



## MARY ELLEN HESS

May 25, 1935 - June 18, 2022

Mary Ellen Lanter Hess, 87, of Welch passed away Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Bower Hospice House in Beckley. Born May 25, 1935, in Tazewell County, VA she was the daughter of the late Walter T. Lanter and Naomi Ellen Martin Lanter Greer, and Claude Greer.

In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband Jack O. Hess in 2013.

She was a graduate of Welch High School and a member of the First Baptist Church in Welch. She was currently attending the First United Methodist Church in Welch.

Those left to cherish her memory are three daughters, Sandy Murensky and husband Rick of Welch, Cindy Whitlock and husband David of Canvas, WV, and Vicky Belcher and husband Richard of Welch; three grandchildren, Oliver Bright, Samantha Fink and husband Nathan, and Michael Whitlock and fiancée Brooke Kidd; and great grandchildren, Victoria Bright, Jonathan, Samuel and Anthony Bright, Augustus (Gus), Jack and Victor Fink.

Funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, June 22, at 12 noon in the Douglas Mortuary Chapel in Welch with Pastor Johnny Pennington officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell.

Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday from 11am to 12 noon.

Pallbearers will be Oliver Bright, Jonathan Bright, Samuel Bright, Anthony Bright, Michael Whitlock, and Nick Lewis.

The Douglas Mortuary of Welch is serving the family. Online condolences may

be sent to the family at [www.douglasmortuary.com](http://www.douglasmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

3410 Coal Heritage Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Services

JUN 22. 12:00 PM (ET)

Douglas Mortuary  
157 Wyoming Street  
Welch, WV 24801  
(304) 436-3186  
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# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Sandy, I am sorry to hear of your mom’s passing. I have nice memories of her from our Midget League cheerleading and Girl Scout days. Deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Ashlin Harman Saline - July 12, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of MARY ELLEN HESS.



June 22, 2022 at 09:29 AM

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“ Condolences....so sorry. Prayers for the family.



Ott and Faye Trent - June 21, 2022 at 05:09 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers for the family.



Andrea Moorehead - June 21, 2022 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ *My Prayers go out to the family. I knew her and the family. Rick take care of your wife thoughts these difficult times as I know you will. She is in a better place.*

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**Johnny bearzi** - June 20, 2022 at 04:12 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mary Ellen's family and friends. We shall miss her and always remember her as our Head Majorette. So sorry for your loss we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Mary Ellen;s classmates  
Welch High School  
Class pf 1953*

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**Lakey LOGAN** - June 20, 2022 at 01:13 PM

FO

“ *So very sorry to about your mom. She was a sweet and gracious lady. Prayers*

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**Fred and Mary Odum** - June 20, 2022 at 10:48 AM