



## William Esley Ratliff

August 21, 1932 - July 8, 2021

William Esley Ratliff passed away Thursday, July 8, 2021 at Norton Community Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Harrison Ratliff and Anzie Frankie France Ratliff; brothers, Victor, Rexford, Clestus, Tressel, Excell, Dexell, and Leslie; one sister, Sophie Ratliff Martin, and one daughter, Patricia Gail Ratliff.

Survivors Include:

His wife of 68 years: Annette Blair Ratliff

Three Daughters: Sonja Ratliff of Clintwood, Virginia, Lila Cox (Paul) of Clintwood, and Donita Ratliff Kennedy (Wade) of Kingsport, Tennessee

One Sister: Jean Sherrill of Wichita Falls, Texas

Grandchildren: Tanya Vance Peak of Clintwood, Johnny Ivan Vance, Jr. of Clintwood, Shana Vance Lucas (Trent) of Wise, and Amanda Reynolds (Bart) of Pound, Courtland Aaron Mullins, and William Gregory Mullins of Kingsport, Tennessee

Several foster grandsons and granddaughters

Great Grandchildren: Jonathan Harley Peak, Riley Peak, Johnny Ivan Vance

III, Kimberly Blankenship, Leyton Vance, Lelan Vance, Ashton Lucas, Isaiah Reynolds, Maddox Reynolds, and Austin Reynolds

Great great grandchildren: Bentley Anderson, Irelynd Peak, Neveya Green, Amir Johnson, and Daniel Yates

The family will receive friends Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 12:00 noon at Mullins Funeral Home Chapel with funeral services at 1:00 p.m. Frank Hall and Manie Wayne Strouth will officiate. Burial will follow in Green Hills Cemetery, Ramey Flats Section, Clintwood, Virginia.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan Harley Peak, Riley Peak, Courtland Mullins, William Mullins, Isaiah Reynolds, Maddox Reynolds, Austin Reynolds, Bill Peak, Bart Reynolds, Dalton Owens, Johnny Ivan Vance III, Ashton Lucas, and Kevin Peak.

He will be missed by many friends and family.

Isaiah Chapter 65 Verse 21: And they shall build house, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Ratliff Family. Online condolences may be made at [www.mullinsfuneralhome.net](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hills Cemetery

Ramey Flats Section  
Clintwood, VA 24228

# Previous Events

## Family will receive friends

JUL 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory  
210 Main Street  
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## Funeral Service

JUL 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of William Esley Ratliff*



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - July 10, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *Mary Etta Sumner-Vandyke lit a candle in memory of William Esley Ratliff*



Mary Etta Sumner-Vandyke - July 11, 2021 at 12:46 AM



“ *35 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - July 10, 2021 at 04:46 PM

HC

“ Heather Baldwin Crabtree sent a virtual gift in memory of William Esley Ratliff



Heather Baldwin Crabtree - July 10, 2021 at 11:39 AM

HC

“ Tonya and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I only met your grandpa one time but he made me smile and for that I will always remember him.

Heather Baldwin Crabtree - July 10, 2021 at 11:38 AM

JR

“ Mr. Ratliff officiated our marriage in June of 2002. I've never forgotten the kindness shown to me and my husband., by him and his wife.

Our condolences to his family and loved ones .

Jequita and Dereck Ratliff

Jequita Ratliff - July 09, 2021 at 08:49 PM

SW

“ He was such a wonderful person. I sure loved to hear him and his wife sing. My favorite was i Want Us To Walk the Last Mile Together. When they sang it you could see the love they had for each other. May God conform all the family.

shelbie Willis - July 08, 2021 at 06:24 PM

ME

“ He was my Uncle. I loved and respected him so much. I remember he was always smiling and loved to laugh and make others laugh. In my younger years I stayed with his family many times. He was a good man, a kind man and he loved his family and he loved God. My heart goes out to my Aunt Anette, cousins Sandy, Lila, and Donetta.

*"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters" Rest in peace Uncle Esley, I will see you again soon. Mary Ann Martin-Evans*

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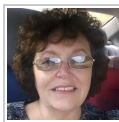
**Mary Ann Evans** - July 08, 2021 at 03:36 PM

GM

*One of the best men you could of ever known, my Uncle Esley, he baptized me in the pound river, no better man of God, Gwendolyn Martin*

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**Gwendolyn Martin** - July 09, 2021 at 11:34 PM



*Prayers of comfort for the entire family. Prayers especially for you Tanya and Lila.*

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**Mary Sumner** - July 11, 2021 at 12:52 AM