



Nellie Crush Keffer

July 22, 1929 - August 14, 2019

Nellie Crush Keffer, of New Castle, passed away Wednesday, August 14th at the age of 90. Nellie grew up in Botetourt County and moved to Craig County when she married Fred in 1951. They were married for 63 years. She was a devoted farm wife and mother who was an active member of her community. She was a longtime member of Bethel United Methodist Church and the Methodist Women. She retired from the accounting department at Virginia Tech after working 23 years. Nellie found great joy in assisting others whether it was making a pie for a fundraiser or taking food to a sick neighbor. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who liked nothing better than having the little ones visit the farm.

Nellie was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Viola Crush, and husband Fred. She often said she missed Fred every day. She is survived by four children: Ken Crush, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Wanda Ostrander (Barry Hartman) Roanoke; Frank Keffer (Mary), New Castle; and Barbara DeLong (Tom), Havelock, NC. Nellie has six grandchildren: Chris Ostrander (Deirdre), Mount Pleasant, SC; Eric Ostrander (Lyndsey), Roanoke; Anna McClure (Charlie), Christiansburg; Andrew Keffer (Ashton), New Castle; Ashley Franchi (Chris), Cary, NC; and Brandon DeLong (Allison), Rolesville, NC. She also loved her six great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank Louise Mullins and Sam Duncan for the amazing love and care they gave Nellie 24 hours a day. Nellie was so grateful for all they did for her. We also wish to thank Intrepid Hospice and especially Cathy

Brown for her loving support to Nellie and the family during these past few months.

A service will be held Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 11 AM at Bethel United Methodist Church with Pastor Charles Stacy officiating. Interment will follow at Ross Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, consider donating in Nellie's honor to Bethel United Methodist Church, 9990 Cumberland Gap Road, New Castle, VA 24217.

Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home. www.paitselfh.com

Cemetery Details

Ross Cemetery

Cumberland Gap Road
New Castle, VA 24127

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church
11599 Cumberland Gap Road
New Castle, VA

Funeral Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church
11599 Cumberland Gap Road
New Castle, VA

Interment

AUG 17 (ET)

Ross Cemetery
Cumberland Gap Road
New Castle, VA 24127

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Oh my gosh, Wanda, Frank and Barbara sooo sorry to here of your moms passing. Did not know she was even sick. Loved the picture u shared of her 90th Birthday. We certainly would have been there for yall. We loved her sooo much . Love yall bunches. Meddie and Gene Delp.

meddie delp - August 20, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ Becky Francisco lit a candle in memory of Nellie Crush Keffer



Becky Francisco - August 18, 2019 at 05:19 PM

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“ It was a blessing to be able to spend the last 3 months of Nellies life. We had such great talks. We shared and laughed and prayed together. She was a great lady, I'll miss her, Sam Duncan

sam duncan - August 16, 2019 at 11:37 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Nellie Crush Keffer.



August 16, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nellie Crush Keffer.*



August 16, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nellie Crush Keffer.*



August 16, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nellie Crush Keffer.*



August 15, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nellie Crush Keffer.*



August 15, 2019 at 05:47 PM