



## Ethel Rife

December 7, 1922 - May 2, 2015

Ethel Rife 92 of Varney, WV went home to be with the Lord May 2, 2015. She was a patient at the Community Hospice in Ashland, KY. Mrs. Rife was born Dec. 7, 1922 at Varney, WV the daughter of the late William Smith Justice and Mille Burchett. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Jodie Rife, son, William Hank Rife, daughters, Nancy Jane and Joyce Gail Rife, brothers, Johnny, Paris and Thurman Justice, sisters, Angie, Hulda and Nora Hinkle and Mary Jane Daughtery.

She was a longtime member of the Varney Church of God and was a homemaker.

Those left behind to cherish her memories include her sons, Jodie (Joyce) Rife Jr., of Lexington, KY, Marvin (Brenda) Rife of Chardon, OH, Wallace Ray Rife, Dallas (Brenda) Rife and Arnold Rife all of Varney, WV, sisters, Elizabeth Tiller and Emma Hinkle both of Varney. She has several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Chafin Funeral Home Wednesday May 6, 2015 at 1:00pm with Rev. Gary "Bo" Starr officiating. Burial will follow in the Justice Cemetery at Varney, WV. Friends may call at the funeral home chapel Tuesday evening from 6-9pm. Pallbearers will be friends and family. Online condolences can be made at [ChafinFuneralHome.Com](http://ChafinFuneralHome.Com)

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chafin Funeral Home  
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## Burial

MAY 6 (ET)

Justice Cemetery  
Varney, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel Rife*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *My granny meant more to me than most people and family will ever know, she was always the sweetest and most truthful Christian woman I had ever met, I never fully understood what made her so strong willed and trusted God for every need she had until I myself accepted Christ as my savior, God changed my heart to want to be just as kind and humble ,she was the perfect example of the love of Jesus, which made it all the more special that I got to tell everyone that she was my granny, She never treated any of us grandchildren any different, unless you mentioned her great grandson Dylan ,she would just say he's my special one ,with a wink of the eye and a smile that could light up a room. I thank God for the last two years that I had the privilege of helping take care of her, the stories we shared and the prayers we prayed, the songs we sang, all make me strive to seek Gods will for my life that I may please and satisfy Him all the more, after I die and meet and thank my Savior, I want to run with my granny down the streets of gold,hand in hand skipping up gold dust,that is what I always told her when we would sing "Walk Up The Streets Of Gold" I miss you granny, I'll see you there, Tonya Daniels*

**tonya daniels** - May 09, 2015 at 12:21 AM

TD

“ *Proverbs 17:6 grandchildren are a crown to the aged, And parents are the pride of their children.  
This Grandmother finds Reward and Honor in being surrounded by her Grandchildren. Her life has mattered, it continues on through succeeding generations. She has not only raised up Godly sons and daughters, but has raised them to raise up the same kind of children. Nothing so adorns children, and brightens their lives, like Godly Fathers and Mothers.  
I am so truly blessed to be your granddaughter, Tonya Daniels*

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**Tonya Daniels** - May 05, 2015 at 11:40 PM

CG

“ *She was a true Women of God. I remember her from when I lived at Varney. Daughter of Carl & Goldie Edwards, Carol (Edwards) Grimmette*

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**Carol Grimmette** - May 05, 2015 at 10:08 AM

LF

“ *Lena Fry lit a candle in memory of Ethel Rife*



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**Lena Fry** - May 04, 2015 at 10:45 PM

LF

*Heaven truly gained a Great Woman of God. Sister Rife will truly be missed by all that knew and loved her.  
The Fry Family*

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**Lena Fry** - May 04, 2015 at 10:49 PM

JK

*she was a true church of God Woman great lady who loved her family*

**Joyce Edwards Kirk** - May 05, 2015 at 04:18 PM

KW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



**Kathy Wellman** - May 04, 2015 at 07:08 PM

MC

“ *Mike, Geraldine and Children. purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Ethel Rife.*



**Mike, Geraldine and Children.** - May 04, 2015 at 05:11 PM

DW

“ *Dave & Janie Williams purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ethel Rife.*



**Dave & Janie Williams** - May 04, 2015 at 01:02 PM

RT

“ *Heaven has gained a soul, I remember Sister Ethel, from when I was a young child & teenager, she was always a good God fearing women. May God bless and comfort the family during this time.*  
*Rita Jo (Brewer) Thompson*

Rita Jo (Brewer) Thompson - May 04, 2015 at 11:37 AM



*My thoughts and prayers be with you all..sure will miss her..*

Jennifer Andrus - May 04, 2015 at 03:46 PM

AT

*This is sad to read of her death. There are so many memories of our growing up on Pigeon Creek. These are the ones that will always be cherished by all. My mother Myrtle Keatley was a member of the Varney Church of God and shouted with Sister Rife many times. Bless both of these dear ladies.*

*Alice Keatley Tchou*

Alice Tchou - May 05, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ *99 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Chafin Funeral Home - May 04, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ *She was a special lady and a very dear friend and I loved her dearly. I always enjoys receiving cards from her asking about me and my boys. She will be missed by so many!*  
*Love Sister Linda Varney*



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**Hapi Varney** - May 04, 2015 at 10:04 AM

KB

“ *Kathy Belcher lit a candle in memory of Ethel Rife*



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**Kathy Belcher** - May 04, 2015 at 07:23 AM

NW

“ *Ms. Rife by far was a kind and gentle Christian woman. She made an impression on me since I was a little girl. I will miss her greatly.*  
*Nancy (Hatfield) White*

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**Nancy White** - May 04, 2015 at 07:01 AM

PF

“ *Penny France lit a candle in memory of Ethel Rife*



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**Penny France** - May 04, 2015 at 06:41 AM

KW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathy Wellman - May 04, 2015 at 05:14 AM

KW

*My Aunt Ethel was on of God's true prayer warriors. I have some wonderful memories of her that I will treasure always. My heart hurts to know she's gone, but rejoices to know she has finished her course. She won the race and is now resting with Jesus.*

Kathy Wellman - May 04, 2015 at 05:18 AM

PF

“ I'm going to miss her beautiful smile and her telling me that she loved me, she was such a beautiful lady im going to miss her so much, I will be praying for her lovely family.

*Penny Fletcher*

Penny Fletcher - May 03, 2015 at 11:13 PM

BM

“ LOVE & PRAYERS FOR YOU ALL IN YOUR TIME OF LOSE,BRO.JACK & NORA MEADE



BRO.JACK MEADE - May 03, 2015 at 11:06 PM

AH

“ ALBERT & PATTY HINKLE lit a candle in memory of Ethel Rife



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ALBERT & PATTY HINKLE - May 03, 2015 at 10:28 PM

DB

“ Debby Blair lit a candle in memory of Ethel Rife



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Debby Blair - May 03, 2015 at 09:28 PM

CF

“ From the Carter Family



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Carter Family - May 03, 2015 at 09:26 PM