



## Jeanette Keller Lankford

October 17, 1925 - August 14, 2023

Jeanette Keller Lankford, age 97, passed away on Monday, August 14, 2023, at Jefferson Park in Dandridge.

She will be remembered for working in the retail business for many years. She started as a store manager for Catos and worked her way up to a district supervisor. After 16 years she left to go to Parks Belk and managed the Ladies Department until she retired.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hunley and Nannie Keller; and her son Denny Lankford.

She is survived by her daughter Nanette (Parker) Wilds, of Parrottsville; grandsons Dustin (Letisha) Wilds, of Cleveland, Tn. and Dennis (Sierra) wilds of Newport;

five great-grandchildren, Elijah, Emma, Ethan Wilds, of Cleveland, Tn. and Shawna and Hayden Smith, of Newport; special cousins who were dear to her heart Chad (Susan) Loveday, Aaron Loveday, Sara and Louise Keller, Danise Alley, and Jerry Keller; and many special friends.

The family would like to thank Jefferson Park of Dandridge, Tuan Fine and Smoky Mountain Hospice for all the love and wonderful care they gave to her. Graveside Services will be held at 2 pm, Saturday, August 19, 2023 in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.



# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc  
420 Mineral St  
Newport, TN 37821-3900  
(423) 623-6918

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Prayers!



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**Louise & Jimmy Hux** - August 27, 2023 at 06:17 PM

GM

“ Remember Jeanette and daughter, Nan ! Shopping with my mom .  
They were super kind!

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**gail cogdill metcalf** - August 23, 2023 at 11:24 AM

PD

“ So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Love & Prayers to you  
all.

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**Penny Dick** - August 22, 2023 at 08:18 PM

LG

“ So very sorry to hear about Jeanette. I will be thinking of you and  
your family.

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**Lisa Giles** - August 21, 2023 at 10:01 AM

GF

“ Nanette, I have many fond memories of Jeanette. She was a  
sweetie!  
Thoughts, prayers, & hugs to you! Ginni

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**ginni walker foust** - August 19, 2023 at 05:43 PM

JS

“ *Nanette & family, we are so sorry to hear of your sweet moms passing. We enjoyed working with her at Shoemakers Florist. She was a great sales lady and so kind to customers. Prayers for you and your family for days ahead. Love, Doug and Joyce Shoemaker*

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**Joyce Shoemaker** - August 19, 2023 at 04:04 PM

MC

“ *Nanette and family, I am very sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was such a special lady and I loved her. Prayers for all who loved her. All of you were blessed to have her presence in your lives as long as you did. May God bring peace and comfort to all of you for your broken hearts. Her spirit & love will remain with you forever! Until we meet again Jeanette!*

*Mary Ann & Jay Chrisman*

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**Mary Chrisman** - August 18, 2023 at 09:36 PM

BS

“ *Jeanette was an old friend and will be remembered and missed.*

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**Bernice Strickler** - August 18, 2023 at 04:57 PM

JR

“ *June Russell lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Lankford*



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**June Holt Russell** - August 18, 2023 at 01:45 PM

SI

“ *My thoughts are with your family during this time and in the days to come. She was such a such a special woman.*

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**Spencer Ivy** - August 18, 2023 at 06:24 AM

PB

“ *Nanette and family- your mother was a dear soul. I remember her from when mother took us to Cato's shopping and then I later worked with her at Parks Belk. She was just a jewel. May memories and the love you shared comfort you all. Love, Phyllis*

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**Phyllis Blazer** - August 17, 2023 at 09:45 PM

DL

“ *Nanette and family, I am so sorry to see Mrs. Lankford's passing. She was a wonderful neighbor and my Mother thought the world of your family. Prayers during this time.*

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**Dawn Lee** - August 17, 2023 at 08:49 PM

BL

“ *So sorry to hear about your Mom. I know how much you loved you and you loved her. May God Bless you and your family! Love Lynn and Becky Lane.*

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**Becky Lane** - August 17, 2023 at 10:33 AM

BE

“ *Dennis and Dustin,  
Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Love you both.*

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**Benjamin Evans** - August 16, 2023 at 10:05 PM

DH

“ *Nanette, we will be remembering you and your family in our prayers through this time of loss. David & Elizabeth*

David & Elizabeth Hensley - August 16, 2023 at 09:41 PM

PC

“ *Nanette and family my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jeanette was a special lady.*

Peggy Carver - August 16, 2023 at 02:25 PM

TL

“ *Nanette, and Family sorry to hear about your Mother. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

Tura Lawson - August 16, 2023 at 12:22 PM

JT

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet mother. She was a precious Lady. I loved her very much. Love you too. ❤️ She will be missed by all her family and friends.*

Jewelene Travis - August 16, 2023 at 12:22 PM

JG

“ *Nanette, I have always loved your mom from the first time we met. Love to you and your family and may God Bless You All! Remember the good times.*

J L Gardner - August 16, 2023 at 10:37 AM

LG

“ I am so very sorry to hear of your Mom passing away. I remember her very well. Such a sweet lady. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Lisa Giles - August 16, 2023 at 10:20 AM

BE

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. She gave me my first job at Cato's shop. My mother and I loved her. My prayers include your family. May God ease your loss.

Betsy - August 16, 2023 at 08:55 AM

RS

“ My sweet Jeanette, you will never be forgotten, you told some of the best stories about living and working in Newport in the past. Jeanette it was an honor to get to know you. Nanette and family you are in my prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord provide you peace and comfort.



Robin Seay - August 16, 2023 at 06:02 AM

CM

“ Nanette,  
I am sorry to hear about your mom's passing.  
You will be in my prayers! Rev.21:4  
Crystal Mantooth



Crystal Mantooth - August 15, 2023 at 11:08 PM

SW

“ Parker, Nanette, Dustin & Dennis,

*We are so sorry for your loss. We pray the Lord will comfort you all during this difficult time. We love you all.  
Jamie, Shandi, Kameron & Ava Wheeler*

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**Shandi Wheeler** - August 15, 2023 at 10:03 PM

LB

“ Jeanette was my Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church when I was a little girl, She was so kind and good to all of us, I have such fond memories of her..I know you will miss her, but the impact she had on so many lives will remain with us. what a wonderful legacy!

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**linda branam** - August 15, 2023 at 09:48 PM

RF

“ A life well lived. My Mom worked with her at Parks Belk. My prayers lifted up to you.

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**Ray Fancher** - August 15, 2023 at 08:28 PM

DO

“ So sorry to hear of Jeanette's death. She was a favorite mom of the CCHS Band members in the 1960s and attended dozens of music recitals for Mrs. Hickey's students for more than a decade. In later years, we delighted in seeing her when shopping at Parks Belk. May you be comforted by the memories of this delightful lady.

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**Duay O'Neil** - August 15, 2023 at 06:57 PM

BA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Love you Barbara Stella Lewis



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**Barbara** - August 15, 2023 at 06:27 PM

SO

“ Nanette, Dustin, Dennis, Chad, Susan..... and all the family: I am so sorry to hear about Janette passing away. She was such a great mother. She always welcomed all of us kids into her home and made everyone of us feel soooo special. I can close my eyes and hear Janette laughing. She had a good soul and loved her friends and family unconditionally. I am praying for this precious family. I love you all. Nanette, I know your heart is broken..... I'm so sorry. Rest In Peace my forever friend Janette Lankford. I will never forget you.



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**Susie O'Dell** - August 15, 2023 at 04:39 PM

JL

“ So sorry. She was a special lady and I loved her. So glad I have so many happy memories of her. Praying for you and your families. Love you.



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**Joy Large** - August 15, 2023 at 03:18 PM

DR

“*Net, So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I hope you feel peace knowing the Lord has called her home to heaven. She was a strong-willed person, providing Denny and You, always with the best. She loved You and her family so much. We love you.*

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**Debbie, Andy Gue, and Ronnie** - August 15, 2023 at 03:06 PM