



## Eda Gay Patton

November 13, 1935 - September 6, 2019

Eda Gay Patton was born on November 13, 1935 in Dickenson County, VA. She passed away on September 6, 2019 at Memory Care of Bristol, VA. She was a long-time member of the Clintwood United Methodist Church and taught Sunday School for many years. Eda Gay was active in the Dickenson Education Association serving as officers and on various boards of the Virginia Education Association. She was a member of Alpha Upsilon of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She was a cheerleader sponsor for Ervinton High School for many years and active in the community until the Alzheimer's/Dementia progressed and prevented her from participating in life's activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents Chester and Emma Smith; sisters Patsy Bloodgood and Cheryl Clay; husband Hoyt Patton; and children Richie Patton and Melissa Lambert

She is survived by her daughters Deborah and husband Donald Mullins of Bristol, VA; and Jeannie McFaddin of Alexandria, KY

Five grandchildren: Tamara Lasley, Brandon Mullins, Nicolette Meade, Brooke Hamm, and Erin Vance

Eight great-grandchildren: Natalie and Allie Lasley; Addison, Cohen and Eve Mullins; Jasper and Ione Meade; and Axlynn Hamm

Two brothers: Bill Smith and Joe and Sharon Smith

Three sisters: Charlotte Blankenship, Sandra and Ray Barnes, and Genoa and Mike Stewart.

Pall bearers will be family and friends.

Visitation will be held Monday September 9, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Mullins Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday September 10 at 11:00 am with clergymen Ronnie Mutter officiating.

Burial will follow in Temple Hill Memorial Park.

A special thank you to the staff at Memory Care of Bristol and Caris Healthcare, Hospice for their compassion, concern and thoughtfulness as they lovingly cared for our Mom during her last days.

The following is from Reflections on a Life, a booklet of original poems and drawings she prepared as a gift to her family in 2010:

My name is Eda Gay and I have always been called by my full name. I was a teacher and most of my world was composed of students and parents. Most people called me Mrs. Patton.

I am a country person. I grew up on a small farm, the oldest girl of eight children. I know a bit about early mornings and late nights, as well as a full day of work on the farm. Not a picnic but a life that has proven very beneficial to me. It helped to prepare me for my own marriage and the raising of my family.

I have four children - Deborah, Richie, Jeannie and Melissa; five grandchildren. - Tamara, Nicolette, Brandon, Brooke and Erin; and eight great grandchildren- Natalie, Allie, Addison, Cohen, Eve, Jaspar, Lone and Axlynn.

I married Hoyt Claude Patton when I was sixteen and remained at home until my third child began school. I graduated from Ervinton High School in 1965 and received my Bachelor's Degree from Clinch Valley College, Wise, Virginia in their first graduating class in 1970. I taught at Ervinton Elementary School until I retired in 1999.

I enjoy being outside; however, housework/cooking and I have a distant relationship and understanding. I enjoy working on committees as long as they have a purpose and do not waste my time with useless meetings.

I love teaching. Teaching was my dream from the time I was a small child and teaching is still my dream. I pray that as long as I am able, I shall have young people around to talk to and help them toward their educational goals.

I like to read, sew and bowl, but my greatest love is my church and serving our Loving Lord.

I live in the coalfields of Southwest Virginia. We have the beautiful mountains and all four seasons. I love spring, summer and fall but winter is something else.

I pray you will take this small testimony of my life and learn from my lessons, thoughts, and philosophies. I have lived a simple life and been blessed by God with a wonderful family. The simple things in life are what counts versus the materialistic things of this

world. As I enter the final phase of my life, I am not counting my worldly treasures. No, I am counting my blessings from my husband Hoyt who has gone on before me, my children and their children.

I pray you will take the time to slow down and think about what is important in your life. It was only a blink of an eye from marrying Hoyt at the young age of 16 until he was gone at 67. We had 47 short and wonderful years together and a lot of memories with each other and each of you.

You can't imagine what I would give to go back to those wonderful days of going to Caney Creek swimming pool, Buggs Island, South Holston Lake, Florida or Myrtle Beach or being together as a family for all the holidays and birthday celebrations. We had some tough times but those have faded away and all that remains are those precious memories.

My prayer is for God to bless each and every one of you and your family.

# Cemetery Details

## Temple Hill Memorial Park

2529 Memorial Drive  
Castlewood, VA 24224

# Previous Events

## Family will receive friends

SEP **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory  
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P O Box 928  
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## Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Eda Gay Patton*



**Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory** - September 08, 2019 at 05:08 PM

CS

*Precious memories that will continue to grow even more!!*

**Colleen Stanley** - September 09, 2019 at 08:38 AM

ML

*Such beautiful smiles I am quite certain the world is a better place because she was here*

**Mary Beth Lusby** - September 09, 2019 at 07:23 PM

SO

*A loving tribute to a beautiful lady.*

**Shelly Owczarski** - September 24, 2019 at 12:46 PM

TH

“ *Jeannie and Family, I was so sadden to here about your mother passing. I always enjoyed having lunch with you and your mother when you came to Florida. She was a dear sweet lady and left us such kind words of wisdom. I will be keeping her and all of you in my prayers. I know that nothing that i can say will ease the pain and sorrow you are feeling at this time. Please know that i am here for you at this time and always. God Bless all of you. With Deepest Sympathy  
Thomas Hiller*



**Thomas W. Hiller,CFP** - September 10, 2019 at 06:53 PM

JR

“ Jimmy, Rebecca(Jenkins)& Tyler Robinson lit a candle in memory of Eda Gay Patton



Jimmy, Rebecca(Jenkins)& Tyler Robinson - September 10, 2019 at 05:58 PM

HP

“ Hoppy And Phyllis lit a candle in memory of Eda Gay Patton



Hoppy and Phyllis - September 09, 2019 at 08:11 PM

DR

“ Damon And Bobbi Rasnick lit a candle in memory of Eda Gay Patton



Damon and Bobbi Rasnick - September 09, 2019 at 04:19 PM

SM

“ I am shocked and so sad another friend is gone. Eta Gay (She told me when I first met her that her name was NOT Eda Gay. It was Eta Gay. So that is what I have always called her) was a wonderful friend. We went to CVC together. That is where I first met her. She was a wonderful person with a beautiful laugh. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. May God Bless each of you in this time of grieving.

Shirley Harrison Mullins - September 09, 2019 at 11:12 AM

DP

“ To the family of Eda Gay Patton, please accept my deepest sympathies on the loss of a dear mother, Grandmother, wife, sister, etc. Memories of your mother and Dad Hoyt as I grew up in McClure, Virginia and knew and remember them well as a small boy. I always remembered Eda Gay being a small beautiful little woman and Hoyt was admired by me always for having the big muscular arms, and would see them at the Ole Shay Restaurant often. It is so sad as time has swiftly passed away and we have reached our twilight hours.

Once again so so sorry and please accept my deepest sympathies and no words could I ever speak that will take away the hurt at this time so I will just say may the LORD wrap his big arms around the family and healing will come quickly and you will remain in my prayers,

Sincerely with Love  
Dale Prince

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dale Prince - September 09, 2019 at 11:02 AM

DM

“ Dianne Mullins lit a candle in memory of Eda Gay Patton



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Dianne Mullins - September 08, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ CP Rasnick lit a candle in memory of Eda Gay Patton



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CP Rasnick - September 08, 2019 at 09:27 PM

DD

“ my daughter Crystal was in her class in first grade one day crystal came home with mrs patton pants on she had wet hers and eda gay had a pair that she put on crystal she was strick but a good teacher

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donna duncan - September 08, 2019 at 08:52 PM

SM

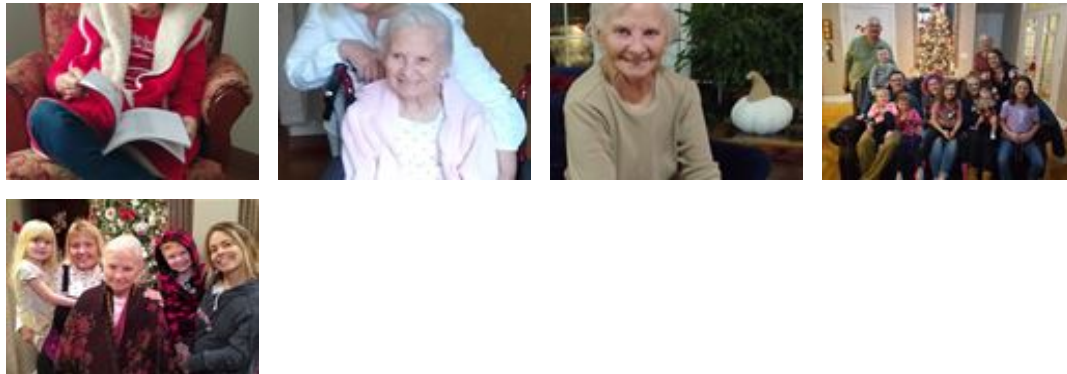
“ *Sandy McCowan lit a candle in memory of Eda Gay Patton*



Sandy McCowan - September 08, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *35 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - September 08, 2019 at 04:43 PM

GM

“ *Have to share couple more memories after sharing news of Ms Patton..was told that she was good cheerleading coach.. could swing mean paddle. According to my youngest sister Julie. And both Lisa and most recently Kathy were caregivers and therapists for her.*

Greg McCoy - September 08, 2019 at 02:14 PM

GM

“ *Eda Gay and her family were very much apart of mine ,Greg McCoy and my sisters, Lisa and Kathy McCoys lifes as a teacher...her daughter Jeanie was very good friend of mine @EHS. Lisa was categiver for the family..Eda Gay was very active in all areas of education and big sports supporter for Rebels. Definitely a Dickenson County treasure Thoughts and and prayers with family. Jeannie hope you're doing well..wish I was close enough to come see you..Living Sw Florida here.*



Greg McCoy - September 08, 2019 at 01:43 PM

JM

*Greg (Hotdog)! This is Jeannie and what a blessing to read your comments. We sure had a lot of great memories at Ervinton High School. I would love to reminisce the good ole days with you. God has blessed me and I give Him all the glory, honor and praise.*

Jeannie McFaddin - September 08, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eda Gay Patton.*



September 08, 2019 at 01:32 PM

JS

“ *So sorry for y'all's loss. She was a exceptional amazing woman. She always had kind words for me. Very special aunt to me. She helped me more in life they yall will ever know. It was so hard seeing her in the shape mom was before her passing. Just knowing what a outgoing person she was. She will be truly missed by all.*

*Our love and prayers.*

*Terry and Jeannie*

Jeannie Sperow - September 08, 2019 at 12:38 PM

VL

“ *So very sorry for your loss. May all find peace as you prepare for a life without Ms. Patton. God Speed.*



Veita Lyle - September 08, 2019 at 11:09 AM

GS

“ *Gail Scott lit a candle in memory of Eda Gay Patton*



Gail Scott - September 08, 2019 at 09:40 AM

WR

“ Wayne Rasnick lit a candle in memory of Eda Gay Patton



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**Wayne Rasnick** - September 08, 2019 at 07:58 AM

MF

“ Mary, Connie, Jeannie & families purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Eda Gay Patton.



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**Mary, Connie, Jeannie & families** - September 07, 2019 at 10:13 PM