



Martha May Aleshire

December 2, 1914 - January 5, 2011

Martha Gadd Donak Aleshire, age 96 of Luray, VA died Wednesday, January 5, 2011 in Hawksbill Assisted Living in Luray. She was born December 2, 1914 on Brayton Mountain in Bledsoe County, TN to the late Ray and Olive "May" (Cunningham) Gadd. She was also preceded in death by her husbands Veda Donak and Omer Aleshire.

Martha was raised on Brayton Mountain, and then lived in Maryland until moving to Luray, VA in the late 1960's. She was a homemaker and had co-owned with her husband Takoma Tree Service near Washington, D.C. She loved being a grandmother and was a member of the Luray Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She is survived by her son Dennis Donak of Luray, VA, daughter Geraldine Hollis of Stanley, VA, three sisters Clara Sincavage, Margaret Shadwick and Bess Moore, three brothers, John, Clifford and Donald Gadd, all of Brayton Mountain, step-daughter Bonnie Martin of Silver Springs, MD, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Martha in Virginia will be Friday at 11:00am at the Luray Seventh Day Adventist Church with Pastor Jeff Taylor officiating. Visitation in Luray will be Thursday at the church from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Funeral services in Dayton will be Sunday at 11:00am in the chapel at Vanderwall Funeral Home with Pastor Corbin Pitman officiating. Burial will be in the Brayton Cemetery on Brayton Mountain. Visitation in Dayton will be Saturday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the funeral home.

Please share your memories of Martha on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stanley SDA School, 118 Church Ave., Stanley, VA 22851 or the Brayton SDA Church, 949 Brayton Rd., Graysville, TN 37338 or the charity of your choice.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN (423) 775-2662

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Luray Seventh Day Adventist Church
Luray, VA

Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Luray Seventh Day Adventist Church
Luray, VA

Visitation

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM.

Chapel

Tribute Wall



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“ Aunt Martha, I will miss you, I will miss the smiles and the love that you gave to every one that knew you. You are truly an angel sent from heaven that brightened up our lives. You will always be in my heart and on my mind. I Love you!###imported-begin###Cindy Carden###imported-end##

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