

Rita Jean Huffman Brender

July 24, 1929 – October 2, 2013

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Mrs. Rita Jean Brender passed from this life to her eternal home Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at her home.

She was born in Hinton, WV on July 24, 1929 to Goldie and Lon Huffman. She had been a resident of the Wayne, MI area since the mid 50's but never forgot her beloved West Virginia and its mountains.

She is survived by her loving daughter Becky Johnson (Jim) Kivlin and her chosen daughters, Debbie (Cliff) Mosier and Sandy (Dave) Cutter. Her loving companion Kiwi also survives. Others left to cherish her memory are her sisters, Barbara Huffman and Sue (the late Fitch) Leitch; brothers, David (Linda) Huffman and LJ (Becky) Huffman and her sister-in-law, Lorene Huffman; step-sister Lucille Davis and step-brothers Jim and Bill as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Fred "Bud" and Bernard.

While living in Michigan, she was employed by the city of Wayne and by the State of Michigan in Corrections facilities prior to her retirement in 1994. She enjoyed many crafts and her works were enjoyed and appreciated by so many through the years. Jean was a member of the First Baptist Church of Wayne and most recently Fair Haven Baptist Church. She was very active in her churches for over 50 years and remained so as long as her health permitted. Jean's love and devotion to her family was only exceeded by her love and devotion to God and her church. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew her.

Visitation Sunday, October 6 from 3-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland. Instate Monday 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Fair Haven Baptist Church 34850 Marquette, Westland.

Memorials may be made to Fair Haven Baptist Church or to the Michigan Humane Society.