



Mertie Mae Stark

February 10, 1924 - January 2, 2016

Mertie Mae Ritenour Stark passed away on January 2, 2016, peacefully in her home surrounded by love. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years Leonard John Stark, Sr. She is survived by 4 children; Leonard, Joan, Jean and Jane, 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-granddaughter, and 2 sisters, Alice and Chris. She was a Veteran of WW II having served in the U.S. Marine Corps. In addition to her family, she loved to cook, read books, photography, and the adventures of traveling, especially America's National Parks, she visited them all in every U.S. State. Life was an adventure and Mertie lived every moment creating memories until her passing into eternity to reunite with her beloved husband.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00PM Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where funeral services will be held at 10:00AM Wednesday, January 6, 2016 with Pastor Mike O'Brien officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Asbury United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Asbury United Methodist Church Cemetery

14113 Fleetwood Drive
Nokesville, VA 20181

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Debbie lit a candle in memory of Mertie Mae Stark*



Debbie - January 06, 2016 at 12:56 AM

DE

Mertie I am going to miss you so much. I enjoyed our lunch and shopping dates more than anyone knew. I loved to talk to you and hear your stories. You always had a smile on your face and I could always get a laugh out of you. I loved that about you. You were always a pleasure to be with. A beautiful lady inside and out. We had a great time when we went to Florida and my Grandson's didn't even bother you on the way home. You said you enjoyed them. Regina and I will have to go to lunch and remember your stories, because she told me she is going to miss them also. I am so happy I got to be not only your Sister-n-Law, but you Friend. I love you always, Debbie

Debbie - January 06, 2016 at 01:14 AM

AH

“ *Alison Jenkins Hare lit a candle in memory of Mertie Mae Stark*



Alison Jenkins Hare - January 05, 2016 at 07:40 PM

AH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Love and Prayers being sent for the family.*

Alison Jenkins Hare - January 05, 2016 at 07:39 PM

AP

“ Alice Page lit a candle in memory of Mertie Mae Stark



Alice Page - January 05, 2016 at 01:53 PM

AP

“ Dear BIG Sis, I will always remember the good times we had when both of us worked in Washington, DC and after you moved to Florida when you retired. I won't forget when I baby sit your kids even though they are not much younger than me. I am glad you are no longer in pain. I could go on forever telling stories about you but there isn't room for that. I will love you forever. Some day we will be together again. Love you, Sis Alice Faye Page

Alice Page - January 05, 2016 at 01:51 PM

TP

“ Grandma, I just lit a pink candle in your memory. I know how much you hated the dark. I'm so grateful for the times we shared and all the memories we have. You will never be forgotten. You were such a fireball, so fierce on the outside and so sweet on the inside. Life will be different without you so I've decided to keep you in my heart and never let you go! I know we will always refer to you and your stories to keep your memory alive. I will miss you everyday.
Love, Tina

Tina Pritchett - January 05, 2016 at 10:58 AM

TP

“ *Tina Pritchett lit a candle in memory of Mertie Mae Stark*



Tina Pritchett - January 05, 2016 at 10:45 AM

JM

“ *Mom, You sure left us all with many truly "unique" memories. You gave me and my siblings life and you will always be a part of ours. Love you always, Baby Jane*

Jane McKillop - January 05, 2016 at 06:51 AM

JE

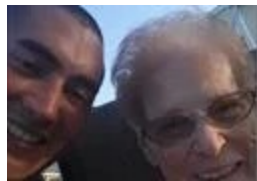
“ *Wishing I could be there. Very happy to have had the opportunity to spend some time over xmas. <3*



Jenn - January 04, 2016 at 10:26 PM

PJ

“ *Miss you Mert*



Phillip Johnson - January 04, 2016 at 09:27 PM

TP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tina Pritchett - January 04, 2016 at 09:25 PM

LS

“ Love Steve & Sharon purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mertie Mae Stark.



Love Steve & Sharon - January 04, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mertie Mae Stark.



January 04, 2016 at 07:12 PM

Tracy Stark

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Tracy Stark - January 04, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ Grandma there is just too much I would like to share. I guess your favorite would be when I came and took care of you when I was 4. You have told that store to me and everyone else in the family along with all the strangers you could get to hold still long enough. You always laughed when you told it. I will miss you and I always loved you even when we had our little ripples now and then.
Love Tammy

Tammy Bartlett - January 04, 2016 at 05:57 PM

SS

“ Mertie will be missed by all who knew her!



Sue Seymour - January 04, 2016 at 05:44 PM

LS

“ Lois Shafer lit a candle in memory of Mertie Mae Stark




Lois Shafer - January 04, 2016 at 05:12 PM

LS

“ She was a fire cracker for sure. I remember her at Aunt Mertie and Uncle Louie;s 50th Anniversary Party. I took pictures of her, Leonard and my Mom dancing, but had to hide them so my Dad couldn't see them. I gave them to Mom after Daddy Passed. Don't know who took them when Mom passed, but I didn't see them after I gave them to Mom. There were pictures of Aunt Wilma and Aunt Gladys and Uncle Jim as well. It was a day I will never forget. Had so much fun that day, trying to keep up with Mertie and My Mom and Aunt Wiilma, Now they can have a Reunion in Heaven and kick up their heels and Aunt Gladys will just sit back and watch. Sending Love and Prayers To Those She Left Behind.,
Minnie, Martha's Daughter

Lois Shafer - January 04, 2016 at 05:08 PM

 Tracy Stark

“ We are here today because of you and now you can watch from above as your love grows into the legacy you have left us to follow. You are one admired lady. I owe you my life. Limey

Tracy Stark - January 04, 2016 at 04:09 PM

RR

“ Roy Bryant /Son Of Wilma Ritenour lit a candle in memory of Mertie Mae Stark



Roy Bryant /Son of Wilma Ritenour - January 04, 2016 at 03:24 PM

LS

“ *I will miss you forever*

love, your son

Leonard Stark - January 04, 2016 at 03:14 PM

JJ

“ *Jeannie Ritenour Johnston lit a candle in memory of Mertie Mae Stark*



Jeannie Ritenour Johnston - January 04, 2016 at 02:27 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mertie Mae Stark.*



January 04, 2016 at 02:26 PM

TO

“ *Our little firecracker is no longer suffering. She is surrounded by the many family members who have gone on before her. We will miss her laughter and awesome stories she always happily told, even when she had to talk louder than everyone else to be heard. Always dressed in bright colors with shoes to match, she was truly one of a kind and we will fiercely miss her. Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Praying for comfort for each of you. With love and deepest sympathy, Tracy and Billy Oldfather*



Tracy Oldfather - January 04, 2016 at 01:37 PM

VS

“ *Vickie & Jeff Saylor lit a candle in memory of Mertie Mae Stark*



Vickie & Jeff Saylor - January 04, 2016 at 01:24 PM