

PEGGY ANN MERRICKS DAVENPORT



Peggy Ann Merricks Davenport, age 80, died Sunday, November 30, 2014.

She was born at home in Callands, Va., on May 21, 1934, the tenth child of Walter Bell and Mabel Elizabeth Wells Merricks.

Peggy was preceded in death by Joe Davenport of Lee Hall, Va., Walter and Mabel Merricks of Callands, Va., Gary and Minnie Merricks of Martinsville, Va., Obie and Winnie Merricks of Martinsville, David and Iva Merricks of Martinsville, Talmadge and Angie Hatchett of Martinsville, Walter Bell Merricks, Jr. of Dry Fork, Va., Henry and Janice Eggleston of Moneta, Va.; a nephew, Roger Merricks of Martinsville; and three infant siblings, Noah, Walter and an un-named boy.

She is survived by her three children, Susan (Charlie) Pater, Joretta Davenport, and Mark (Jackie) Davenport; also numerous nieces and nephews. Grandchildren are Lucas Pater, Natalie (Erik) Puljung, Anna (Joe) Kauslick, and Nicholas Pater. Great-grandchildren are Gavyn Wesley Pater and Clementine Mae Puljung. Peggy is also survived by her brother, Trent (Ellen) Merricks.

She grew up in Pittsylvania County, Va., on a tobacco farm. Peggy graduated from Chatham High School and worked in Martinsville while living with her brother, Obie and Winnie Merricks, before marrying.

She was employed at Standard Publishing Company while living in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky areas after marriage. She and Joe moved to several towns in Kentucky and Virginia while in ministry. She remained a homemaker, caring for her children until they were school age, then entered the workplace.

She was employed by several banks in Virginia and a nursery at Mobjack, Va. She also worked in alterations at Binn's Fashion Shop of Williamsburg, Va. Peggy was a self-taught, accomplished seamstress, following in the footsteps of many Wells and Merricks women before her, in her family.

She played the piano by ear very well also. Many a Saturday night her children drifted off to sleep hearing the next morning worship hymns being rehearsed on our home piano.

In 2005 after a stroke, Peggy made the difficult decision to move near her daughter and son-in-law in Ohio. Her health declined until she passed away on November 30th. She died early in the morning, peacefully, in her sleep. Hospice of Cincinnati provided the medical support for the family.

Peggy was baptized in the pond on the family farm on July 7, 1946, by J.D. Hunt III and was a member of County Line Christian Church until she married and moved away. She requested to be returned to County Line Cemetery upon her death.

A graveside service and burial will take place on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in Axton, Va., at the County Line Church cemetery, with Mr. Lawrence Harris officiating.

Norris Funeral Home is providing service in Virginia. The family requests any memorials be sent to: Grundy Mountain Mission School, 1760 Edgewater Drive, Grundy, Va. 24614, In memory of Peggy Davenport.

Webster Funeral Home in Fairfield, Ohio, providing service in Ohio at the time of her passing. Any message may be made to: Webster Funeral Home, 3080 Homeward Way Fairfield, Ohio 45014 or www.websterfuneralhomes.com