



## Jonita F. Lunsford

June 19, 1939 - April 23, 2021

Jonita Ellison Lunsford, 81 of White Pine went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 23, 2021 after a battle with Alzheimer's. She was of Baptist faith. She is preceded in death by her parents, Aulden and Ella (Tucker) Ellison; husband, Allen Lunsford; son, Leslie Lunsford; grandson, James A. Lunsford; great grandson, Bryan T. Williams; great granddaughter, Sofia Cruz Mendoza; and brothers, Roger and J. B. Ellison.

Jonita is survived by her daughter, Allie Lunsford Foster of the home and Sharon Lunsford Williams of Newport; brothers, Jim (Nancy) Ellison of Wyoming, Venus (Linda) Ellison of South Carolina, Lester Ellison and Ronnie Ellison of Newport; sisters, Peggy (Ellison) Caldwell of South Carolina and Carolyn (Cookie) Ellison of Morristown; grandson, William (Dorreen) Coleman of White Pine, Burnette (Alisha) Williams of Newport, Bryan (Tina) Williams of Montana, Eric (Kimberly) Lunsford of White Pine; granddaughter, Hope (Mario) Cruz Mendoza of White Pine; great grandchildren, David, Taswell and Mason Coleman, Ricardo (Lily), Elizabeth, Oscar Cruz Mendoza, Abigail Williams, Oakley Williams; great great grandchildren, Zane and Maddox Coleman, Treyson Coleman, Lyric Cruz Mendoza; and lots of nieces, nephews, stepchildren and grandchildren.

Jonita also lived to be the first of the fifth generation four times thru daughter Allie and fourth generation three times thru daughter Sharon.

A very special Thank you to Amedisys Hospice and all the caregivers along the way.

Pallbearers will be Mario, Ricardo, Oscar Cruz Mendoza, William and David Coleman, Burnett Williams. Honorary pallbearers are Taswell Coleman and Bryan Williams.

The family will receive friends Monday, April 26, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Manes Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be held at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Rick Dickins officiating, with burial to follow at Clark Cemetery Deep Gap, Del Rio.

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

Per CDC guidelines please practice safe social distancing and masks are highly recommended.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821  
(423) 623-6952  
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<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Funeral service

APR **27**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jonita F. Lunsford*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jonita's passing. I wasn't aware of this until the services were already over. I have such great memories of Jonita and she was so very good to me when Momma passed as well; she called me every day to check on us. I hope all of you find comfort in your loving memories of her and I love you.*

*Vanessa Dennis (Mary Sue's Daughter)*

**Vanessa Dennis** - April 27, 2021 at 04:35 PM



*Thank you Vanessa, I'm sorry you didn't know, we did everything we could think of to get the word out because it wouldn't be in paper until after Services.....*

**Allie Lunsford Foster** - April 28, 2021 at 02:12 AM



“ *Allie and Sharon, I am so sorry to hear of your moms passing. I remember her fondly. My love and prayers are with you all.*  
*Patty Evans Stephenson*



**Pat Stephenson** - April 24, 2021 at 10:57 PM



*Thank you again Patty* ❤️

**Allie Lunsford Foster** - April 25, 2021 at 07:26 PM