



Ramona Jean Akers Massey

June 21, 1929 – October 7, 2012

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Ramona Jean Akers Massey, 83, of Daniels, formerly of Colcord, passed away Sunday, October 7, 2012, at UVA Hospital in Charlottesville, Va., following a short illness.

Born June 21, 1929, in Dunns on Mountain Creek in Summers County, she was the daughter of the late Wade Virgil and Lou Conner Akers. She was one of 10 children. She graduated from Hinton High School in 1947 and received a teaching certificate from Concord College. She later earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from Morris Harvey College in Charleston in 1973. She began her teaching career in Ameagle and retired from Raleigh County Schools after 29 years of teaching.

She was a former member of Colcord Presbyterian Church but later relocated to Daniels, where she became an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Her hobbies included gardening, painting with watercolors and acrylic, reading and playing string music and singing. She enjoyed spending time with her friends at the Commission on Aging and SAMs.

Ramona was a loving mother and grandmother, devoted to her family, her community through volunteer work and her church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur L. Massey; three brothers, Samuel, James and Elmo Akers; and three sisters, Denette Dillon, Shirley Lilly and Ruth Okes.

Ramona will be lovingly remembered by her daughters, Regina Proffit and husband, Bob, of Sugar Land, Texas, and Rebecca Veneri and husband, Anthony, of Princeton; her son, Brett Massey and wife, Kathy, of Brandy Station, Va.; and seven grandchildren, Stacy and Troy Proffit, Anthony and Bryce Veneri and Conner, Heather and Seth Massey. She is also survived by her three sisters, Garnet Richmond, Clara Cox and Colleen Ellison; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, October 11, at Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Chapel, Shady Spring.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, October 12, at the funeral home with the Rev. Jeff Barton officiating. Interment will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Beckley.

Ramona's grandchildren will honor her by serving as pallbearers.