



Sylvia Ruth Farmer

July 1, 1935 - December 5, 2023

On December 5, 2023, Sylvia Ruth Belcher Farmer passed away peacefully at the age of 88 after a brief illness at The Maples Bluestone Nursing Home under the care of Hospice. Born in Kegley, West Virginia, on July 1st, 1935, to Richard Belcher and Nellie Martin Belcher, Sylvia, the only child, spent her childhood roaming the rolling hills and valleys of Mercer County. She attended Spanishburg schools, graduating in 1953 from the local high school. As a young adult, she moved to Dayton, Ohio, and worked at the National Cash Register Company, where the first electric cash registers were produced. She was proud of her accomplishments while working in Ohio and spoke of it often. Sylvia had a zest for life and was striving to live to be 100 years old. Despite this shortcoming, she possessed a wittiness, humor, and a brilliant authenticity, which she maintained until her last day. She would speak of her childhood and her life and had mastered the art of storytelling. Often, she would talk about helping her father with boat tours on the shores of Shawnee Lake.

She married Raymond Harold Farmer in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on January 23, 1957. Raymond worked as a coal miner with Semet Solvay. Having been the only child, Sylvia knew she wanted a big family. The couple would have thirteen healthy children and would be married for 23 years. Unfortunately, Raymond passed away early in life at only 53 years old. After Raymond's death in 1979, Sylvia played the role of mother and father for her thirteen

children at a time when this was not common. Despite these struggles, she always provided her children with a loving and warm presence.

Sylvia would go on to meet all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She leaves behind her beloved children, Richard Edward Belcher, Carol Ann Criswell, Theresa Lynn Tiller, Janet Lee Whiddon, Laura Mae Spradlin, David Allen Farmer, Julie Faye Blackwell, Christopher Mark Farmer, Jeffrey Wayne Farmer, and is preceded in death by her sons Douglas, Steve, and Thomas Farmer. She cherished her many grandchildren, Jessica Chenoweth and Ella Criswell; Christina and Justin Tiller; Raymond and Allen Farmer; Matthew Whiddon; Samuel and Angela Spradlin; Kayla Farmer; Bethany Wolford, Brandi, and Baylea Blackwell; Rebecca Farmer; Katie, Emily, and Mary Farmer. Her family and friends will mourn her loss but will celebrate her life and the many ensuing lives she has created. Not only could she recall a story as if it were yesterday, but she would also recite the words to jingles and songs by heart. The day before her passing, she sang Elvis' "Love Me Tender" to her youngest daughter, Julie. May God lead our mother into Heaven down a country road to take her home. "May the sunshine warm upon your face. May the rains fall upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His hand." ~ Irish Blessing

A celebration of life will be held on July 1, 2024 starting at 2:00 PM at Camp Creek State Park for friends and family.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Such a special lady. She will be missed.* ”



Michele Hicks - December 09, 2023 at 07:59 AM

JW

“ *Janet Whiddon lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ruth Farmer* ”



Janet Whiddon - December 08, 2023 at 08:12 PM

JW

All my hugs, kisses and love goes out to mom. I love u and miss u forever

Janet Whiddon - December 08, 2023 at 08:45 PM

JW

“ *Janet Whiddon lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ruth Farmer* ”



Janet Whiddon - December 08, 2023 at 07:26 PM

TT

“ *Sylvia other Very Special Grand Children .*



Theresa Tiller - December 07, 2023 at 09:57 PM

TT

“ *Some of my Mother's other very Special Great Grand Children. That she loved Very much .Adyn Timothy, Audrey Lynne, Chase Aaron, Courtney Paige Timothy Aaron, She was loved by many .*

Theresa Tiller - December 07, 2023 at 09:55 PM

TT

And also Emma Lynn Didn't want to forget her .The Baby in the stroller .

Theresa Tiller - December 08, 2023 at 12:38 AM

TT

And The Baby Emma Lynn Tiller.Dont want to forget her name .

Theresa Tiller - December 08, 2023 at 12:39 AM

AW

“ *Audrey Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ruth Farmer*



Audrey Wilkerson - December 07, 2023 at 09:35 PM

TT

“ Theresa Tiller lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ruth Farmer



Theresa Tiller - December 07, 2023 at 09:01 PM

CH

“ Light a candle in memory of our sweet grandma



Christina - December 07, 2023 at 08:43 PM

CH

“ Grand kids Christina And Justin Tiller with granny 2003
Granddaughters Christina Tiller and Baylea Blackwell and great
grandkids Audrey and Timothy
With granny ❤️



Christina - December 07, 2023 at 08:43 PM

BW

“ *Your absence will be felt for a long time Granny. I'll miss you terribly and I am incredibly grateful to have 32 years with you being a constant presence in my life. I have plenty of memories to help me cherish you but my favorite will always be the smell of Jergen's lotion and Campbell's soup.* ”



Bethany Wolford - December 07, 2023 at 08:41 PM

MB

“ *Madison Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ruth Farmer* ”



Madison Blackwell - December 07, 2023 at 08:36 PM

BW

“ *Bethany Wolford lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ruth Farmer* ”



Bethany Wolford - December 07, 2023 at 08:33 PM

RT

“ *I enjoyed taking care of Ms. Farmer. We had many laughs and some tears. I miss her so much. Prayers for her family.* ”

Rita Testerman - December 07, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Adelia Turnbull - December 07, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ Adelia Turnbull lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ruth Farmer



Adelia Turnbull - December 07, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Grandma



Jessica Chenoweth - December 07, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ Jessica Chenoweth lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ruth Farmer



Jessica Chenoweth - December 07, 2023 at 03:28 PM