



LUCILE JACKSON BEARD

August 30, 1928 - November 20, 2020

Lucile Jackson Beard, age 92, formerly of Welch, WV, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 20, 2020, at Cumming Health and Rehab in Cumming, Georgia.

Lucile was born on August 30, 1928, in the mountains of southwestern Virginia, where her ancestors had lived since the 1600s. She was the third child and eldest daughter born to Toy and Ada Jackson, whose family eventually consisted of eight boys and eight girls. In 1933, the family moved to the small town of English, WV, where her father took a job in the coal mines and built a home and farmstead on several acres of land leased from the coal company. While there were plenty of farm chores to occupy Lucile's days while growing up in English, she found time to devote to activities in the Methodist Church, learned to play the piano, contributed to community service projects during World War II, and graduated as an honor student and valedictorian from Big Creek High School. In 1949, she married the late William "Bill" J. Beard, Jr., and over 58 years of marriage they made a home in Welch and raised two children who were greatly loved.

Anyone who crossed Lucile's path was touched by her warmth, generosity, gentle humor, and noble spirit. Lucile had a head for business and worked first for a coal company store in Bartley, WV, and later in retail management positions in Welch. She was also gifted with a gardener's green thumb, was a skilled seamstress, and was a talented musician who loved playing the piano and singing. Lucile grew up singing hymns and gospel tunes in harmony with

her sisters, and also accompanied them on the piano at church events around English. As a girl, Lucile once dreamed of a life on the country and western music stage; although that dream was unfulfilled, she never lost her love for music and she continued to find infinite joy in the playing and singing of old-time hymns for the rest of her life. She was also fiercely proud of her West Virginia heritage, and she maintained that sense of pride and loyalty even when the circumstances of her later years took her far from her beloved West Virginia hills.

Nothing was more important to Lucile than her family. She was a loving mother to her children and never stopped being the consummate big sister to the younger siblings who so loved and admired her. These strong family bonds, in combination with a deep and abiding faith, blessed Lucile with an indomitable spirit that enabled her to weather good times and bad with her head held high. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Bill; her brothers Earl, James, Bill, Bob, Roy, and Frank; and her sisters Bertha, Ava and Linda Lou. She is survived by her son, Dr. John Beard of Alpharetta, GA; her daughter, Beverly Beard of Tallahassee, Florida; her granddaughter and great granddaughter, Lauren Beard Alexander and McKenzie Alexander of Dunwoody, GA; her sisters Rubye, Dorothy, Elva Lynn, and Carole; her brothers David and Jerry; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lucile's final resting place will be in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton, WV. Due to restrictions caused by the current coronavirus pandemic, a graveside funeral service for the immediate family will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

The Douglas Mortuary of Welch, WV is serving the Beard family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.douglasmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Graveside Funeral Service

NOV 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

Douglas Mortuary
157 Wyoming Street
Welch, WV 24801
(304) 436-3186
<http://douglasmortuary.com/>

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I was very saddened to see Mrs. Beard's Obituary in the Welch News yesterday. Loved that woman and have many fond memories of her as one of my Bosses at Super S Discount Store in 1976. She was the kindest, compassionate, gentle, loving, humble and humorous person I have ever met. You could talk to Mrs. Beard about anything. She was an excellent listener. We shared our love of books and poetry. One year at Christmas she gave me a book, "Apples of Gold" that I cherish and love and have kept after all these years because she really touched my heart and life as she did everyone she met. I am so happy to have had her in my life and tho a lot of people called her Lucile, I never did out of my love and respect for her. She made a difference in my life and I will always remember her fondly with love and affection! If there ever was an Angel walking among us...it was Mrs. Lucile Beard. Love and miss you!!!

Carolyn Bishop - November 24, 2020 at 11:01 AM

RJ

“ Rubye, Dorothy, Elva Lynn, Carol, David, Jerry purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of LUCILE JACKSON BEARD.



Rubye, Dorothy, Elva Lynn, Carol, David, Jerry - November 24, 2020 at 10:09 AM

SP

“ *Salley Leeper, Beänka Colee, Bobbie & John Puleo purchased the Red & White Sympathy Basket for the family of LUCILE JACKSON BEARD.*



Salley Leeper, Beänka Colee, Bobbie & John Puleo -
November 22, 2020 at 09:57 PM

MB

“ *I worked with Lucille back in the early 70's at Super S Discount in Welch. She was always a very professional lady. A very upstanding person and always very pleasant. My deepest condolences go out to the family. May her memories be eternal.*



Michael Brown - November 22, 2020 at 02:43 PM

SL

*Aunt Lucile was one of the kindest person's we ever knew. We all are very fortunate to have had her in our lives. She made a great effort to stay in touch with members of our family. I hope she knew how much it meant to all of us.
Her Nieces (Dotty's girls)
Salley, Bobbie and Beänka*

Salley (Jones) Leeper - November 22, 2020 at 05:32 PM

SB

*Dear Beverly, John, and family
So sorry to read about your Mom. I worked with her at Super S, but remember her kindness in the home and workplace. Keeping you all in my prayers. Sally Sine Bailey*

Sally Sine Bailey - November 22, 2020 at 08:42 PM