



Merle Rissa Sheppard

February 26, 1932 - June 24, 2017

Merle Rissa Blair Sheppard, 85 of Laurel Creek, WV went home to be with the Lord on Saturday June 24, 2017. She was born Feb. 26, 1932 at Laurel Creek, WV the daughter of the late Willard and Irene Deskins Blair. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Howard E. Blair and a great grandson, Cory Storm Akers.

Merle was a loving mother, wife, sister, grandmother and friend. She was known for her delicious meals at Cheech's and her love for family, friends and community. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a member of the Little Dove United Baptist Church of Belo.

Her survivors include her husband of 68 years, Billy Sheppard, daughters, Darice Akers Vance of Laurel Creek and Beverly (Robert) Adkins of Lenore, son, H.W. "Buzz" Sheppard of Laurel Creek, sisters, Ann Damron of Lenore, Wanda Sheppard of Gahanna, OH, Carrie "Sis" Alexander of Laurel Creek, Leal Blair of Chicago, IL, Joyce Shultz of Warsaw, IN, and brother, Gary W. Blair of Laurel Creek.

Merle also leaves behind to cherish her memories her grandchildren, Randy (Karen) Akers, Meliss (Aaron) Taylor, Renee (Eric) Sartin, Regina (Dave) Evans, Coty (Kim) Sheppard, Missy Young, Cheyenne (Charles) Carver and Carol Jeffery, great-grandchildren, Chris (Paige) Akers, Casy Akers, Caylee Akers, Ciley Akers, Logan Harris, Mattox Sartin, Lyrix Sartin, Eli Sheppard, Emma Sheppard, Saylor Carver, Mya Young and Aly Young, great-great grandchild, Cameron Akers and Special friends, Albert Cable and William T.

Deskens.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday June 29, 2017 at the Little Dove United Baptist Church at 1:00pm with Elder Jimmy Maynard, Chris Ooten and Ricky Booth officiating. Burial will follow in the Blair Cemetery at Laurel Creek, WV. Visitation will be Wednesday evening at the church from 6:00 to 9:00pm with services starting at 7:00pm. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the ARH Hospital and the home health nurses for the care they provided for Merle.

They would also like to give many thanks to Jim Maynard and Carla Maynard Atkins for their love and support for the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Little Dove United Baptist Church
Belo
WV 25670

Service

JUN 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Little Dove United Baptist Church
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Burial

JUN 29 (ET)

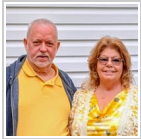
Blair Cemetery
Laurel Creek, WV

Tribute Wall



“ *Merle Rissa Sheppard*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Bless you all. Prayers for the family, she was LOVED! A great person, I always enjoyed talking to her when she came to get her hair fixed at the highrise or where ever we would meet meet. Love to you all. <3 Paul & Kathy*

Kathy Thompson - June 28, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ *Jamie Blair lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard*



jamie blair - June 28, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ *Merle you will be missed by me, the times we spent Laughing & talking in Cheech's or if it was Walmart. I know you fought a cougeous battle off & on for the past 2 years. Now you are in your Beautiful home up above with all of our beloved family & friends. I will not ever forget you & always keep your memories inside my heart. I pray God brings comfort & peace to all of your family during this difficult time.*



jamie blair - June 28, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merle Rissa Sheppard.*



June 28, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ *Aunt Merle's kindness and strong, steadfast spirit is missed and remembered by all of us.*

Leal Blair and Family

BETH NILES - June 28, 2017 at 11:35 AM



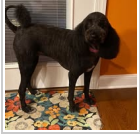
“ *Prayers are with you Bev and family. Merle was a kind and loving person. Whenever I came into Cheech's she would always come and sit and chat with me. Loved this lady and she will be missed by so many. Love and prayers today and the days ahead that God will give you peace that surpasses all understanding.*

Paul and Emma Renn - June 28, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ *I know how sad it is to lose your Mom! My love and prayers are with you! I pray that God wraps his arms around you in this devastating time! Love you! Elrita Hale Parsley*

Elrita Parsley - June 27, 2017 at 06:52 PM



“ Sue Brinager lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard



Sue Brinager - June 27, 2017 at 06:16 PM

NK

“ Naomi Kirk lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard



naomi kirk - June 27, 2017 at 01:57 PM

PD

“ Patricia Davis lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard



Patricia Davis - June 27, 2017 at 11:59 AM

PD

She always had such a sweet smile for everyone I never went into Cheech's that if she was there she always spoke to me. A Beautiful and Sweet Lady indeed. <3

Patricia Davis - June 27, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Merle Rissa Sheppard.*



June 27, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to all of the family. Some of my most cherished childhood memories were times spent at her home spending time with my dearest friend, Bev. Merle always made me feel so welcome. My prayer is God will give the family peace and comfort in the memories and Love she has left with all of you.*
Pam (Hall) Dempsey

Pam Dempsey - June 27, 2017 at 07:16 AM



“ *Prayers for family sire going to mis ma*



Charlene - June 27, 2017 at 06:17 AM



“ *Janet Sue Smith Stanley lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard*



janet sue smith stanley - June 27, 2017 at 02:46 AM

RB

“ *Ron&Treva, Bob&Rhonda lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard*



Ron&Treva, Bob&Rhonda - June 26, 2017 at 10:47 PM

WK

“ *William Kozee lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard*



william kozee - June 26, 2017 at 10:38 PM

DL

“ *Donna Lackey lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard*



Donna Lackey - June 26, 2017 at 10:10 PM

DC

“ *Darcie,Bev,Buzz so sorry for your lose,nothing can replace someone you love like your mom she was a sweet ,kind soul...may she find peace in her new home.. Danie and Drema Colegrove*



Drema Colegrove - June 26, 2017 at 10:06 PM

VP

“ Vicki Pippin lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard



Vicki Pippin - June 26, 2017 at 09:30 PM

DT

“ Donna Tomblin lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard



donna tomblin - June 26, 2017 at 09:13 PM

DE

“ Dee lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard



Dee - June 26, 2017 at 09:00 PM

DB

“ Dolly And Ted Barger lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard



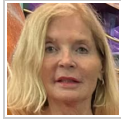
Dolly and Ted Barger - June 26, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ Pamela Chapman lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard



Pamela Chapman - June 26, 2017 at 06:19 PM



Prayers for all the family ...

Pamela Chapman - June 26, 2017 at 06:20 PM

RC

“ Robin Chafins lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard



robin chafins - June 26, 2017 at 05:36 PM

RC

so sorry bev love and prayers

robin chafins - June 26, 2017 at 05:37 PM

SM

“ Our heart and prayers goes out to the family. May God comfort each of you during this time. May he give you peace and understanding. Merle is no longer in pain and is walking freely. She has earned her reward. Bless each of you.



Sandy & Gary Marcum - June 26, 2017 at 05:34 PM

TW

🙏❤️ *Beverly or hearts are broken for you and your family. Prayers and Hugs to give you strength these next few days. Your mom was such a wonderful lady. Love to all of you.❤️*
Treva, Rhonda and our families.

Treva Wheeler - June 26, 2017 at 10:35 PM

KM

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family sure will miss merle*



Kelly mounts - June 26, 2017 at 05:04 PM


Melissa Taylor

“ *Melissa Taylor lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard*



Melissa Taylor - June 26, 2017 at 04:56 PM

RE

“ *Regina lit a candle in memory of Merle Rissa Sheppard*



Regina - June 26, 2017 at 04:37 PM

CC

“ *Merle was such a nice lady. R. I. P.*

Chip Canterbury - June 26, 2017 at 04:31 PM