



Grace Eldridge Russell

April 23, 1917 - October 19, 2017

Grace Eldridge Russell, 100, of Blackwater, VA, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at Indian Path Medical Center.

A lifelong resident of Blackwater, she was born April 23, 1917 to the late Jimmy and Etta Johnson Eldridge. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Russell; daughter, Carmenia Osborne; son, Wayne Russell; three brothers, Bowman, Guy and Ralph Eldridge; and a sister, Velva Baker.

Grace was a 1935 graduate of Blackwater High School. She was a devoted wife to her husband John for 40 years, until his passing in 1977. She was a member of Big Door Primitive Baptist Church, but had attended Osborne's Chapel Primitive Baptist for many years. Grace was an incredibly strong and inspirational woman who lived life to its fullest and who was loved dearly by her many church and community friends. She loved her family and her home where she enjoyed growing vegetables and flowers.

She is survived by two granddaughters, Kim Carico (Doug) and Kristy Lingerfelt (Larry), all of Kingsport, TN; grandson, Tim Osborne, of Knoxville, TN; six great-grandchildren, Brittany McClure (Jeremy), Alex Osborne (Christine), Mercedes Thurston (Alex), Blake Lingerfelt (Morgan), Travis Carico and Weldon Carico; two great-great grandchildren, Thomas Gunner

Thurston and Zoey Osborne; three step great-great grandchildren, Jeremiah, Kyle and Madison McClure; several nieces and nephews, and a host of beloved friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 22, at Robinette Funeral Home in Blackwater. The funeral service will begin at 3:00 p.m. with Elder Harmon Willis, Evangelist Kenneth Neeley and Elder Keith Holt officiating. Burial will follow in the Osborne Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Alan Anderson, James Davidson, David Eldridge, Larry Fannon, Onza Fisher and Eddie Garrett. Honorary pallbearers will be Bernard Eldridge and Everett Donald Neeley.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Blackwater)
696 A.J.Osborne Hwy
Blackwater, VA 24221
(276) 346-2636

Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Grace Eldridge Russell*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Family & Friends of Grace,*

Grace was such a dear lady, & I enjoyed working with her very much. She will truly be missed, and you will be in my thoughts & prayers for God's peace & comfort. God Bless you. Renee Roberts (the "vision lady")

Renee Roberts - December 12, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ *Karen lit a candle in memory of Grace Eldridge Russell*



Karen - December 10, 2017 at 09:31 PM

SM

“ I've known and respected Grace all my life. She worked as a teacher's aide when the Blackwater School closed and we all had to ride the bus to Jonesville every day. She rode with us. She was always well groomed and well mannered. Since she and her sister Velva were in frequent communication with my grandmother, I knew I'd better not misbehave!

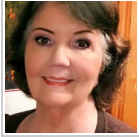


I have been blessed in later years to get to know her as a friend, as well as a distant cousin. We always looked for each other at the BHS reunions and we shared hugs and laughs. We always talked about getting together to talk about our Eldridge heritage, but it was so tough to find the time. She'd chide me that she wasn't going to last forever and I'd tell her that she'd better not go anywhere until we had that talk! Finally, one day at the BHS reunion, with her blessing, I whipped out my smart phone, hit record and asked at least some of the questions I wanted to know about my great-grandmother and others that she knew in their younger years. What a blessing to hear more about her life and our family! I wish that we had been able to spend more time together, and I will always regret missing her 100th birthday party (I was dreadfully sick).

Grace was a true lad, and she lived her life with...well, grace. I suspect that she will be amazed when she realizes just how many lives she impacted and how well loved she was. What an amazing and beautiful person!

Our family was at her funeral, but of course, we were late (sigh). Mom (Imogene) had specifically wanted to come, and was willing to give up her daily nap to be there. We were not sure who was who among her close relatives, so we missed getting to meet her grandchildren, but we offer you our sincerest sympathy and hope that one day we will get to meet!

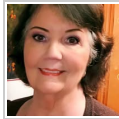
Sherry L. Robbins, M.D. - October 24, 2017 at 02:43 AM



“ Lynn Coyle lit a candle in memory of Grace Eldridge Russell



Lynn Coyle - October 21, 2017 at 05:33 PM



Grace, my third cousin, was a dear sweet lady. I admire the strength and courage she demonstrated after experiencing the loss of immediate family members. May her soul be content forever in the arms of our great Creator.

Lynn Coyle - October 21, 2017 at 05:38 PM

BE

My Sympathy & Condolence goes out to the Eldridge's & Russell Families. Grace was a great Lady.

Bea - October 21, 2017 at 06:43 PM

AN

“ Grace was one of the finest ladies that I have ever known. She knew how to light up a room with her charm. Most of all Grace made the best Butterscotch desert, that many people enjoyed. Grace lived a blessed life and I know, now, she will be in heaven rejoicing with her family and my grandmother. God be with her family and friends who helped celebrate her life.

Angie - October 21, 2017 at 11:37 AM

PB

“ Prayers for the family. Grace was a very sweet lady. I know she will be missed by many.

Patsy Brimelow - October 21, 2017 at 09:03 AM

DE

“ I have known Grace my whole life and she was an amazing lady. I will truly miss her but I know where she went. We love you Grace



Deanna - October 21, 2017 at 07:04 AM

MM

“ Grace was a wonderful lady, she will be missed so much, she was a true inspiration to me and I will never forget her Love and passion for life. love of friends, and helping others. I will never forget what all she had to say. Marie Haun Moody

Marie Haun Moody - October 20, 2017 at 10:28 PM

WS

My aunt Grace was the most fun to be around, The last memory and visit I had with her was with two of my sister's Shirley and Juanita, couple years ago at her home,we drank coffee and had cake while she took us on a tour of her amazingly clean big ole house she lived by herself, And she would say,(Now which one are you)? Of course she was blind and couldn't see but a shadow,, I guarantee you if you were sad she would for sure put a smile along with laughter on your face, Aunt Grace you was a wonderful aunt and inspiration to us all, You will always be in our memories,, Also to her loving grand daughters, God is good,

Wanda Russell Sutton - October 21, 2017 at 12:18 PM

ES

“ Ellen Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Grace Eldridge Russell



Ellen Snodgrass - October 20, 2017 at 09:15 PM

JH

“ I am so glad I knew Grace. She had such a job for life. Grace will be missed.

Jerrilyne Horton - October 20, 2017 at 09:04 PM

SH

“ Grace was my great aunt.she was such an amazing woman and very funny.remember the last time my sisters and I visited her at her home the laughter and funny things we shared with her.I will always cherish them.gone but not forgotten. Shirley Russell hall

Shirley Russell hall - October 20, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Grace Eldridge Russell.



October 20, 2017 at 03:19 PM

BB

“ I didn't know Grace very long but i loved her and admired her from the day i met her.she had such a loving christian spirit and always a smile and kind word.she will be missed and always loved.rest with God Grace until we met again.

Brenda Baker - October 20, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Grace Eldridge Russell.



October 20, 2017 at 02:57 PM