School Teacher in Graham Methodist Church. In Westminster Presbyterian Church, she served as interim sponsor of the Pioneer and Young Peoples' groups, Superintendent of Young People's Sunday School Department, Circle Chairman, Circle Bible Teacher, and President of Women of the Church and was awarded Life Membership.

She was co-president, with her husband Richard, of the Elderberries. In First Presbyterian Church, she served as Circle Chairman, Circle Bible Teacher, Spiritual Enrichment Chairman of Presbyterian Women's Council, and coordinator of the church nursery. She kept her membership in her beloved First Presbyterian Church and in PW Circle 3 after she left Bluefield. She was an active member of Bluefield Union Mission Auxiliary.

Mrs. Alley was a member and past Regent of John Chapman Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; member, past president and book reviewer of McGuffey Book Club; and member, past president and Chaplain of the Little Gardens Club. She spent many hours working in her flower garden, claiming no special botanical aptitudes, just love of the good earth and the plant she chose.

In 2005 she left Bluefield to live with her daughters Myra and husband Royce, Ocala, FL, and Mary Sue and husband Richard, Virginia Beach, VA. She was greatly blessed on her spiritual journey attending worship services at Wycliff Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, and Bible Baptist Church, Ocala, and by BBC friends and helpers.

In addition to her parents, parents-in-law Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alley, step father Mr. John S. Hall, and step sister Eleanor Tracy Hall, she was preceded in death by her husband, half brothers and sisters Henry Wade Crockett, wife Elizabeth Carter; Rose Annie Crockett Hatchet, husband Montelle Hatchet; Ruth Jane Crockett St. Clair, husband Alexander St. Clair, Jr, their son Alexander St. Clair, III; Robert Addison Crockett, Jr, wife Lettie Perdue; Sidney Emil Crockett, wife Jeanette Huffman; Nancy Letitia (Girly) Crockett Harry, husband Raymond S. Harry; David Thomas Crockett, wife Stella Looney, their sons David Thomas Crockett, Jr, and Steven Roger Crockett; in laws: sister Mary Gordon Alley Sweet, husband The Reverend Mr. Clayton D. Sweet, their son The Reverend Mr. Clayton D. Sweet, Jr; brother William L Alley, Jr, wife Elizabeth Cover, their son William L. Alley, III, their daughter Elizabeth Linn Alley Clifton, husband William K. Clifton, Jr, their son William K. Clifton, III. Survivors include daughters Mary Sue Alley Crommelin, husband Richard Gunter Crommelin, Jr, Virginia Beach, VA; Myra Crockett Alley Wood, husband Royce Gene Wood, Ocala FL; son COL Richard F. Alley, Jr, wife Jean Burns, Clarksville, VA; grandchildren Richard Gunter Crommelin, III, Portland, OR; Katherine Loraine Crommelin Grykien, husband Daniel Vincent Grykien, Burlington, VT; Robert William Alley and David Christopher Alley, Charlottesville, VA; Richard Thomas Alley, Manassas, VA; Reynold Paul Hawk, Jr, son Brayden Paul Hawk, Boones Mill, VA, daughter Amanda Lombardo, Gainesville, VA; Myra Suzanne Hawk, partner Simone Winkler, Jared Dwayne Wood, Ocala, FL; nephews and nieces: Robert Addison Crockett, III, wife Diann Eggleston, Wickenburg, AR; Nancy Ann Harry Stauch, husband LT. COL. Victor D. Stauch, Virginia Beach, VA; Phyllis Short St. Clair, Wade Tiffany St. Clair, wife Nora, Bluefield, VA; Wanda Larson Sweet Vell, Pulaski, VA; Carol Hurst Alley, Richmond, VA; great and great great nephews and nieces.

A funeral service will be conducted at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday August 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Dr. W. D. Hasty, Jr, officiating.

The family will receive visitors in the church parlor one hour before the service on Tuesday. Grandsons and church members will serve as pall bearers. A private burial for family will be held at Monte Vista Park cemetery in Green Valley.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 208 Tazewell St, Bluefield, WV 24701 or to Bluefield Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield Ave, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or e-mail condolences may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Loraine Alley.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
208 Tazewell Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
208 Tazewell Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Loraine Crockett Alley*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *My Grandmother had a few sisters... I was able to meet two of them, one was Rose, she seemed much older than my Grammy, and there was a younger one who was beautiful with dark brown hair, her name was Aunt Lorraine. She looked like she was straight out of Good Housekeeping magazine, much like my mom and grandmother (Nancy Crockett Harry). Aunt Lorraine had a husband who would come and visit with my grandparents who also had nicknames (Girlie and Buzzy), and I recall her husband being called Hippie, which as a child I thought funny as neither of them looked like hippies. Rather, I'd say it was quite the opposite.*

I wish I had more time with my mother Nancy's family members in Bluefield, but we all grew up and apart, which life has a tendency to do over the natural course of time. However, I will always remember my Aunt Lorraine and remain happy to know that she is held in the palm of our Father's hand at this, the end of her long and fruitful lifetime.

May you forever rest in peace Aunt Lorrane until we meet again.

With love always, Letitia (Tish) Stauch Riley

Letitia Ann Stauch - November 11, 2014 at 10:06 AM

RA

“ I have such fond memories of living next door to the Alley's. We had such a great neighborhood and such fun. I enjoyed many days studying with your mom for a test while I was at Fairview. She made it fun to learn. Then the days of DAR. The luncheons and programs. Her flower beds were the envy of the neighborhood. As were her famous pecan pies. She was a special lady and will be missed by all who knew her.

Love to all, Ruby

Ruby Aralds - August 11, 2014 at 02:10 PM

EF

“ I remember having Mrs. Alley for English teacher in Bluefield High School Still have the report card with her name on it She was a wonderful teacher and I enjoyed the business like features she had while teaching She was so impressed and straight to the point always pointing in the air when making a great suggestion or clue to what she was teaching about. It was easy for me to learn things because she worked closely to me I will never forget her she will be blessed eternally My thoughts and prayers goes out to the Alley family she was great.

Edward Frankenfield - August 08, 2014 at 03:11 PM

KN

“ I remember the lyrical laughter, the ready smile, and quick wit that were signature trademarks of Mrs. Alley. I had the good fortune to have her as a teacher, at Fairview. I then had the opportunity to work on staff at the same school years later, with her. Try as I might, even with her requests, I could never call her Loraine. She was one of my favorite teachers, and one that I respected tremendously...in my mind and heart, she would always be, "Mrs. Alley." My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Earth's loss is so completely Heaven's gain.

Katharine Nelson - August 07, 2014 at 09:55 PM

VS

“ *Just heard of Mrs. Alley's passing. I remember her wonderful wit and how blessed I was to have been one of her many students. Sending love and hugs and prayers to Mrs. Alley's family*

Vicki Steele - August 07, 2014 at 01:18 PM

TR

“ *Dear Mary Sue, Myra and Richard,
I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am that we no longer have your precious Mother. I had every intention of coming to the funeral today and due to a very hectic schedule I wasn't able to be there. I was coming to represent Billy, Ruby, Sharron and myself. Your mother was very dear to our entire family. She was always there for us when needed help and we all had a love for your entire family. I can't even begin to tell you how terrible I feel about not being there today. Please accept my apology.
Your Mother did all the work for our Mother to become a Daughter of the American Revolution and therefore Ruby, Sharron and myself are also members. Your Mom was a real Lady and her presence at a meeting was great.
I can't forget to mention the pecan pies that your Mom would bring to the lake and didn't we have some good times over there. Our Dad's got along so well as did all of us.
Lorraine was always there for any of us if we had a problem. She was so wonderful.
Please forgive me for not making it to today's service. I was looking forward to seeing each of you.
My e-mail address is: we2hokies@frontiernet.net. I would love to hear from each of you . I would like to hear about your families.
With lots of love,
Blessings
Tonia*

Tonia Russell - August 05, 2014 at 08:03 PM

JV

“ I am sorry to read of Mrs. Alley's passing. She was a wonderful teacher and person. She taught English at BHS when I was there. May God comfort her family and loved ones during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jeanette Vernon - August 05, 2014 at 09:19 AM

DS

“ Richard, Mary Sue , Myra and families,
So sorry to hear of your mom's death. She had such a positive impact on my life as she did everyone who had the honor to know her!
Blessings to all of you during these difficult days.

Deedy (Hill) Smith

deedy smith - August 04, 2014 at 12:30 PM

TT

“ Good teachers make a real impression on young students and are unforgettable . I was fortunate enough to be in Mrs. Alley's 7th. grade English class at McComas High School in 1952-53. I came from a one room school and was somewhat overwhelmed in high school (grades 7 -12). Mrs. Alley was so gracious, friendly and beautiful. She insisted we learn how to write properly and spell correctly. We wrote and wrote and wrote and I loved it. She became one of my most unforgettable teachers. Thanks, Mrs. Alley!

Terry R. Tabor, Orange Park, Fl

Terry R. Tabor - August 04, 2014 at 08:47 AM

JM

“ Mrs. Alley was one of my favorite teachers, both at Fairview and at Westminster Church. She had a remarkable memory and was an excellent teacher, influencing many students. She carried herself with great dignity and was respected by all. She made the world a better place. She was one year older than my dad -- oh, how we miss the older generation! Our sympathies to you in your loss. Joan and Curtis Murray

Joan Murray - August 03, 2014 at 03:24 PM

GK

“ Remember her so well. Condolences to old friends, Richard, Myra and Mary Sue.

Gene Kirk - August 03, 2014 at 02:12 PM

EC

“ We so appreciate Myra calling.....So many wonderful family memories! How I will miss Aunt Loraine's very special holiday cards. All the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Much much love sent to each of you---Elizabeth Rodgers Clifton and Catherine Linn Clifton

Elizabeth Clifton - August 02, 2014 at 02:38 PM

EM

“ Elaine M. purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Loraine Crockett Alley.



Elaine M. - August 02, 2014 at 02:19 PM

DD

“ *Daniel and Katherine Grykien and Richard Crommelin and Devin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Loraine Crockett Alley.*



Daniel and Katherine Grykien and Richard Crommelin and Devin - August 02, 2014 at 01:22 PM