



Rita Jean Brender

July 24, 1929 - October 2, 2013

Mrs. Rita Jean Brender passed from this life to her eternal home Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at her home. She was born in Hinton, WV on July 24, 1929 to Goldie and Lon Huffman. She had been a resident of the Wayne, MI area since the mid 50's but never forgot her beloved West Virginia and its mountains. She is survived by her loving daughter Becky Johnson (Jim) Kivlin and her chosen daughters, Debbie (Cliff) Mosier and Sandy (Dave) Cutter. Her loving companion Kiwi also survives. Others left to cherish her memory are her sisters, Barbara Huffman and Sue (the late Fitch) Leitch; brothers, David (Linda) Huffman and LJ (Becky) Huffman and her sister-in-law, Lorene Huffman; step-sister Lucille Davis and step-brothers Jim and Bill as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Fred "Bud" and Bernard. While living in Michigan, she was employed by the city of Wayne and by the State of Michigan in Corrections facilities prior to her retirement in 1994. She enjoyed many crafts and her works were enjoyed and appreciated by so many through the years. Jean was a member of the First Baptist Church of Wayne and most recently Fair Haven Baptist Church. She was very active in her churches for over 50 years and remained so as long as her health permitted. Jean's love and devotion to her family was only exceeded by her love and devotion to God and her church. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew her. Visitation Sunday, October 6 from 3-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland. Instate Monday 10 AM until the 11

AM Funeral Service at Fair Haven Baptist Church 34850 Marquette,
Westland. Memorials may be made to Fair Haven Baptist Church or to the
Michigan Humane Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Jean Brender*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Jean was a very special friend to us. She was always a target for Jack's teasing, and she gave as good as she got. Jean taught me to quilt many years ago and I always think of her while I work away at a project. We still make pickled beets from her recipe and grow the Mountaineer Half Runner beans that she liked. We will always remember how she treasured her daughter Becky and how proud she was of her. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

Jack Bader and Joanne Koptur - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM



“ *I'm lucky enough to have this amazing woman as my great aunt. Just like my Pawpaw you will always be in my thoughts and will be greatly missed.*

Polly - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM



“ *Mom you were such an important part of our lives. Thank you for "choosing" us as part of your family. We feel so blessed to have known you and gained your family as ours. We love and miss you!*

The Mosier Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

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“ To our good friend and neighbor who will be missed dearly. You will always be in our thoughts and prayer. You will always be in our hearts. Love always,

George & Lorraine Ranoni - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

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“ My life was blessed for 70 years with the presence of my big sister Jean. I have never known life without her....she has always been there to listen, guide and support me throughout my life. There are countless ways she has helped not only me, but our entire family.....she truly was the "matriarch" of our family and we shared many happy memories of our family gatherings. She truly was so proud of her heritage and her love for West Virginia was admired by others...a Mountaineer for life. I will forever be grateful for the blessing of sharing my life with her and I will cherish my wonderful memories.

Sue - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM