



Theta Jewell Artrip

March 24, 1928 - December 14, 2025

After a lingering illness, our beloved Theta Jewell Hay Artrip, born March 24, 1928, passed away at her home on December 14, 2025. Theta was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County and resided in the Skeetrock community with John Artrip, whom she married on July 6, 1949.

Theta was one of 5 children born to Willard and Willie Hay and raised on Backbone Ridge in Dickenson County. Her brothers, Mack Hay and Kerry Fon Hay, and sisters, Janice Hay Patton and Terry Hay Gortney, all preceded her in death.

Survivors include nephews, Kerry S. Hay of Haysi, Chris Gortney of Kingsport, TN, Pam Mullins of Castlewood, VA and Lynn Taylor of Nickelsville, VA.

Theta and John settled to farm in Skeetrock and ran a country store for years. Theta was also a teacher, employee of the Commissioner of Revenue Office, and the Dickenson County School Board bookstore. Theta, a devoted member of the Turner Old Regular Baptist Church. She was a mother to many, loved by her family and friends, including Reitha and family, Gilda, Delores, and Matt, including nieces and nephews.

She was especially fond of her excellent caregivers/friends, Ronda, Kathy, Dot, and Drema. Theta loved her neighbors and enjoyed their care and visits. She will be remembered as a strong, intelligent Christian warrior, mother, and friend. She will be sorely missed.

Theta, a loving mother, is survived by son Patrick Artrip, of Abingdon, VA, and significant other, Rita Maynard of Huntington, WV.

The family wishes to thank Hospice (Caris Healthcare) for their excellent patient care. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 17th, 2025, at Mullins Funeral Home in Clintwood, VA. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM with the service beginning at 7:00 PM. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, December 18th, at 12:00 pm at the Hay Family Cemetery on Backbone Ridge, Haysi, VA.

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

Cemetery Details

Hay Family Cemetery

Backbone Ridge Section
Haysi, VA 24256

Previous Events

Receive Friends

DEC 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home Chapel
210 Main St.
Clintwood, VA 24228

Funeral Service

DEC 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

DEC 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hay Family Cemetery
Backbone Ridge section
Haysi, VA 24256

Tribute Wall



“ Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Theta Jewell Artrip



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - December 16, 2025 at 01:00 PM

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What a precious soul Theda was. I have many wonderful memories of our times together. She will be missed by so many. Heaven has gained an Angel. I'm gonna miss you My Theda Woman 🥹

Nena Dotson - December 16, 2025 at 08:19 PM

GM

“ For over 30 years of visits to Theta and John, I had the pleasure of getting to know two incredible people with such kind souls and high intelligence. They both always treated me as family. My life has been permanently changed by knowing them - and now, by their passing. "Follow the River" Theta, and forever LOVE~

Gary Mullins - January 02 at 11:41 PM

HM

“ Theta had 25 first cousins. I was one of them. During my youth, she was a bright light, always smiling and a joy to be around. I will miss her terribly, but as long as we remain, she will always be remembered and loved. Rest in peace, dear Theta. We will meet again in the great by and by.

Helen Dickerson McCoy - December 19, 2025 at 04:36 PM

RM

“ Roma Mullins lit a candle in memory of Theta Jewell Artrip



Roma Mullins - December 16, 2025 at 11:35 PM

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“ Ann Hay Counts and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Theta Jewell Artrip.



Ann Hay Counts and Family - December 16, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - December 16, 2025 at 12:30 PM

CF

“ Pat, I am so sorry to hear of Theta’s passing. She was always so kind to me and all of our Skeetrock childhood adventures. Sweet memories I will always hold near and dear to my Heart! Periodically, I revisit the memories of the fun, safe times we all spent playing and truly spending quality time together. May God’s Peace and Comfort be with you during this sorrowful time and going forward. 🕊️

Connie Senter Fuller - December 16, 2025 at 11:35 AM

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“ Theta and John were long-time neighbors in Skeetrock and wonderful people in the community. We were blessed to have known them.

Ken Smith - December 16, 2025 at 09:15 AM