



Leta Helm Ratcliff

April 28, 1920 - April 26, 2011

Leta Helm Ratcliff, passed away Tuesday, April 26, 2011 following a brief illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hoyle H. Ratcliff; parents, Bruce and Leota Helm, and brother Charles Miller Helm.

She is survived by her son, Lowry Bruce Ratcliff of Newport; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Tommy Smith of Newport; granddaughter, Melina Smith of Brentwood; granddaughter and her husband, Leta and Jason Watson; great-grandchildren, Karlin, Kelsey and Kason Watson of Cookeville. Other survivors include, her cousins Fred and Frances Miller of Parrottsville, Charlene Cureton of Parrottsville, Barbara Cureton of Asheville; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Agnes and Bill Lowe of Telford. She is also survived by her wonderful nieces and nephews and cousins of the Ponder, Ratcliff and Miller clans!

Mrs. Ratcliff graduated from Central High, Class of 1937 and Virginia Intermont College. She married Hoyle Ratcliff in March of 1943. After their marriage, they lived in Parrottsville where Hoyle ran Parrottsville Milling Company and Leta taught music. In 1951, they moved to their home in Newport and Hoyle managed Helm Lumber Company while Leta became a stay-at-home mom and church and community worker. She was past-president of both the 20th Century Club and the Newport Music Club. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church serving as Girl's Auxiliary

Director, WMU leader, choir member, hand bell choir member, Sunday School teacher, and , until recently, church trustee. In addition to her church and community activities, Leta loved to bowl, play canasta, and travel with her family. A loving, caring, and fun, daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and cousin, Leta will be missed by her family and friends.

The family will receive friends at First Baptist Church on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm followed by the funeral services at 3:00 pm, with Dr. Rich Lloyd, Dr. Charlie Boggan and Dr. Stan Rushing officiating. Interment will follow in Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 261 E. Broadway, Newport, TN 37821, or to your favorite charity.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Karen sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Our mothers were very good friends. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.*

Jeff & Teresa Blackman - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Karen, Lowry and families, So sorry to hear about your mom. We were out of town and I just saw this today. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in the days ahead. Cherish your memories, Randy*

Randy Penland - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Karen and family - We are very sorry for your loss and pray for God's peace and comfort during this time. What a sweet and precious lady! -Tim, Stephanie, and Carly Williams*

Stephanie Williams - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Linnie Denton - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *My Deepest Sympathy for your family's loss.*

Janice Hawkins - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Karen, Lowry, and family-so sorry to hear of your mothers death. She was a wonderful lady. It has been a few years but I always enjoyed seeing and talking with her.*

Ronald Robeson - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

Wiley & Kate Morgan - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sheila and all the guys at the Newport Street Department*

The Newport Street Department - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Sheila (Thornton) Blankenship - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Lowery, My thoughts and prayers are with you, and all of your family! May God Bless you and comfort you in this difficult time. I'm sorry that I can't make it to the service today, we are singing at a Church in Maryville. God be with you today, and in the*

Doyle Ball - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Lowry, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss. Lamentations 3:22-24*

Sandra Carpenter - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Parker, Nanette, Dennis, & Dustin Wilds - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

Bobby Wild - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *We are thinking of you and your family.*

Mark, Heather, and Will Sartain - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Peace be with the family may, Leta rest in the Lords hands*

pam hart - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *So sorry for the loss of your Mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Connie Campbell Dunn - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Lowry, So sorry for the loss of your mother. I hope you and your family can find peace and comfort in her lasting memory. Dee and I are thinking of you in this sad time. Joe & Dee Malone

Joe Malone - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Lowry, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Judy

Judy Lovely - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Karen, you are very much in my thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow.

Kathy V. Williams - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Karen and family, your mother was a sweet and kind lady always so cheerful. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you. Doug and Joyce Shoemaker

Doug & Joyce Shoemaker - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Lowry, thinking of you today and hope you know how special you are. So sorry for the loss of your mother. Your friend, Jann Lewis

Jann Lewis - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Karen and all the family, we are thinking of you.

Bill and Linda Watson - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

Janey Clevenger Kinser - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

Dale & Nancy Raines - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

Mandy Strange Epley - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Karen and family, Sorry to learn of your mom's passing. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Linda Kay and Kim Gregg - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ *Your family is in my thoughts & prayers.*

Wendy Hogan - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Lowry, Karen and Tommy please know that you and family are in our prayers.*

John Miller - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ *Karen, We want to extend our sympathy at this time. You are in our thoughts and our prayers.*

Fletcher and Penny Ervin - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

Linda D Clark - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

denise ball depew - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Karen, I was so sorry to read of your mother's passing. My sincere condolences to you and your family at this difficult time.*

Linda Sprouse Britton - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Karen, Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Melanie Eslinger - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

Steve Webb - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ *Karen, sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. You and all the family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Frances Miller - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Karen, you & your family are in my thoughts & prayers*

Arzella Mantooth Shelton - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

Hank & Louise S. Kilgore - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kathy Hemsworth - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Karen and Family - I am so very sorry to hear about Grandmother. She was a remarkable woman. She will be greatly missed. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Much love...Sheri*

Sheri Styles Donaldson - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Thinking of you all.*

Jamie Cody, Lindsey and Cody Naillon - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *Leta Helm Ratcliff*

fredia pruit - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Hi Lowry and Karen, so sorry for the loss of your precious mother. May God lift you and your families into his presence and give you peace and joy knowing your dear mother is with Him, forever. God bless you all. Lisa*

Lisa Burke - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM