



Merritt, Marie

February 26, 2012

Merritt, Janet Marie (Townsend), 69, of New Martinsville, WV passed away at Wheeling Hospital on Sunday, February 26, 2012 after a long battle with cancer.

She was born April 4, 1942 in West Union, WV.

Janet was a member of the Paden City, WV Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hayward K. and Mary Jane Hall Townsend.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Steve Merritt; two brothers, Donald (Claris) Fleming of Fort Pierce, FL and Charles "Johnnie" (Joretta) Townsend of Charleston, WV; and two sisters, Mary Ann Cox and Cindy (Jeff) Friend, both of Fairmont, WV.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Paden City with Casey Pozell officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jehovah's Witnesses, c/o HC 60, Box 109, New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Wilinda, I appreciate your condolence message. Janet's sister Mary Ann Cox would like to hear from you. If you could call her she would appreciate it. 304-363-4850. Steve Merritt*

Steve Merritt - March 08, 2012 at 08:23 AM

WS

“ *So sad to see Janet's obituary in The Herald Record. I haven't seen any of the family for 50 yrs. but never stopped thinking of you over the years. Janet was my best friend as a child; and I remember foundly the week-ends spent with her family, so I could attend meetings at the Kingdom Hall. I look forward to seeing her again; a lot of catching up to do. Would love to hear from someone in the family. With great affection, Wilinda McCarthy (Swisher)*

Wilinda Swisher - March 03, 2012 at 10:37 AM

SS

“ *too many freinds passing lately, i hate to answer the phone to hear more badnews. sister merritt was excellent at living her faith, she was always i repeat always at the meetings and field service, she was one of the best examples of faithfulness. i hae been priveleged to know. she was a good compliment to steve, in pacience while steve was attending to cong. matters. her and steve were a great help to me when mom passed last august. i wish steve the best, and we'll be there to help him through this ordeal. may jah bless all in his service. steve hines and family*

steve hines sr. - March 02, 2012 at 04:39 PM

BS

“ So sad to hear about this. Very grateful that she showed my mom the Truth. I still have the bound Bible and Reasoning Book with my name on it she got me when I graduated! It will be so nice to see her again!

Ben Shackelford - March 01, 2012 at 12:07 PM

JS

“ My heart is very heavy and sad at this time. My thoughts and prayers go out to Steve, Mary Ann, Johnny and the rest of Janet's family. She was so beautiful inside and out. I loved to hear her laugh and see her smile. I can truly say she was one of the best friend I have ever had from the time I was 16 years old. She certainly made My life better for anyone she knew in this old system, especially for me. It was a privilege to know her and to be called her friend. I pray the days go by swiftly until we can see her again. She was one of a kind and we were all blessed to have had her in our lives. My love and prayers to all of her family and friends and we will all need Jehovah to comfort us and carry us through this time until we can see her smile and hear her laugh again.

Janet Wilson Shackelford - February 29, 2012 at 07:44 PM

PB

“ My heart is breaking and aching for Janet's family. I thought she was so beautiful and looked forward to seeing her...I can't believe this has taken her after all the treatments she's gone through. Dear Janet, you'll always have that beautiful smile in my memories and hope and pray your family will be strong for each other as they were for you. God Bless... Love always. Paulette

Paulette Bishop - February 27, 2012 at 10:10 AM