



## Venita Faye Cantrell

November 4, 1946 - March 28, 2026

Venita Faye Cantrell, 79, of Varney, WV, a faithful servant of God, entered the presence of Jesus from her home on March 28, 2026. In her own words a few days before her passing, "I am going on a journey." The journeys now complete and Faye is safe home with Jesus.

She was born November 4, 1946, to the late Mance and Vicie Varney Cantrell in Varney, West Virginia. In addition to her parents, five siblings preceded her in death: Delmon, Watson, Donald, Harold Cantrell and sister, Nannetta Lewis. Faye is survived by sisters: Lottie Cantrell, of Piscataway, New Jersey; Shelby Hatfield of New Orleans, Louisiana; Linda Sims and Regina (Troy) Smith both of Varney, WV and Janet (Dan) Varney of Columbus, Ohio. One brother survives her John Paul Cantrell of Varney, West Virginia.

A 1964 graduate of Matewan High School, Matewan, WV. Faye's professional career was marked by excellence and unmatched skills. Her lengthy employment career included Appalachian Regional Healthcare, South Williamson, KY; Rawl Sales & Processing (Massey Coal Company). of Matewan, WV, Southern West Virginia Community College, Williamson, WV, and Trinity Healthcare of Mingo, Williamson, WV.

Having encountered Jesus and making Him savior in her early twenties, she became a member of Pie Church of God on May 13, 1972. In 1974 Faye

answered the call to preach the gospel. She was a licensed minister in the Church of God, Cleveland, TN, and served Pie Church in various capacities including more than a quarter century as administrative pastor/treasurer, more than five decades bible classes of all ages were blessed to call her teacher most recently the adult Sunday School class where she is known for deep and impactful lessons, Choir Director, Evangelist and faithful servant for Kingdom purposes. To all who knew her and worked alongside her it was evident that Faye was totally in love with Jesus and sought to serve Him in all she did. Scripture says, And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men. Colossians 3:23. That was Faye everything to her was unto Him, and she inspired those around her to always reach higher than you planned, dream bigger and do more. Unyielding soldier for the Kingdom of God.

Celebration of life will be held Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 6-8:30 with service beginning at 7 at Pie Church of God, Pie, WV with Rev. Brian Wellman officiating. Funeral Service will be Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 11am at Pie Church of God, Pie, WV with Rev. Mitchell Bias officiating. Faye will be laid to rest next to her precious mother in the Varney Family Cemetery at Varney, WV with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

Chafin Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cantrell Family.

# Cemetery Details

## Varney Cemetery

Ragland, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Pie Church of God  
13 Raven Hill  
Varney, WV 25696

## Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pie Church of God  
13 Raven Hill  
Varney, WV 25696

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Audie and Pam Sims purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Venita Faye Cantrell.



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**Audie and Pam Sims** - March 30 at 05:48 PM

SL

“ Sue Light lit a candle in memory of Venita Faye Cantrell



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**Sue Light** - March 30 at 04:16 PM



“ 70 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Chafin Funeral Home** - March 30 at 03:59 PM

WS

*Remembering Fay,  
Truly a legend in the service of The King of Kings, and your Impact  
Rippled throughout the world. Countless lives have been forever  
changed by your unwavering devotion and love.  
Fay was a remarkable individual—confident, intelligent, strong, and  
incredibly talented. I can only imagine the joy she is experiencing now,  
embracing the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with smiles gracing both  
her and Grandma's faces.  
Thank you, Fay, for the profound impact you have made on my life and  
the lives of so many others. Your legacy will continue to inspire us all.  
Clay*

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**Walter Clayton Stephenson** - March 30 at 04:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Venita Faye Cantrell.



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March 30 at 02:13 PM

GR

“ Grace Ritchie lit a candle in memory of Venita  
Faye Cantrell



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**Grace Ritchie** - March 30 at 02:04 PM

KR

“ *Kathleen Runyon lit a candle in memory of Venita Faye Cantrell*



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**Kathleen Runyon** - March 30 at 01:36 PM

DR

“ *My blessed friend of 57 years! What an indelible mark she left on the world around her. We'll see you soon!!*

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**Dr Kathleen Runyon** - March 30 at 01:33 PM

CO

“ *I worked with Faye at Eastern Coal Warehouse. She was an inspiration to me*

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**Connie** - March 30 at 01:19 PM

AH

“ *I was blessed to work with Faye when she worked at Rawl Sales. I worked for a Massey contractor, and she was such a help to me. She was always so kind and genuinely caring. I always loved hearing her voice on the other end of the phone. I know she will be missed by many.*

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**Angela Hamilton** - March 30 at 12:19 PM