



## Bernice Gertrude Fluharty

May 23, 1938 - September 18, 2017

Bernice Gertrude Fluharty (Riggs) left this life on Monday, September 18, 2017. She is preceded in death by her parents, Okie Herman Riggs and Mary Katherine Riggs (Scott); her siblings, Raymond Riggs, Donald Riggs, Deloris Davis, Jean Bennett, and Velma Riggs; her daughter, Pam McBrayer; and her grandson, John Harris.

She was the matriarch of her great big, beautiful family and is survived by (pull up a comfy chair): her brother Carl (Betty) Riggs; her children: Greg (Glenda) Fluharty, Teresa (Tom) Standiford, David (Alison) Fluharty, Randy (Jessica) Fluharty, Brad (Wendy) Fluharty, and Scott (Michelle) Fluharty; her grandchildren: Todd (Janine) Fluharty, Kathy (Jr) Simonton, Staci (Daniel) Fonner, T.J. Standiford, Arne, Ryan, Randa, and Gwen Fluharty, Brandon and Hannah Fluharty, Tanner, Madison, and Loudon Fluharty, Austin and Haley Cutshall, Alex and Sharon Fluharty; her great-grandchildren: Trey and Jasmine Fluharty, Ashley Simonton, and Aiden Fluharty.

Born May 23, 1938, Bernice spent most of her life in New Martinsville, where she worked in the meat department at Witschey's for more than 20 years and attended and volunteered at the New Martinsville United Methodist Church (formerly St. John's). But her favorite and most beloved roles by far were "Mom" and "Grandma."

She loved her family fiercely and enjoyed attending sporting events, concerts, graduations, and anything else they might be involved in. Over the years, her home was the setting for many an Easter egg hunt, Christmas wrapping paper destruction, Thanksgiving football and banquet, and countless cakes and candles. She celebrated with her family in the good times and stood firmly beside them in the trials of life.

She enjoyed reading true crime books, doing puzzles on the dining room table, and spoiling her dog, Sadie. She magically never forgot a birthday. (You saw all those names up there, right?) And it wasn't a holiday season without a house overflowing with company, laughter, and a feast fit for royalty. (Seriously, she made both a turkey and a ham.)

It's difficult to describe such a truly amazing and humble woman. Her generosity was never lacking and her inner strength was something that just cannot be measured. (And you'd see pigs fly before you ever felt even a little hungry in her home.)

It's also difficult to describe just how much such a person will be missed. Her friends and family will live each day using what she taught them, remembering her fondly, and anxiously looking forward to the day they will see her again.

Family will receive friends honoring Bernice on Wednesday from 4pm until 8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory at 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, WV 26155. A service will be held at 11am on Thursday at the same location with Pastor Mike Shank officiating. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Bernice's name to the New Martinsville United Methodist Church at 10 Howard Jeffers Drive, New Martinsville, WV 26155.



# Cemetery Details

## Williams Cemetery

New Martinsville, WV 26155

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville  
751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
(304) 455-1800  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville  
751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
(304) 455-1800  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernice Gertrude Fluharty*



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**Grisell Funeral Homes** - September 20, 2017 at 09:25 AM

TG

“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and peace in the fond memories of them, and The Almighty God's promise to restore those asleep in death, to perfect life on a paradise Earth, as written in The Bible for our comfort.*

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**The Greene's** - September 27, 2017 at 09:04 PM

GD

“ *Our sincere sympathy to you and your family. I'm sorry we could'nt be there. Your Mom was a wonderful example to all of you. Cherish your memories!*

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**gerald and darla** - September 21, 2017 at 08:11 PM

RW

“ I did not know your mother, grandma, or sister. I read about her in the paper last night. I just wanted to say that her obituary touched both my husband and me. The author captured the life of what seemed to be quite a remarkable lady. It was exceptionally well written with humor and a lot of love. Your family sounds like one in a million, and I'm betting she had a lot to do with that. Thanks for sharing her in such a colorful way with the readers of the Ohio Valley. It was heartwarming to read about someone uplifting in the paper for a change. I normally express my deepest sympathy to the family for their loss, but in your case, I think her spirit will continue to live on through all of you and will never be lost.

Sincerely,  
Becky Wilmoth  
Wheeling

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**Rebecca Wilmoth** - September 21, 2017 at 04:20 PM

ST

Becky,

My name is Staci, and I wrote this obituary about my grandmother. Your kind words bring me such comfort. Thank you for reading and for taking the time to comment. It means so much. God bless.

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**Staci** - September 23, 2017 at 06:50 AM

BB

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. May you find comfort in your memories and photos.  
Becky Seckman Barth

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**Becky Barth** - September 20, 2017 at 10:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Bernice Gertrude Fluharty.

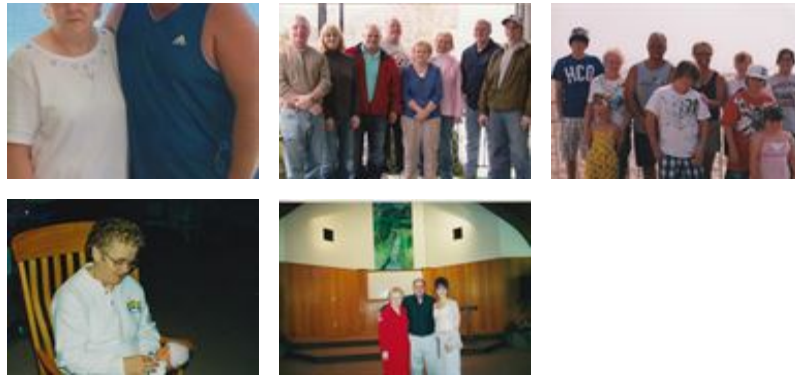


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September 20, 2017 at 04:40 PM



“ *100 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Grisell Funeral Homes** - September 20, 2017 at 08:08 AM

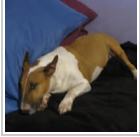


“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Bernice Gertrude Fluharty.



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September 19, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ *James Riggs purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernice Gertrude Fluharty.*



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**James Riggs** - September 19, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *Lisa Blair lit a candle in memory of Bernice Gertrude Fluharty*



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**Lisa Blair** - September 19, 2017 at 08:34 AM

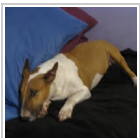


“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernice Gertrude Fluharty.*



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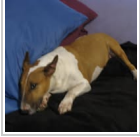
September 19, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ *She was the perfect example, of a perfect woman, she raised outstanding children and that is not an easy task, you will be missed, but your memory will live on!!!*

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**James Riggs** - September 19, 2017 at 12:44 AM



“ *James Riggs lit a candle in memory of  
Bernice Gertrude Fluharty*



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**James Riggs** - September 19, 2017 at 12:40 AM