



## Rita Belle Stanley

October 6, 1935 - February 20, 2021

Rita Belle Stanley age 85 passed away Saturday, February 20th, 2021 at her residence. She was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County and a member of Clintwood United Methodist Church most of her life. She retired from the Dickenson County school system after being a dedicated teacher for 30 plus years. She was loved by her students. She was preceded in death by her husband Ivel Kearns Stanley; her parents Bonnie and Luther Yates; and her sister Marlene Mullins.

Survivors include:

Daughter: Jeannie Stanley and husband Ronnie Large of Jonesborough Tennessee

Brother: Dale Yates and wife Joy of Cleveland Tennessee

Two Granddaughters: Terra Stanley Large and Annabel Stanley Large

Two nieces: Debbie Holmes and husband Marty and Thea Dawn Younce

Three nephews: Mitchell Mullins and wife Debbie, Kevin Mullins and wife Sandy, and Michael Gray Younce

A walk- through visitation will be held Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Clintwood United Methodist Church. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and masks will be required. It was Rita's wishes to be cremated and interred at the family cemetery at a later date.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Stanley family.

Online condolences may be made online at [www.mullinsfuneralhome.net](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.net)

# Tribute Wall

GS


“ *Rita Belle was one of the kindest, most caring persons I have ever met. That makes a real teacher too. Made the world a better place. She was dedicated to the church and will be so missed there too. She lives on in our hearts.*

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**Gerry Scardo** - February 26, 2021 at 07:01 AM

TB

“ *I am Saddened by this News. I Loved her so very much. I had the honor of being one of her Students and I Must Say She was the Best Teacher I ever had. Such kindness she gave to all of us as Students from Longs Fork Elementary... Her Advice has remained a Mainstay in My Life she made it Wonderful. Rest In Peace Sweet One . God only Calls his finest home. God knows you were an Angel to me and I will Never forget you...*



*To the Family I'm so sorry for your loss. She's in the Arms of Jesus now. 🕊️🕊️🌹*

*If I can Help in Any Way just let me know.*


*Tammy Branham (Kea)*

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**Tammy Branham** - February 24, 2021 at 05:22 PM

BC

“ *Sorry to here to loss of Rita she was such a kind loving lady. I remember her as my teacher in elementary school so kind to help. She will be missed by many in the community. Always gave a mind word. May god comfort the family& give them peace now&the days ahead. Rest in peace Rita*



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**Barbara Carlton** - February 24, 2021 at 10:33 AM

DR

*I'm sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful teacher.I had her in 7th grade so long ago Prayer for the family in days to come.May the lord comfort you !*

**Debra Rose** - February 24, 2021 at 02:50 PM

JR

*“ I was saddened to hear of Rita’s passing. I worked with her for many years at Longs Fork Elementary. She always had a smile and a cheerful attitude. And she made the best red velvet cake which my mom would have her to make for my birthday for several years! I will always remember her with fondness and a smile. Our sympathy and prayers for her family. 🙏*

**Janice Rife** - February 23, 2021 at 09:44 PM

PP

*“ I was Rita's former pastor at Clintwood United Methodist Church. My favorite memory of Rita is her candy making. She tried to teach me to make candy and I made some that tasted terrible. Rita said she wanted to try some. She tasted it and said it was unique. I said Rita that taste terrible. Rita said yes but it is the most unique terrible I ever tasted. May God give her family and friends a peace during our time of sorrow and lost. Pastor John Price*

**Pastor John Price** - February 23, 2021 at 07:31 PM

SW

*“ So sorry for all the family. Rita was a wonderful cousin and friend. May God bless and comfort all of the family.*



**Shelbie Willis** - February 23, 2021 at 04:38 PM

CS

*So sorry for your loss prayers for you and your family !*

**Carolyn Surratt** - February 23, 2021 at 05:11 PM

KP

*Prayers going out to her family .so sorry that we lost a great member of Clintwood united Methodish church and the best friend you could have. she was all ways there to help any way she could. we sure will miss her rest in peace my friend KERRY AND PUN YON PHIPPS*

**kerry and pun yon phipps** - February 24, 2021 at 11:56 AM

RL

*Rita & I grew up together near Yates School on Caney Ridge. We were CUMC and choir members for many years. Rita had a beautiful high alto voice. Emma & I will miss her so much! Just a few more days, Rita, and we'll sing together again around that Great White Throne!*

**Roger Large** - February 24, 2021 at 12:26 PM

BK

*Mrs. Stanley and I spent several years teaching together. She was extremely entertaining and I loved working with her. We also worked at the food bank where she volunteered many hours. I will miss her.*

*Benny Kennedy*

**Benny Kennedy** - February 24, 2021 at 12:32 PM

PK

*So sorry to hear of Rita's passing. Became acquainted with her while working at Virginia Citizens Bank. Always looked forward to waiting on her. The community has lost a wonderful person.*

*Peggy M. Kelly*

**Peggy Kelly** - February 24, 2021 at 02:14 PM

CM

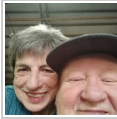
*I'm so sorry to her of Mrs. Stanley's passing. I was one of students at Longs Fork and she always had a beautiful smile. I remember her always saying "Good morning" to me everyday. Loved her dearly.*

**Carol Carter Mullins** - February 24, 2021 at 06:58 PM

AK

*I will miss her very much. We were in choir together but years ago we were in high school together. werode a bus from. Caney Ridge to attend school. I had no idea she had been sick until I was called about her passing.*

**Adina Krum** - February 24, 2021 at 08:14 PM



*I attended church with Rita. She was always so good to us. I will miss her smile and laugh. I love you Rita.*

**Sally Cantrell** - February 24, 2021 at 08:18 PM

CH

*Dale and Joy, sorry for the passing of your Sister Rita. Will always remember her and Marlene. Sure the two had already left home when Dad would bring us kids to visit and play. I was home when your Nephew had passed but didn't know at the time you and Joy were in the motel. Elaine told me you were there on our trip back to Corbin. Maybe we can catch up one day or on Facebook. Love you Cousin Conny.*

**Conny Hale** - March 01, 2021 at 09:58 AM