

Beatrice 'Bea' Brown

Beatrice "Bea" Ellen Brown of Crab Orchard died Monday, May 12, 2003, in a Beckley care center following a long illness. She was in her 95th year.

Born Feb. 29, 1908, at Camp Creek, she was the daughter of the late Granville and Zora Epling Lilly.

Mrs. Brown spent her early years at Midway. She was a charter member of Hill Top Baptist Church. She had been a resident of Crab Orchard the past 65 years. She was a retired cook for the Raleigh County Board of Education. In her leisure time she enjoyed crocheting. She will be remembered by her family as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.



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She was preceded in death by her husband, James Lewis Brown in 1980; and a grandson, James Alan Brown in 1991.

Survivors include two daughters, Gwen Hicks of Crab Orchard and Alice Hotzapfel and husband, Evert, of Prosperity; two sons, Jim Brown and wife, Janet, of Crab Orchard and Paul Brown of Crab Orchard; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Yvonne Vaughn of Denver, Colo., and Lillian Carmichael of Pueblo, Colo.; a brother, Paul Lilly of Crab Orchard; and several nieces and nephews.

Service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Melton Mortuary Chapel, Beckley, with the Rev. Roger Tolliver officiating. Burial will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Beckley.

Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be family members and friends of the family.

Arrangements by Melton Mortuary, Beckley.



HANDS OF MOTHER

There are many kinds of bands but none like the ones I know. They are the bands that guide me, the bands that love me so. They are always busy bands doing things for me and others. Once they were so young and pretty, the kind you like to see, but through the years the bands grew old, taking care of me. I will always love these bands like no other, for the bands I tell you about are the bands of my mother.

In Memory Of Beatrice "Bea" Ellen Brown

Born
February 29, 1908
Camp Creek, West Virginia

Died
May 12, 2003
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Funeral Service
11:00 AM Thursday May 15, 2003
Melton Mortuary Chapel
1200 Harper Road
Beckley, West Virginia

Presiding
Rev. Roger Tolliver

Interment
Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens
5250 Robert C. Byrd Drive
Prosperity, West Virginia

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