



Irene Fisher Jerrell

November 7, 1936 - May 24, 2020

Irene Fisher Jerrell departed this life on May 24, 2020. Her loving heart stopped while she was at home with family and friends.

Irene was born on November 7, 1936 in the Millers Chapel community, a rural place outside Jonesville, Virginia. She lived in Millers Chapel all her life and was a member of the Millers Chapel United Methodist Church. Irene appreciated the natural beauty of the landscape and loved the people of Millers Chapel all the days of her life.

Irene was a homemaker, gardener and matriarch of a large family. She was a kind woman, compassionate and true to herself. Irene loved to laugh and she smiled often, but she also shed tears with anyone who suffered or needed help. She had an open heart and the faith of a child.

Irene drew strength from the staples of everyday life - the good things, the valuable things, things as simple and as complex as being married for 42 years, maintaining an orderly household, raising five children and then counseling, supporting and entertaining them and their children as they left home to face challenges in a difficult world.

She loved to be surrounded by flowers, food, family and friends and she organized and hosted hundreds of celebrations, cookouts and parties to bring

everyone together. She made everyone welcome and truly enjoyed company. She was the wonderful creation of a benevolent God.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, John Paul Jerrell, a son, Paul Allen Jerrell, a grandson, Shane Michael Jerrell, a great-granddaughter, Gracie Celeste Lane, her parents, Ewing and Josie Fisher, a brother, Cecil Kyle Fisher and a sister, Clara Helen Fisher.

She is survived by daughter Sonja Duncan and husband Richard of Big Stone Gap, daughter in law Patricia (Lanigan) Jerrell of Jonesville, son Jeffrey Jerrell of Millers Chapel; daughter Sharon Jerrell of the home; son Scott Jerrell of Millers Chapel.

Irene held her extended family close and loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as her own. Her grandchildren are Aaron Duncan, Candice Lane, Jamie (and Josh) Rivers, Nicole Jerrell, Gabrielle (and Paul) Hutson, Sarah Jerrell, Devon Jerrell, Morgan Jerrell, Savannah (and T. J.) Quinley and Jon Jerrell. Her great-grandchildren are Alex Duncan, Aidan Lane, Mia Jerrell, Jakob Rivers, John Paul Rivers, Savannah Hutson, Aria Hutson, Kameron Jerrell, Wesson Quinley and Branson Quinley. Irene was a second mother to her sister's sons, Lee and Tony Lawson.

Irene was loved by a host of relatives, friends and neighbors from near and far. Everyone who knew her, knew her loyal and faithful spirit. She would have wanted to mention everyone by name, but it's just not possible. The family is grateful to the staff of MEOC and Mountain Empire PACE for their loving care over the years. "Go Rest High Mammy. Our lives and Millers Chapel will never be the same!"

There will be a private family viewing at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27 at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville. A graveside service will be held at

11:00 a.m. in the Millers Chapel Cemetery with Jeffrey Jerrell and Tony Lawson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Millers Chapel Cemetery, P. O. Box 889, Jonesville, Virginia 24263 or Millers Chapel United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 34, Jonesville, Virginia 24263.

Previous Events

Graveside service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Miller's Chapel Cemetery
Jonesville, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Fisher Jerrell*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Janet Harris Wafle lit a candle in memory of Irene Fisher Jerrell*



Janet Harris Wafle - June 04, 2020 at 03:47 AM



“ *Cousin Irene,*

Thank you for your love, support and guidance. I could see your smile and hear your infectious laughter.

I'll cherish the memories of our visits and good talks. Love you much.

Katie Dean

Katie Dean - May 29, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. She was a wonderful woman whom I had the privilege of knowing. Millers Chapel won't be the same.*



Emily Smith - May 28, 2020 at 12:34 PM

JH

“ *Jo Anne Harding lit a candle in memory of Irene Fisher Jerrell*



Jo Anne Harding - May 28, 2020 at 11:17 AM

DG

“ *Debbie Garrett lit a candle in memory of Irene Fisher Jerrell*



Debbie Garrett - May 28, 2020 at 12:35 AM

AG

“ *Amanda Graham sent a virtual gift in memory of Irene Fisher Jerrell*



Amanda Graham - May 28, 2020 at 12:28 AM

BD

“ *A great lady, so sorry prayers for the family*

Brenda Dye - May 27, 2020 at 11:33 PM

JC

“ *J. Bruce Catron lit a candle in memory of Irene Fisher Jerrell*



J. Bruce Catron - May 27, 2020 at 07:10 PM

CF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.*



Charlene Nelson Fannon - May 27, 2020 at 04:45 PM

PB

“ *So sorry for the loss of a sweet lady. Prayers for all the family.*



Patsy Brimelow - May 27, 2020 at 02:52 PM

JF

“ *Sharon "Fats"-so sorry to hear about your mother. I truly enjoyed her laughter and kindness when I would pick you up to go and play softball. She always had a kind heart. You are in my prayers. Judy Rhea Hall Fee*

Judy Fee - May 27, 2020 at 11:48 AM

AB

“ Angie And John Broadhuhn lit a candle in memory of Irene Fisher Jerrell



Angie and John Broadhuhn - May 27, 2020 at 09:30 AM

PS

“ Polly Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Irene Fisher Jerrell



Polly Snodgrass - May 27, 2020 at 06:42 AM

ES

“ I am so sorry for your loss.. sending many prayers and hugs your way.. Bless those who mourn for they shall be comforted Matthew 5;4



Eva Hand Stout - May 27, 2020 at 12:05 AM

NS

“ Norman Stewart lit a candle in memory of Irene Fisher Jerrell



Norman Stewart - May 26, 2020 at 10:53 PM

SF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Loved Irene and John Paul like they were my family. May God ease your pain and sorrow.

Tommy & Shirley Fisher



Shirley Morrison Fisher - May 26, 2020 at 09:50 PM

DJ

“ Irene was a wonderful person. Loved her very much. So happy I got to see her 2 years ago. I will miss her . God bless all of the children and grandchildren. May peace be with you. Della Rose Jerrell-Rubes

Della Rose Jerrell-Rubes - May 26, 2020 at 08:49 PM

PC

“ So sorry for your loss. My mom Zelia and Irene were cousins. Our prayers are with you. Mike and Patty Clark

Patty Clark - May 26, 2020 at 08:08 PM

IW

“ Irene Whittimore lit a candle in memory of Irene Fisher Jerrell



Irene Whittimore - May 26, 2020 at 06:55 PM

BC

“ We are so sorry. Please know that our prayers are with the family during this very sad time.

Deepest Sympathies,

Jerry and Betty Crusenberry



Betty Crusenberry - May 26, 2020 at 06:21 PM

FK

“ Irene was always a joy to be around! Never had to worry about conversations with her, it just came natural! Lots of memories of her when we lived in Millers Chapel and when we came in to visit! Loved her! RIP Irene!



Fearl Kirk - May 26, 2020 at 06:02 PM