



## Gertie Sluss Rains

May 20, 1932 - February 23, 2015

Gertie Sluss Rains, age 82 of Sale Creek, went to be home with her Savior Monday afternoon, February 23, 2015 in Chattanooga. She was born May 20, 1932 in Jenkinjones, WV to the late Robert E. Lee and Della Mae (Walk) Sluss.

A resident of Sale Creek most of her life, she was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking and bird watching. She was a member of the Sale Creek Church of God.

She is survived by her husband of sixty-six years Fred "Beecher" Rains of Sale Creek, her daughter Norma Starr (James "Tommy") Morrow of Ringgold, GA, two grandchildren Shawn (Kati) Alexander of Las Vegas, Justin (Tiffany) Alexander of Soddy Daisy, two great-granddaughters Hailey "Angel" Alexander and Hadley Alexander, both of Soddy Daisy, her extended family Neal and Rhona Alexander of Soddy Daisy, grandsons Rick (Sammie) Taylor of Soddy Daisy and Ben (Ashley) Taylor of Memphis, three great-granddaughters, Mya, Gwyenth and Hanna Taylor and one great-grandson Grayson Taylor, and one sister Eugenia Miller of Hixson.

Funeral services for Gertie will be held Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Ben Taylor officiating. She will be laid to rest in Welch Rogers Cemetery.

Please share your memories of Gertie on her on-line guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where

they will receive friends Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Welch - Rogers Cemetery

Sale Creek, TN 37373

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home  
164 Maple Street  
Dayton, TN

## Service

FEB **26**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Starr Morrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertie Sluss Rains*



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**Starr Morrow** - March 04, 2015 at 11:51 AM

SM

*I loved you mamma with all my heart, I miss you so much but I know you are in your beautiful home in Heaven. You loved the birds, God's little creatures as you called them, who sang their song to us at the beginning of a new day. You always wanted to fly and mamma you got your wings and flew towards the beautiful light to enter the gates of Heaven to be with your Savior. You will always be with me in my heart and the memories of the love the two of us shared. I will see you again, on that blessed reunion day. Love your one and only, Starr*

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**Starr Morrow** - March 04, 2015 at 11:56 AM

LP

“ *Leon,margaret,and Kevin Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Gertie Sluss Rains*



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**Leon,margaret,and kevin Payne** - February 26, 2015 at 11:49 PM

DH

“ Starr,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. So many good memories of your momma and the time spent at your house. Always something good cooking, us laughing so hard, and Gertie trying to calm us down.*

*She was a special lady and will be missed by everyone that knew her.*

*John, Deb and Priscilla Higdon*



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**Deborah Higdon** - February 26, 2015 at 02:40 PM

SQ

“ *Starr, my deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. Even though we know our loved ones that have left us are in a far better place our hearts still have an empty place. I am so sorry for your loss my friend.*

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**Sandi Quinn** - February 26, 2015 at 09:25 AM

YP

“ *Starr, I remember the great meals and cakes/cookies that your Mom prepared when I would stay at your house after school. Your Mom and Dad always made me feel like I was one of the family. I am so sorry for you loss and will remember you and your family when I say my prayers.*

*Yvonne Adams Peppers*

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**Yvonne Peppers** - February 26, 2015 at 04:52 AM

BH

“ *Mrs Gertie was always a sweet and kind lady.  
From Billy Henderson*



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**Billy Henderson** - February 25, 2015 at 06:11 PM

TH

“ *TRACY HODGE lit a candle in memory of  
Gertie Sluss Rains*



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**TRACY HODGE** - February 25, 2015 at 04:08 PM

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“ *CAROL TROUTMAN RAY lit a candle in  
memory of Gertie Sluss Rains*



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**CAROL TROUTMAN RAY** - February 25, 2015 at 04:07 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Gertie Sluss Rains.*



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February 25, 2015 at 11:14 AM

SP

“Starr, I am so sorry for your loss and even though your mom is heavens gain, it is difficult to accept they are actually gone. Our blessed hope is that we will see them again. I pray for your peace and strength during this time.

Sammy Poole - February 25, 2015 at 11:12 AM

PG

“Peggy Green lit a candle in memory of Gertie Sluss Rains



Peggy Green - February 25, 2015 at 03:14 AM



“Callie Belk lit a candle in memory of Gertie Sluss Rains



Callie Belk - February 24, 2015 at 10:16 PM

KB

“Kenneth & Lynda Burroughs lit a candle in memory of Gertie Sluss Rains



Kenneth & Lynda Burroughs - February 24, 2015 at 05:22 PM

GD

“ *GLENN & MICHELLE DIDIER lit a candle in  
memory of Gertie Sluss Rains*



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**GLENN & MICHELLE DIDIER** - February 24, 2015 at 04:26 PM