



Eleanor L. Ratcliffe

July 25, 1922 - October 10, 2014

Ratcliffe, Eleanor L., age 92, of New Martinsville, WV died Friday, October 10, 2014 at Wheeling Hospital, Wheeling, WV.

She was born on July 25, 1922 in Fairchance, PA a daughter of the late Anthony and Lucy Reckard Niner.

Eleanor was co-owner of the former Ratcliffe Funeral Home, New Martinsville from 1956 until her retirement in 1982; she was a graduate of the School of Nursing, Uniontown, PA where she received her RN degree; a member of the First Presbyterian Church, New Martinsville where she had served as Elder, Sunday School Teacher and Choir Member; member of the P.E.O. Chapter U where she had served as State President; board member of the Literacy Volunteers of Wetzel County; member of the Friends of the New Martinsville Library; former Treasurer of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbyterian Women's Association; Memorial Chair of the Wetzel County Heart Association; was a volunteer at the Open Door Ministry and a volunteer at Helping Hands.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Nile C. Ratcliffe in 1974; one son, David Nile Ratcliffe in 1994; one daughter, Kathleen Surplus in 2014; one granddaughter, Stacey Ratcliffe in 1990; two brothers, Rev. Charles Niner and Harold Niner; one sister: Mary Mayne.

Survivors include, one son: Dr. Stephen Ratcliffe and his wife Anita of Lancaster, PA; six grandchildren: Nathan Ratcliffe, Laura Ratcliffe and husband Anand, Claire Ratcliffe, Brian Ratcliffe, Karen Ratcliffe and Gregory Surplus; several nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 751 Third St., New Martinsville.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 59 Benjamin Dr., New Martinsville with Rev. Dr. Bonnie Thurston officiating.

Interment will follow in the Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Martinsville Public Library, 160 Washington St., New Martinsville, WV 26155, First Presbyterian Church, 59 Benjamin Dr., New Martinsville, WV 26155 or to the Open Door Ministries, P.O. Box 125, New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Cemetery Details

Northview Cemetery

219 N. State Rt. 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
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Funeral Service

OCT **12**. 1:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
59 Benjamin Drive
New Martinsville, WV

Tribute Wall

AS

“ *My children have visited her house for halloween for the past 3 years... First year we stopped she said it made her night, we were her only treaters... We made it a point to stop every year .. Honestly it was a highlight of the night..... My daughter just asked the other night if we was going to be able to go the lady's house on the highway..... Offering my deepest sympathy to the family.....*



Amanda S. - October 29, 2014 at 05:52 PM

RR

“ *Ron Ruth lit a candle in memory of Eleanor L. Ratcliffe*



Ron Ruth - October 16, 2014 at 09:53 PM

KM

“ *Steve and family. So sorry for the loss of your mom. It is just so hard to believe that I had a wonderful conversation with her on Thursday and now she is gone. She was a very special lady and was always there to help me as I was growing up. She will be greatly missed. RIP*

Karen Rector Maguire - October 13, 2014 at 03:51 PM

GR

“ Steve and family. So sorry for the loss of your mom. Prayers are coming your way. Love and hugs, Glenna

Glenna Roberton - October 11, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GR

“ Glenna Roberton lit a candle in memory of Eleanor L. Ratcliffe



Glenna Roberton - October 11, 2014 at 04:17 PM

SC

“ I will miss Mrs. Ratcliffe so very much. Seeing and visiting with her was always one of the highlights of my trips back home to New Martinsville.

Suzy Cramer-Rapinz - October 11, 2014 at 07:04 AM

JS

“ Sympathy to her family she was a special lady. She will be missed.

Jonee Smith - October 11, 2014 at 06:50 AM

JS

“ Jonee Smith lit a candle in memory of Eleanor L. Ratcliffe



Jonee Smith - October 11, 2014 at 06:46 AM

DH

“ *Eleanor was a true friend and a total Blessing for me, and for everyone who knew her. She was a fantastic woman to be around. It was always pure joy and excitement to work with her in the Church, or on a community project. A gift for all of us. Wow, what a wonderful life she had. She will have a glorious reunion and a fantastic eternity. I know I will see her again. I am Blessed by having her in my life. Thank you Eleanor, for all the fun and laughter!!!! David Hahn*

David Hahn - October 11, 2014 at 04:56 AM

RL

“ *A woman of incomparable grace and unfailing class, Eleanor was loved by many and respected by all who knew her. Sympathies to the family, but you had the privilege of sharing her well-lived life, and we all hope that the good she did is what you remember.*

Rex Lasure - October 10, 2014 at 10:39 PM



“ *Prayers from the Bonyak family...Eleanor was a great friend and an exceptional lady.*

Diane Bonyak - October 10, 2014 at 01:58 PM