



Joan Yates Hughes

December 27, 1929 - February 7, 2023

Joan Yates Hughes passed away on February 7, 2023 in South Carolina. She was born in Virginia on December 27, 1929 to Mary Yates. She lived in Clintwood with her uncle McKinley, her grandmother Sarah Ellen and her mother Mary. She attended Clintwood High School, graduating with the class of 1948.

Following graduation, Joan attended Southland Bible Institute, in Wolfpit, Pike County, KY; graduating in 1951. (The school has since relocated to Ashland, KY.) Even as a young adult, we know she was a Christian, and the family takes great pride in this. Joan was busy with church and was passionate about serving her Lord.

She worked in Dr. Ratliff's office in Clintwood and many folks remember her compassion and comfort. In 1964, she met Donald Hughes from Darwin and he was smitten with her. Joan and Donald were married January 1965 in Davie, Florida. Her daughter, Mary Gabetta was born February 9, 1966.

Joan is remembered for being such a kind-hearted and a sweet lady. She missed her family in Clintwood. Years later, as Joan's mother Mary's health declined, she brought her to Florida to care for her.

After Donald's retirement, they relocated to Charlotte, NC. They eventually moved to the Charleston, SC area, where she was living when she passed.

Joan was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Yates and her husband Donald Hughes.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Gabetta, and her husband, Alan Hencken; and step-children: Lillian Ruth Granger and Mike Hughes.

Interment will be at 1200 noon on February 21, 2023 at the Boggs Cemetery in Honey Camp.

Jim Shiner will officiate.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Hughes Family. Online condolences may be made at www.mullinsfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

Boggs Family Cemetery
Honeycamp Section
Clintwood, VA