



Mary Ruth Dudley

October 16, 1927 - August 1, 2021

Mrs. Mary Ruth Dudley, 93, died peacefully at her home Sunday, August 1, with her family by her side.

She was born October 16, 1927 in Frankford, West Virginia to the late Alec Walter and Marjorie Carrie Viers. She was a valedictorian graduate of Frankford High and a graduate of West Virginia Business College. She worked for Dr. Elliott Blaydes, Sr., then married Elliott Nelson Dudley, beginning a life as mother and homemaker.

Mrs. Dudley was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and a long time viewer of Charles Stanley. She was for many years a volunteer at Bluefield Regional Hospital. She loved working in her yard and being creative in her home.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband, a sister Virginia Fuller and a brother Paul Viers.

Surviving Mrs. Dudley are sisters; Jean Brant, Ann Wykle, and Carol Nipper, and brother; Lacy Viers. Also surviving are daughters Diane (Jim) Gatherum, Delores (Doug) Bourne, and Gail Gregory. Grandchildren are Scott (Alison) Gatherum, Ann (Mike) Kiefer, Katie (Paul) Kuhn, Amy (Matt) Reneger, Elliott (Christy) Gregory, Carrie (Chad) Trivette, Matthew (Carrie) Bourne, and Mary Bourne. She had 22 great-grandchildren.

The family is thankful for her loving caregivers Elaine Pettrey, Joyce Shelly, and Brenda Williby.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial donation may be made to The

Bluefield Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield Ave. Bluefield, WV 24701.

In accordance with her written wishes, a graveside service for family members will be held with her grandson Elliott Gregory presiding. Family members will serve as pallbearers.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Mary Dudley.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ruth Dudley*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I knew of Mrs. Dudley and the family since I was boy going to Wade school. I admire her and her girls, she had a great family. Later in life I got to work for her at her home on the corner, it was my only direct contact with her and I was impressed. She was a lady of beauty and grace. My sympathies to the girls and the family. Larry Tolbert*

Larry Tolbert - August 25, 2021 at 05:26 PM



Thank you for your kind words, Larry.

Delores - August 28, 2021 at 12:32 AM



Larry, thank you for your very kind words.

Delores - August 28, 2021 at 12:39 AM



“ *Dear Gail, Deloris, Diane, and families,
Please accept my sincere condolences in the loss of your sweet Mother. Please know all three of you and your families, are in my thoughts and prayers as you face all of your tomorrows. God Bless all of you.*

*Sincerely,
Sue Luterick*

Susan Luterick - August 23, 2021 at 10:48 AM

DE

Thank you for your kind words.

Delores - August 28, 2021 at 12:44 AM

EH

“ *Gail, Delores, Diane, and families,
We were saddened to hear of the loss of your beautiful, sweet
mother and grandmother. Loving her came so easy, missing her
presence here will be so difficult. May knowing she is at peace and
in heaven bring you comfort. We know reflecting on lifelong
memories will warm your hearts and that her spirit will always be
with you! Thinking of you and praying for you all in the days forward.*



Love, Elaine and Bill Hincer ❤️ Christopher and Katie

Elaine Hincer - August 07, 2021 at 08:58 AM

GA

Thank you for your kind words and prayers!

Gail - August 08, 2021 at 04:38 PM

JB

“ *I always looked forward to your mom’s beautiful summer flowers.
She brightened up our neighborhood with her smile and her garden.
Thank you for the memories.*

Jamie Baldwin - August 04, 2021 at 08:34 PM



*Jaime, thank you for your kind words. I’ve tried to keep her flowers
growing, but I’m just don’t have her touch*

Delores Bourne - August 08, 2021 at 03:49 PM

GA

Thanks so much Jamie!

Gail - August 08, 2021 at 04:36 PM

FA

“ *Delores, Diane and Gail we were so sorry to hear of your mother’s passing. She was a sweet lovely lady and you were all blessed to have her in this life so long. It is never easy to say goodbye to a parent. I hope that knowing she is with your Dad and is now with Jesus will bring each of you comfort . Love Fran and Pip* ❤️🙏

fran and Pip Alba - August 04, 2021 at 06:47 PM



Thanks for your kind words. God’s grace and good memories comfort us.

Delores Bourne - August 08, 2021 at 03:52 PM

HG

“ *Mary Dudley was a great lady-just look at the great family she raised. So sorry for your loss. Debbie, myself, and all the staff at my office are praying for you all. Lucky Goforth*

Harold Goforth - August 04, 2021 at 08:18 AM



Thank you. She was a great lady—maybe we three can live up to that. 🙏

Delores Bourne - August 08, 2021 at 03:54 PM

GA

Thanks so much. She was a blessing!

Gail - August 08, 2021 at 04:24 PM

CD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. It’s so hard to let go of our mothers. Connie Elmore Dinger*

connie elmore dinger - August 03, 2021 at 09:56 PM



Yes it is!❤️❤️

Delores Bourne - August 08, 2021 at 03:54 PM

WB

“ *Delores, Diane and Gail I'm so sorry. I loved your mother so much. She had the most beautiful roses in Bluefield growing up. Love and prayers for you all and the family.*

wanda martin burns - August 03, 2021 at 07:14 PM

GA

Thank you Wanda! You and I were sure blessed with good moms!! So many great memories of growing up! It's good to hear from you. Thanks again.

Gail - August 08, 2021 at 04:32 PM

RW

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to all the family. She was a lovely lady, great wife and mother. She fed me many snacks during my childhood days on Highland Ave. And bandaged many of my scraped knees. I know she'll be greatly missed. Rosie Moricle Walton*

Rosie Moricle Walton - August 03, 2021 at 06:13 PM



Rosie, we sure had fun when we were young! And we had such memorable mamas. Thank you for your kind words.

Delores Bourne - August 08, 2021 at 03:57 PM

PW

“ *Diane and Delores and the rest of the family, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. How wonderful that you had her for so many years and she even got to know her great grandchildren. I know you will miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Patti Wrenn

Patti Wrenn - August 03, 2021 at 05:21 PM



Thanks, Patti.

Delores Bourne - August 08, 2021 at 03:58 PM

DL

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. One can never find the right words, at this time. Ms. Dudley was a very caring and warm individual. Cherish the memories.*
Thoughts and prayers,
Donnita Shrout Lawrence

Donnita Shrout Lawrence - August 03, 2021 at 02:19 PM

GA

Thank you for your kindness, Donnita.

Gail - August 08, 2021 at 04:34 PM