



Nora Rutherford Bailey

November 14, 2016

Bluefield, VA- Nora Rutherford Bailey, 67, of Bluefield, VA was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, November 14, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was the daughter of the late William J. and Rebecca A. Rutherford.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Rhea Rutherford.

Ms. Bailey was a faithful member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, WV and the Church's Singles Group. She had a special love for people as expressed in ministering to the needs of others and volunteering for the Bluefield Union Mission Food Pantry and the Wade Center.

Ms Bailey was a 1968 graduate of Graham High School and graduate of Virginia Tech. She was an avid G-men and Hokie fan. Ms. Bailey worked in Saudi Arabia as a dietician for many years. Upon her return to the States, she settled in the Roanoke, VA area working in food service. In order to be closer to family, she returned to Bluefield to serve as Office Manager for Rutherford's Electronics and continued in this position until her passing. She retired from H & R Block, Princeton, WV.

Ms. Bailey will be remembered for her loving nature, caregiver attitude, gift of hospitality, generous spirit as well as her extensive giraffe collection. She loved her family and spending time with friends. Ms. Bailey had the opportunity to travel the world, but much more enjoyed traveling with nieces and nephews learning at historical sites and visiting a zoo or aquarium. One of

her favorite destination sites was Atlantic Beach, NC where she would take an early morning walk looking for shells or pass time sitting on the beach by the water's edge reading a good book. She loved life and scheduled every minute so as not to waste one moment.

Ms. Bailey will be missed by all who knew her. Family left to cherish her memory are Aunt Harriett Poulos, Culpepper, VA; Uncle Sam Damewood and wife Millie of Lashmeet, WV; sister Patricia Harton and son Chris of Bluefield, WV; brother William C. Rutherford and family, Cindy Sparks, husband Shaun and daughters Raegan and Kellan of Waynesboro, VA; Michael Rutherford and girlfriend, Jamie Garman of Roanoke VA; niece Lara Rutherford of Charleston, WV; and extended family and friends.

Ms. Bailey was a true friend to all, and was blessed to have three very special life-long friends who walked this journey with her: Emma "Jackie" Roach of Axton, VA, main caregiver; Connie Earls Pennington of Blacksburg, VA and Darlene Johnson Bowers, Bluefield, VA.

The family of Ms. Bailey would like to thank the Westminster Church Family, Caregivers and Devoted Friends for their support, encouragement and prayers during her final days.

The family will receive friends at Westminster Presbyterian Patterson Chapel on Friday, November 18 one hour prior to a Celebration of Life Memorial Service to be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Ms. Bailey requested in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Union Mission Food Pantry, 2203 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701 or Westminster Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1258, Bluefield, WV 24701.

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 Ms. Nora Rutherford Bailey.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
2005 Washington Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Nora Rutherford Bailey*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Nora and I worked together at The Chester County Hospital in West Chester, PA. We also lived in the same apartment complex. We decided we both needed to exercise and got together to jog one evening. We promised each other we would jog every night until we lost some weight. We started out at a good, steady pace.....and jogged right to the local Dairy Queen eating our ice cream while we walked back home. Although our jogging was a failure, our friendship was a beautiful success. Godspeed, dear Nora!
Much love,
Kathie Reilly Kleinert*

Kathie Reilly Kleinert - November 21, 2016 at 07:10 AM



“ *Nora and I were classmates at GHS. I remember her as being sweet and beautiful inside and out. May comfort be found in knowing that she is now "singing with the angels." Prayers for all the family. Peg Scott*

Peg Scott - November 18, 2016 at 04:17 AM



“ *I only met you once but you were such a welcoming and warm woman. May you find peace returning home to live forever in God'a grace.*

S. Butcher - November 17, 2016 at 03:43 PM

KA

“ hey i know you from the axton fire dept

karen - November 17, 2016 at 08:47 AM

WW

“ I had the privilege of attending high school with Nora and later getting to know her sweet family. Nora was a role model for us in high school and I looked up to her for her kindness and beauty, inside and out. She accomplished so much in her life and she lived life to the fullest through travel, her love of music, nature and most of all family. I know she will be missed by many who loved her. I pray the family is comforted by knowing she is at peace.

Wanda Wood - November 16, 2016 at 11:46 PM

TW

“ I don't have enough words to express how much of a genuinely good-hearted person you were. I am so thankful to have been blessed with the opportunity to know you. An angel in life and death. Rest in peace.

Taylor Williams - November 16, 2016 at 05:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nora Rutherford Bailey.



November 16, 2016 at 03:26 PM



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November 16, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ *Pat and Chris,
Chester and I are so sad that you have lost your sister, aunt, and friend Nora. We know how close you were and how you must have loved her. I did not get the opportunity to know her, but felt I did know her through the years of knowing you and hearing you talk of her. She sounds like she was a beautiful person who gave of her life in service to others. Please rest assured in knowing that she is now in the hands of the greatest caregiver of all. Love and prayers to you and Chris and your family.*

Lynn & Chester Payne - November 16, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ *I knew Nora during the time I was friends with her mother. Nora's Mom spoke with the excitement of a child at just the mention of the annual beach vacation. What a comfort to think of Nora and her Mom walking beside the Crystal Sea since they have been reunited. Love and prayers to all the family,
Beth Hubbard*

Beth Hubbard - November 16, 2016 at 08:04 AM

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“ *Nora will be remembered as one of the sweetest, most sincere people one could ever meet. She truly lived her faith, shining her light wherever she went, a lovely soul. We will miss you, Nora.*

Carolyn Law - November 16, 2016 at 07:45 AM

DC

“ *Doug And Malinda Cannaday sent a virtual gift in memory of Nora Rutherford Bailey*



Doug and Malinda Cannaday - November 15, 2016 at 06:23 PM