



Minnie Collette Mountcastle

January 11, 1924 - May 18, 2015

Minnie Collette Mountcastle of Providence Forge, Virginia passed away on Monday, May 18, 2015. She was 91.

Minnie Loretta Collette Mountcastle was born in the tiny coal mining community of Berwind, West Virginia on January 11th, 1924. After graduating from Welch High School, she climbed on board a southbound train to Richmond, Virginia with one small suitcase and a determination to see beyond what she already knew, despite her mother's urgings to stay close to home. She moved on to the village of Providence Forge working for Taylor and Harrison Chevrolet Dealership and soon met her future husband, Harry. Together they forged a devoted life partnership of 68 ½ years. For Minnie, the "half" still counted.

Her tender heart, tenacity of spirit, and unbridled generosity made one glad in her presence and enriched by her life. She was fierce in the love of her family, church, friends, and the community that became her home. She was active in her Providence Forge Presbyterian Church circle and The Martha Dandridge Women's Club. Minnie's lovely blue eyes looked out at the world with quiet grace and steadfast faith. She delighted in children, funny family stories, a good book, a chance to dance, and a soupy pot of white beans with cornbread. Minnie was charming.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carrick and Bessie Collette; two brothers, James and Harold Collette; and five sisters, Beulah Kailing, Mildred Booth, Ethel Ramos, Mary Beverage, and Juanita Smith. She is survived by

her husband, Harry F. Mountcastle, her son, Dennis W. Mountcastle and his wife, Betsy; two daughters, Joan M. Heath and her husband Robert, and Loretta V. Mountcastle; four grandchildren, Brielle M. Stanley (Brian), Dustin S. Mountcastle (Kristin), Anna Claire Mountcastle, and Robert Heath III; nine great grandchildren, Rachel, Grayson, and Harrison Stanley, Ella Scott and Alice Anne Mountcastle, Aleksander, Meighlan, Taylor William, and James Owen Heath. Minnie is also survived by many special nieces and nephews and by Jeff Jones, a beloved addition to her family.

A funeral service will be held at 11 AM Saturday, May 23rd, 2015 at Providence Forge Presbyterian Church located at 9310 Townsend Road with the burial to follow at Olivet Presbyterian Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, May 22nd, 2015 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to Providence Forge Presbyterian Church; PO Box 239, Providence Forge, VA 23140 or to Presbyterian Homes and Family Services; 150 Linden Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24503-9983. .

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Betsy and family, Bob and I are so sorry to hear of your mother's death, our prayers and thoughts go out to the family. All the precious memories of your mom will bring YOU ROSES IN DECEMBER! In Christian Love, Bob and Marianna Chestnutt*

marianna chestnutt - May 22, 2015 at 12:58 PM



“ *I always looked forward to seeing her. As a child at the pond or playing softball in front of her home. She will be so greatly missed by many. She will be remembered by all who knew her like myself. Prayers sent and God bless.*

Kenny Dill - May 21, 2015 at 07:03 PM

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“ *Her passing has left a void in her family, in our church, in our community and in our hearts. Rare few had the both the softness and grace of this special lady. A person you never wanted to miss talking to or being around when the opportunity arose. We will all take care of Harry untill you meet once more !*

Gene Daniel - May 21, 2015 at 03:58 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Minnie Collette Mountcastle.*



May 21, 2015 at 08:28 AM

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“ *Cynthiacjd@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Minnie Collette Mountcastle*



cynthiacjd@gmail.com - May 20, 2015 at 08:27 PM

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“ *What a beautiful lady inside and out. A truly respected and loved lady of her community. May God wrap his loving arms around this family and give them peace and strength over the days and weeks ahead.*

Debra Allen Ward

Debra Ward - May 20, 2015 at 05:05 PM