



Zella May Denham

December 4, 1944 - May 11, 2024

Zella May Denham, 79, of Bluefield, WV, died Saturday May 11, 2024 at Mercer Health Care.

Zella was born in Bluefield, WV on December 4, 1944. She was a lifelong resident of Bluefield and was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Zella started living with Frankie Lee Cook and Joseph Sands Cook at the age of seven and was legally adopted by Frankie Lee Cook in 1961. Zella was a graduate of Graham High School, where she was Homecoming Queen, and she also attended Bluefield State College and Bluefield College. She worked for C.A.S.E. for more than 30 years where she retired as the Job Training Coordinator.

Zella was preceded in death by her siblings, John J. Moore, Jr., James Ed Moore, Dorothy Ellen Moore, Maxine Stephenson, Audrey Hoops, and Nancy Edwards.

Survivors include her loving husband of 58 years, Chuck Denham; her sons, Charles Denham, III and wife Julie, Brian Denham and wife Kim, and Andrew Denham; siblings, Roger Moore, Herbert Moore, Jerry Moore, Dolly Wheeler, and Judy Neal; five grandchildren, Alexander, Matthew, Julianne, Kaeli, and Brilyn; and one great-grandson, Asher.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday May 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Dave Neal (her brother-in-law) officiating. The family will receive friends on Wednesday at the church from 12:30 p.m. until the service hour.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
208 Tazewell Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RD

“ I worked with Zella for a number of years at CASE, WV. I was so honored to experience how she showed love and compassion to everyone. Zella always had a hug ready and never showed any indifference no matter the person's situation; she truly cared about everybody. Zella had a big heart and taught by example. I loved her and will definitely miss her. My thanks to Charlie and her family for sharing her with us. Love and Prayers, Richelle L Davis.

Richelle L Davis - May 27, 2024 at 06:25 AM

EB

“ I cherish the memories growing up and spending Sunday afternoons with our families at Mom Cook's (Frankie Lee's) house on Jefferson Street. Zella took care of Mom Cook when she needed it most in her elderly years and that is no easy task while raising a family. Zella put the needs of others above herself. I pray the Denham family will find comfort in knowing there Mom and grandmother is in heaven and will see her again some day.

Elizabeth Cook Booth - May 21, 2024 at 04:28 PM

WM

“ Will Mann purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Zella May Denham.



Will Mann - May 21, 2024 at 07:05 AM

EH

“ Chuck and family,
We are so sorry for the loss of Zella. Know
that you will be in our thoughts and prayers in
the days ahead.
Love, The Hinchler Family



Elaine Hinchler - May 19, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Zella May Denham.



May 18, 2024 at 10:20 PM

DF

“ Dr. Josh Compton & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zella May
Denham.

Dr. Josh Compton & Family - May 18, 2024 at 10:20 PM

LR

“ Chuck, Brian and family, I am saddened to hear of Zella's passing.
May God comfort you and give you peace now and in the days
ahead.
Laura J Rush

Laura Rush - May 18, 2024 at 03:11 PM

MM

“ I loved Zella, but maybe that is nothing special because everyone, always, loved Zella. She was a solid gold, steady, giving person. My happiest days all through my growing-up years were with Zella and my cousin Mary K. at Mom and Papa Joe's farm at Falls Mills

Marjorie Dean Martorella - May 18, 2024 at 10:51 AM

SM

“ My condolences and prayers to the Denham family 🙏🙏 Sherry Herndon McClure



Sherry McClure - May 16, 2024 at 08:25 PM

DQ

Zella was my teacher at Adult Learning Center yrs.ago(stadium drive) She was a great lady & so bright,she will be truly missed

Diana Quesenberry - May 17, 2024 at 11:26 AM

YF

“ Your Mattress Firm Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Zella May Denham.



Your Mattress Firm Family - May 16, 2024 at 06:35 PM

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