



Evelyn Jean Lilly Cox Chappo

July 18, 1928 – October 25, 2010

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Evelyn Jean Lilly Cox Chappo, 82, of Beaver, passed into the hands of our Lord on October 25, 2010, at Bowers Hospice House in Beckley.

Born July 18, 1928, at True, she was the daughter of Lonnie Earl Lilly and Lydia Hogan Lilly Eads Davis. Jean was raised on the family farm at Camp Creek with her beloved brothers and sisters. Her often talked about childhood on the farm was some of her fondest memories.

In 1946, Jean married Forrest Cox, who preceded her in death in 1981. Her second husband, Steve Chappo, passed away in 2006, after 9 years of marriage. Jean was also preceded in death by her brother Hansford Lilly and sisters Melissa Ellison, Vergie Lilly, Helen Kidd Jones, and Gertrude Bellamy.

Jean is survived by two daughters, Carolyn "Susie" Stanley of Boca Raton, FL, Helena Ellis and her husband, Wayne of Beaver, and one step-daughter, Mary Ann Chappo Crook. Grandchildren include Brandon Scott Stanley of Boca Raton, Fla., Andrea Stanley Hodgens of Lake Worth, Fla., Eric Alden Stanley of Boca Raton, Fla., Meghan Ellis Houck of Beckley, and Lindsay Shea Ellis of Washington, D.C. She is also survived by one brother, Kent Lilly and wife, Pauline, of Camp Creek, seven great-grand children, several nieces and nephews, and many friends. Special mention is in order for her loving friend, neighbor and care giver, Sharon Jenkins, who was always there for her. Also surviving her are three feline friends, Danny, Obama, and Hillary, whom she loved very much.

For 55 years Jean was a member of the Beaver United Methodist Church, where she served in many capacities. She was past president of the Shady Spring District Garden Club. Jean served as the director of the Shady Spring Cannery for many years and retired from Raleigh County schools in 1993 after 12 years as a teacher's aide. She served 56 consecutive years as an election poll worker. The greatest role she filled, however, was that of a wonderful mother and homemaker. Quilting, flowers, birds, and gardens were a few of her passions. She had a particular fondness for hummingbirds. She was an excellent seamstress.

Jean was a great conversationalist and her door was always open to visitors. She opened her home and reached out to several young people who lived with her from time to time.

Family and friends are invited to a life celebration for Jean at the Beaver United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 30, 2010. Friends may call at the church from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. followed by a service celebrating Jean's life. Following the celebration service, friends and family are invited for refreshments and fellowship in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Private graveside rites will be held at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens at Prosperity, on Sunday morning, October 31, 2010.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jean's name to the Beaver United Methodist Church, PO Box 523, Beaver WV, 25813.