



## Gertrude Richardson

October 18, 1932 - August 30, 2022

Ruth Gertrude Richardson, 89, transitioned to her heavenly home on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, from her residence in Delbarton, WV. Born October 18, 1932 at Clifford (Yellow Creek) KY, she was the daughter of the late Mont Crum and Maude Sparks Crum Jordan and stepfather, Jum Jordan. She was the wife of the late Bill Richardson. She was also preceded in death by brothers, William Thomas Crum, Ray Dean Crum, Donald Lindsey Crum, Jack Rush Crum, Joe Curtis Crum; sister, Elizabeth Ann Crum Marcum, and several beloved sisters-and brothers-in-law as well.

Born into a humble and bustling household full of love, Gertie was her Daddy's pride and joy, and loved telling stories about their special relationship long after she lost him at the young age of 15. She spent her youth helping her mother take care of the home and her siblings; she adored her Mother and went on to be her constant companion and caregiver for the remainder of Maude's life.

She graduated from Burch High School as part of the Class of 1950. "Gravel Gertie," as she was known by her friends, was a popular and vivacious young student, who was voted Miss Burch High and served as Drum Major, leading the marching band. She loved telling the tale of how she met her handsome husband, Bill, when she was working her first job at Ann's Koffee Kup in Portsmouth, OH. Bill, enchanted by her beauty, fell in love with her at first sight, and won her over with his quiet charm. After they married, Gertie traveled the country with Bill for his work, enjoying the experience of life in

many different states. They came back home to Delbarton, WV to be near her family and raise two beloved sons, David and Billy. She was so proud of her boys and their families, and the blessing of her beautiful grand and great-grandchildren gave her boundless joy.

Gertie was a devout believer who loved and served the Lord faithfully for many years. She, along with her sisters Sue and Ann and her sister-in-law Thelma were part of the Ladies' Ministry of the Delbarton (now Regional) Church of God. They worked tirelessly for years on fundraisers to pay off the new church building, constructed in 1983. She also enjoyed working in the kitchen during Vacation Bible School each year. She and her family were bonded in friendship and covenant with the Compton family and the church. In addition to her service to the Lord and her church, Gertie prioritized her precious family. She kept a fabulously beautiful home and loved nothing more than to share it with those she loved. She was the glue that held everyone together, keeping the family close and continuing long-held traditions. She hosted many memorable birthday parties, after-church get-togethers, and the most amazing holidays imaginable. If you attended Sunday School, you might be rewarded with a batch of her famous biscuits, which were so light they almost floated off the pan. Christmas at her house was everyone's favorite time of the year, with delicious food, family, friends, and an annual visit from Santa. These memorable gatherings very often included a spirited round of "pickin' and grinnin'," with the whole gang joining in.

Gertie was gifted from God a very special heart for children. Her gentle "mother's touch" was the best for soothing and rocking babies to sleep. She also loved singing to the little ones and hosting dance parties in her living room for them. She kept a toy box full of little trinkets that were left at her home by countless toddlers over the years, and nothing delighted her tiniest visitors more than to rifle through these treasures. Everyone felt loved, included, and special at "Sissy's house." Indeed, children were very special in her eyes.

Gertie also loved having adventures with her lifelong best friends, her two

sisters and her mother. Known as the “Golden Girls,” the foursome enjoyed many road trips together, shopping for beautiful fashions and adding to Gertie’s collection of antiques and collectibles. They loved acquiring Christmas village houses to later exhibit for the holidays. Some of the best memories were made on their trips to the “Sunny Beaches” of Florida and Myrtle Beach, SC, with the whole family joining them. Gertie touched countless lives, and her crown in heaven will be as full of jewels and sparkle as her amazing life.

Remaining behind to cherish Gertie’s memory are her sons, David Ray (Jeanette) Richardson of Jacksonville, FL, and Bill (Wendy) Richardson of Pensacola, FL; grandson, Daniel (Jennifer) Richardson and granddaughter, Karen (Frank) Wells; a step-grandson, Michael Baisden II and great-grandchildren Alexander, Evan, and Lily; brother, Mont Crum, and sister, Ella Sue Crum Enomoto, both of Delbarton. She also leaves behind a number of cherished in-laws, nieces, and nephews (who were just like additional daughters and sons to her); cousins, good friends, and neighbors. A very special niece, Lisa Ann Marcum, served gladly and faithfully as her caregiver, alongside her sister Sue, and the family will be forever grateful to them for their devotion and loving care.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, September 2, at 11 a.m. at the Sparks Family Cemetery in Clifford (Yellow Creek), KY, where Gertie will rest next to her husband, Bill Richardson, and among many of the family she so dearly loved and missed. Her pastor, friend, and “other son”, Rev. Dallas Mitchell Bias, will officiate. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Chafin Funeral Home of Delbarton, WV.

# Cemetery Details

## Sparks Cemetery

Yellow Creek, KY

# Previous Events

## Grave Side Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sparks Cemetery  
Yellow Creek, KY

# Tribute Wall

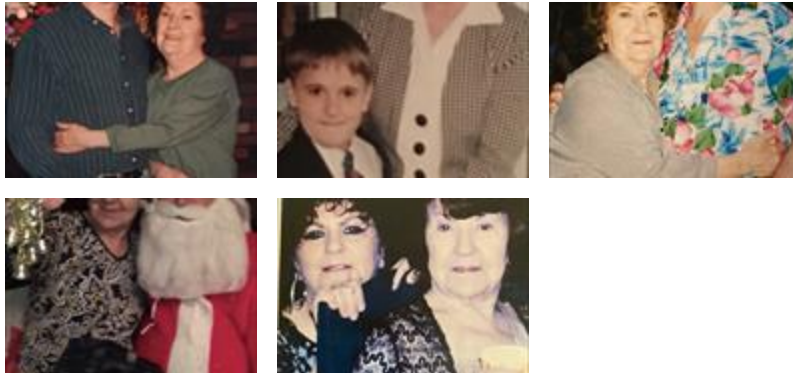


“ *Gertrude Richardson*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *17 files added to the tribute wall*



**Lisa Marcum** - October 29, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *She was like a sister to me. She ask me to call her every evening to let her know I was ok. That was after Jack Passed. So I called her about 7:30 every night for 6 years. Sometimes we would talk a little And sometimes I would just say I am ok How are you? She was the best. I Will miss our time together and my call to her each night. Prayers for family and friends. I Love You. Johnnie Connolly Crum.*

**Johnnie Connolly Crum** - September 03, 2022 at 12:51 AM



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“ To the family, especially Billy and Sue, some of the most wonderful memories I have of my first years in the church were w/Gertie and the kitchen crew. We laughed so much sometimes it was hard to get anything done. This family was so special and we were all so close knit it was a gift from God.  
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**hazel w farley** - September 01, 2022 at 08:02 AM

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My sympathy to the Crum family. May Gertrude Rest in Peace. Sharon Connolly

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**Sharon Connolly** - September 02, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ White Mixed Flower Solid Standing Heart was purchased for the family of Gertrude Richardson.



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September 01, 2022 at 02:11 AM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Gertrude Richardson.



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September 01, 2022 at 01:09 AM

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“ *Jim, Beckye, Michael, Damon purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Gertrude Richardson.*



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**Jim, Beckye, Michael, Damon** - August 31, 2022 at 04:58 PM