



Edna Bloomer Bledsoe

January 18, 1929 - August 10, 2019

Edna Bloomer Bledsoe, 90, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday afternoon, August 10, 2019 at NHC Kingsport.

She was born January 18, 1929 at the family home place (known as the Sinks), in Fairview, VA. Edna graduated from the old Fairview High School. She lived most of her life in Fairview, moving to Kingsport for short periods of time. She worked at Eastman, Borden Mills, several sewing factories, and she served as a school aide at Fairview and Rye Cove Elementaries. Edna had a passion for reading and she loved being an educator. She was married to Kyle Cecil Bledsoe for 65 years and had two sons. Her most fulfilling joy in life was that of being wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Edna joined the Burke's Union Primitive Baptist Church (Canton) at a very early age when she gave her heart and life to serve Christ. Being a lifelong member of Burke's Union, she was in attendance each time the church doors opened. Throughout the many years following she served the church as Sunday School teacher, church secretary and treasury. She especially enjoyed working diligently with the youth where her heart seemed to show its greatest passion. Edna enjoyed baking cakes for dinners at the church. She always looked forward to the church's annual association meetings where many people would gather from many churches to fellowship with one another.

She was a devoted supporter of all community functions. She became a member of the community quilting club. She was a member of the Fairview Community Center and the Fairview Ruritan Club. Edna embraced a true love for her community and she considered her neighbors as family.

Edna was known to have many talents. She loved challenges. For over a decade she would write a weekly article in the Scott County VA Star newspaper. The community loved reading about the daily events going on in the community. She would tell when it was someone's birthday or about special events going on in the community for everyone to share and be a part of. Former residents would call her and thank her for enabling them to feel like they were still a part of the community.

Edna was no stranger to hard work. All her life she gardened, canned and worked tobacco to provide the needs of her family. Edna lived a very simple life but her testimony will always remain strong in the community for being someone who loved her family, friends, and god.

She was preceded in death by her father, Hiram P. Bloomer; mother, Maggie Weatherly Bloomer; sisters, Eva Lou Bloomer and Viola (Pet) Gilliam; brother, Claude Bloomer; husband, Kyle Cecil Bledsoe; grandson, Craig Taylor.

Survivors include sons, Jimmy Cecil Bledsoe and wife Linda, Jerry Kay Bledsoe and wife Shirley; grandchildren, Evie Lafollette and husband Jonathan, Jeremy Bledsoe, Alisa Dawson and husband Michael; great-grandchildren, Luther Lafollette, Jasper Lafollette, Lily Dawson, Eva Elizabeth Dawson, and Benjamin Dawson.

The family will receive friends from 11 until 1:00 pm on Wednesday, August 14, at Burke's Union Primitive Baptist Church in Blackwater, VA. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 pm with Elders Virgil Lipe, Roger Trent, and Scott

Tipton officiating. Music will be provided by church family. Burial will follow in the family cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jeremy Bledsoe, Michael Dawson, Jonathan Lafollette, Dennis Duncan, David Gilliam, Delmer Mcpherson, and Clifford Bledsoe. Johnny Berry is recognized as an honorary pallbearer.

The family wish to extend a very special thank you to the nurses and staff of NHC Rehab Center of Kingsport.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Burke's Union Primitive Baptist Church
Canton Road
Blackwater, VA 24221

Funeral Service

AUG **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Burke's Union Primitive Baptist Church
Canton Road
Blackwater, VA 24221

Tribute Wall



“ *Edna Bloomer Bledsoe*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Sending our love and support.*



Cydney Elliott - August 17, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ *Ruby Barnett lit a candle in memory of Edna Bloomer Bledsoe*



Ruby Barnett - August 13, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ *Dear Jerry and family, I am so sorry to hear of the death of your mother. While it is painful to lose her, take comfort in the good memories shared throughout the years of her long life. They will give you peace and happiness in time.*

Alisa Meade - August 13, 2019 at 10:09 AM

BC

“ *Betty Crusenberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Bloomer Bledsoe*



Betty Crusenberry - August 12, 2019 at 06:58 PM

JC

“ *J. Bruce Catron lit a candle in memory of Edna Bloomer Bledsoe*



J. Bruce Catron - August 12, 2019 at 02:22 PM