



## Retha Jean Edens Pugh

May 24, 1927 - November 14, 2016

On May 24th, 1927, our mother, Retha Jean Edens Pugh, was born and on November 14, 2016 she passed away peacefully at the age of 89. She was a daughter of Alfred Dae and Eunice Crystal (Baumgardner) Edens, no finer people were ever parents or grandparents. She had a baby sister named Donna Ruth who loved and adored her "Sissy Retha" and mother cherished her.

Mother's parents raised their children in a home that served and loved the Lord. At Retha's birth her parents were young, respected and well settled in success in the prosperous town of Calvin, Virginia. Retha graduated from Jonesville High School and attended Mary Washington College in Fredricksburg, Virginia. In Indiana she was active for several years in her sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Mother taught school for a short time in Dryden, Va and in 1946 she married Cyrhl E. Pugh of Virginia who preceded her in death at a young age. Retha and Cyrhl had 3 children, son Myron Ray of Indiana, daughter Sheila Faye of Indiana, the youngest son David Cyril of Texas, and one granddaughter Melissa Cheryl of Indiana.

Retha was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Jonesville, Virginia, where Bible Study was always a highlight of her week. Her enjoyments in life included travelling, the mountains, the ocean, chatting with her friends, bible study and most of all, time with her children.

Since childhood Retha knew Jesus as she was raised in a home where her

mother and father prayed aloud with her. A loving and devoted mother and friend she possessed an infectious enthusiasm and love of life. Retha's prayers for her children were from the core of her innermost feelings of love. Her children are secure in that they know Jesus because of their mother Retha, this strength they will always have and to them no one was prettier, no one was a finer lady than their mother.

Please know that the abundance of cards and calls from her family and friends were healing to Retha and she kept every card from you and there were so many of you that never stopped reaching out to her with encouragement. Retha's children express their deepest appreciation to their mother's friends & family that sent encouraging well wishes to her over the last years. A special thank you to Retha's Pastor Layne Pennington, her fellow members of the First United Methodist Church, her Sunday School Class, the Bible Study Group, the ladies of the FUMC , The Garden Club, also her family and friends at Woodway Baptist Church, and those that never stopped reaching out to her with best wishes.

Next to "I Love You" the 2 other words Retha always shared, were "Be Happy", so when you remember our mother Retha please smile and share your smile with someone else. Mother will always remind us of where she is. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 17, at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville and also on Friday from 11 until 12:00. The Graveside Services will follow in Lee Memorial Gardens of Pennington Gap, VA with Rev. Layne Pennington officiating. We welcome you to please come and pay your last respects to Retha. Those who wish may offer condolences at, [www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com](http://www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com).

Father in the name of Jesus we praise you that your child Retha was our mother.

Sheila, David, Myron and Cheryl

# Cemetery Details

## Lee Memorial Gardens

Pennington Gap, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)  
146 Maple Drive  
P.O. Box 238  
Jonesville, VA 24263  
(276) 346-1196

## Visitation

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)  
146 Maple Drive  
P.O. Box 238  
Jonesville, VA 24263  
(276) 346-1196

## Graveside service

NOV 18. 12:30 PM (ET)

Lee Memorial Gardens  
Woodway, VA



# Tribute Wall



“ *Retha Jean Edens Pugh*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *I met Mrs. Pugh just once but oh what a treasured memory. She exuded gentleness and grace. She was such a tender and kind woman. It is with such sorrow that I send my sincere condolences to Myron, Sheila, David and Cheryl. It is the joy of knowing you will all be together again that makes such a loss bearable.*

Maryann Ferns - June 12, 2017 at 12:35 AM



“ *I loved my mother very much. I think about her more than I ever have, since she passed on modal November 14th 2016.i know I will see her at the pearly gates of heaven.thanks to everyone for all the moral support., and robinette....her son David Cyril pugh.*

David Cyril pugh - November 28, 2016 at 08:10 AM

NN

“ I met Retha first at JFUMC. She was always happy and willing to help at the church in any way she could. My fondest memory of her was at Bible Study wearing her purple cowboy boots. I have a great pic of her in those boots.

I soon learned that Retha was the "driver" of several of the older widow ladies in and around Lee County. I ran into her at Lovelady DAR meeting. She had driven her friend Pauline Smith to the meeting.

Retha was a true example of what a "friend" should be. It pains my heart not to see her beautiful smiling face at our Bible Study.

Nell Newman

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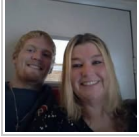
**Nell Newman** - November 18, 2016 at 05:23 AM

JB

“ Myron, Sheila & David: We send our heartfelt condolences in the loss of your mother & our remembrances of a woman who was so important in our lives. I, especially, loved to hear her laugh, see her smiling face, & appreciated all the support she gave me during the losses of my own dad in 1981 & mom in 2002. She always made me & my siblings feel like we were the most important persons when we visited with her. We will miss her dramatically but know she is a better place with our family members who've gone before us. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Cousin Janet (Baumgardner) Burns & family (Siblings Ron Baumgardner, Tammy (Baumgardner) Wagner; Aunt Gladys (Baumgardner) Rogers & Cousin Steve Rogers, all of Ohio)

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**Janet Burns** - November 17, 2016 at 09:47 AM



“ *Dear Sheila, Myron, David and Cheryl,  
I am So sorry to hear about Dear Retha. Please know that you are  
in my thoughts and prayers. She was an angel on earth and now  
she has her wings. Love you all, Becky Pugh (Smith)*

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**Becky Smith** - November 17, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ *Ivan Martin lit a candle in memory of Retha  
Jean Edens Pugh*



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**ivan martin** - November 17, 2016 at 12:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Retha Jean Edens Pugh.*



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November 16, 2016 at 08:36 PM

KP

“ MYRON/ SHEILA/ DAVID  
SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. EXPECTED, OR UNEXPECTED I  
KNOW IT STILL HURTS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE  
WITH YOU,AND EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW, THAT SHE IS IN A  
BETTER PLACE, AFTER A VERY FINE, AND LONG , YET COULD  
NOT LONG ENOUGH TIME WITH US. WE CELEBRATE HER  
LIFE.

MY FAVORITE RECOLLECTION ,IS HER SWEET SOUTHERN  
DRAWL, AND HER SO TENDER TOUCH, SINCE I WAS A  
YOUNGSTER

WHEN SHE TALKED TO ME ,IT ALWAYS REMINDED ME OF  
HOW SHE SPOKE ,ON MY FAMILYS INFREQUENT VISITS, TO  
YOUR FATHER, AND MAYBE JUST EVERYONE,BUT SHE  
ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL SPECIAL AND I AM SURE THAT SHE  
DID THE SAME TO MANY MORE  
STAY WELL, AND KEEP IN TOUCH,  
LOVE KEVIN, TWILLA, KADE

P.S  
DAVID,CONTACT ME, FREIND

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**KEVIN PUGH** - November 16, 2016 at 07:29 PM

RS

“ Ruby Sanders lit a candle in memory of Retha  
Jean Edens Pugh



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**Ruby Sanders** - November 16, 2016 at 02:27 PM

RS

*Retha was always such a lovely woman and gentle spirit. My sympathies to her family.*

**Ruby Sanders** - November 16, 2016 at 02:28 PM

ER

*So sorry to hear of Retha's passing. Jack and I got to know her when she attended the church at Woodday. She was a beautiful lady and so sweet. I would tell her I hoped I looked as good as she did at her age.....I called her several times when she went to live with Sheila and stopped by and chatted awhile with her and Sheila when she moved back home.....sorry I couldn't come for her funeral...she will always be remembered as that beautiful lady who would always tell me and Jack both that she loved us. May God give each of you His peace and comfort now and the days ahead, love Jack and Earnesteen Rasnic*

**Earnesteen Rasnic** - November 17, 2016 at 07:41 PM

PS

*She was such a sweetheart .we used to walk together at Lee Memorial Gardens ,when it wasn't too hot.*

**Polly Snodgrass** - November 17, 2016 at 08:23 PM

KR

*Myron, Sheila, and David  
I am so so sorry to hear about the passing of my favorite Aunt RETHA. so many memories I have of her, from my childhood, to my teen years on into adulthood. She was such a special lady. I am certain that her and my mother, have met face to face again in heaven, they loved each other so much. May you know I love you and you are in my prayers.*

*Karen (Archer) Reneau*

**Karen Reneau** - November 20, 2016 at 05:10 PM