



Shirley Ward Rutherford

August 11, 1935 - November 27, 2025

Shirley Ward Rutherford, 90, of Jonesville, VA passed away on Thursday, November 27, 2025 at her home.

She was born on August 11, 1935 in Sticklelyville, VA to the late Tommie and Louise Ward. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her husband, O.J. Rutherford, son-in-law, Steve Adams, daughter-in-law, Beverly Rutherford, six sisters, Francis Million, Geraline Mullins, Evagene Beverly, Betty Million, Erma Lou Laster and Peggy Cridlin, and three brothers, Billy Ward, Bobby Ward and Don Ward.

She was saved at a young age and was a member of Rollers Chapel Church in Wallen's Creek. She was well know for her delicious cooking and was always willing to share a meal or glass of sweet tea with anyone who came to visit. She loved working outside in the garden and canning many different things.

Shirley is survived by four children, Danny Rutherford, Eddie Rutherford and wife, Benita, Tanna Adams and Alan Rutherford and wife, Melissa; her only living sibling, Tommie "T.L." Ward; grandchildren, Chad Rutherford (Jen), Ashley Lindholm (Jarred), Lauren Ramsey (Blake), Shelby Edick (Nathan), Kala Stapleton (Johnathan), Cole Rutherford (Tori), Jay Adams (Ashley), Grant Rutherford (Hannah), Olivia Rutherford, Andrew Rutherford and Jacob

Bledsoe (Crystal); great-grandchildren, Savannah, Jackson and Greyson Rutherford, Natalie and Peyton Parker, Bennett Lindholm, Blakely and Landry Ramsey, Anderson Edick, Charlee Rutherford, Harper and Grady Stapleton, Hudson, Owen, Remington and Elowyn Rutherford, Ada and Devin Jones, and Colson and Scarlet Bledsoe; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 30, at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville. The funeral service will begin at 3:00 p.m. with Blake Ramsey and Dr. John Scott Litton Jr. officiating. Graveside services will follow at the Rutherford Family Cemetery. Pallbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons.

The family would like to thank Dr. John Scott Litton, Jr., Kayla Stapleton and staff, Mountain Region Home Health, Mountain Empire Older Citizens, and her devoted caregivers, Denise Reed and Sheila Brewer.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, at www.ALZ.org, or to Mountain Empire Older Citizens, 1501 3rd Ave E, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Jonesville is serving the Rutherford family.

Cemetery Details

Rutherford Cemetery

Rollers Chapel Road
Jonesville, VA 24263

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Cemetery
Rollers Chapel Road
Jonesville, VA 24263

Tribute Wall

TG

“ I'll always look for her sitting out on the porch. Heaven gained a special angel. Big hugs to the family. Love, Teresa Creech Glassman

Teresa Glassman - December 01, 2025 at 05:15 PM

DP

“ I'm so deeply sorry for the loss of sweet Shirley. She was such a special part of my childhood, and I cherish the memories of her welcoming home, her unforgettable cooking, and the way her laughter could fill a room. She had a gift for making everyone feel loved— through her food and laughter. Please know I'm holding all of you close in my heart during this difficult time. I pray that the love she poured into your lives and the beautiful memories you shared bring you comfort and peace. She was truly a wonderful woman, and she will be dearly missed by all who were blessed to know her. I am so sorry I cannot be there but love each one of you very much. We share some wonderful memories.

Doris Presley - November 30, 2025 at 09:50 AM

TH

“ We are praying for each one of you.
With Love from Tim, Jacqui, Hayden and the whole family

Tim & Jacqui Hobbs - November 30, 2025 at 09:21 AM

JC

“ Joyce Ann Clark lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ward Rutherford



Joyce Ann Clark - November 29, 2025 at 10:40 PM

SH

“ I will always remember Shirley as a sweet and pretty lady Thinking of all the family during this sad time.

Sammie Horton - November 29, 2025 at 10:05 PM

PT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort to surround all the family during this difficult time.

Pamela L Tillison - November 29, 2025 at 09:08 PM

LA

“ Shirley and her family were longtime neighbors and friends with my family for many years. We were like family. I visited her a lot as a young kid. I was able to call her a few months back and she was able to recognise me and was so pleased that i had called. RIP my sweet friend.

Linda allen - November 29, 2025 at 06:21 AM

TA

“ *Tinker Anderson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ward Rutherford*



Tinker Anderson - November 28, 2025 at 06:57 PM

TD

“ *So many fun memories with Shirley at ball games. One of the sweetest ladies I have had the pleasure of knowing. She was beautiful thru and thru. Take comfort in knowing that she is with God now and she has a brand new body; one free of all sickness. Prayers for peace and comfort. Love you all very much!*



Tamara Burgan Deirth - November 28, 2025 at 06:52 PM

RB

So sorry to hear of your loss. Shirley was such a sweet lady. Praying for comfort and peace that only God can give during this time. Ray and Brenda Bledsoe

Ray and Brenda Bledsoe - November 28, 2025 at 09:40 PM

DM

“ *So sorry for the loss of your mom. Prayers for her family and friends. Love and God's peace to each of you! Dale and Diane Morris*

Dale and Diane Morris - November 28, 2025 at 03:37 PM

LB

“ Sorry to hear about your mom. Tanna hope you and family can find comfort in knowing she is at rest. May God send peace to the family. She will surely be missed.

loretta and donnie blanken - November 28, 2025 at 03:00 PM