



Nell Ruth Spears

September 22, 1931 - August 19, 2021

Nell Ruth Spears, 89 years of age of Left Fork of Long Fork passed away Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the Pikeville Medical Center. She was born September 22, 1931 to the late Noah Sherman and Eliza Pearl Ray Johnson. She was a member of the Church of Christ for 72 years. She was a retired teacher of G.F. Johnson Elementary School and a member of the UPIKE distinguished educators Hall of Fame. She was an avid gardener and a dedicated volunteer fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and Pikeville College.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband; Bobby E. Spears, two brothers; Noah Johnson Jr., Cecil Cline Johnson, three sisters; Sadie Marie Banks, Nevel Joyce Burke, Vadney Irene Johnson, half-brother Sherman Johnson, two son in-laws; Dean Tackett and Herman Little.

She is survived by three sons; Bobby (Judith) Spears of Pikeville, Terry (Melissa) Spears of Pikeville, Jerry (Hope Page) Spears of Long Fork, two daughters; Anona "Ann" Little of Caney, Betty Tackett of Robinson Creek, 7 grandchildren; Billy Newsome, Noah Newsome, Dena Tackett Potter, Neal Spears, Karen Wallace, Emily Page, Jeffrey Trent Charles, 4 great-grandchildren; Oliver Spears, Kaitlyn Wallace, Lois Spears, Gabriel Clem. Funeral services will be held at the Hall and Jones Funeral Home Sunday August 22, 2021 at 1:00PM with Church of Christ Ministers officiating. Burial will follow in the W.B. Johnson Cemetery on Long Fork. Visitation will begin after 6:00PM Friday August 20, 2021 at the Hall and Jones Funeral Home

with services starting nightly at 7:00PM.

Cemetery Details

W.B. Johnson

Left Fork of Long Fork
Virgie, KY 41572

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM (ET)

Hall and Jones Funeral Home
1101 Hwy 610, P.O. Box 85
Virgie, KY 41572
(606) 639-4367
hallandjones@live.com
<https://hallandjones.com>

Visitation

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nell Ruth Spears*

October 09, 2023 at 03:57 AM



“ *Nell Ruth Spears*

January 28, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *So, so, sorry to hear of your loss.*

*The peppi's
Nina, Priscilla and David*



Nina - September 18, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“ *Loved your mother. Sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort. Danna Stamper*

danna stamper - August 28, 2021 at 08:40 PM

NJ

“ To The Family of Nell Ruth Spears,
I am Nancy Spears Johnson, Virgil and Hannah
Spears daughter. I live in Wellston, OH. I am
married to Rollo Johnson.

I would like to express my sincere condolences
to ALL of you. Nell Ruth was a beautiful person
inside and out. My husband and I along with my husband's brother
and his wife stopped by her home to visit her a few years ago. What
a wonderful visit we had as Nell was so gracious and most
welcoming to all of us. I have so many wonderful memories of her
when I was growing up. I wish I would have gotten to come back
and see her more.

Thoughts and prayers to all of you. 🙏🏻
Love to all ~ Nancy Spears Johnson and family ❤️❤️



Nancy Spears Johnson - August 23, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ Georgia Ramsey lit a candle in memory of
Nell Ruth Spears



Georgia Ramsey - August 22, 2021 at 12:49 PM

BC

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Aunt Nell Ruth; I enjoyed our
talks when she called to catch up. She will missed by many people.

Bobby Ray and Lesley

Bobby R. Cunningham - August 21, 2021 at 10:23 PM

JS

“ She was a very special person and will be greatly missed. I'm so very sorry to hear of her passing.

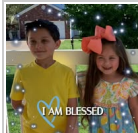


Johnny&Shelia Smallwood - August 20, 2021 at 11:27 PM

PS

“ There was no better aunt than my Aunt Nell. She took such good care of my brother and I. She made the best donuts in the world and we so looked forward to her pulled taffy in the winter. She will be remembered with love and fondness. Rest In Peace dear Aunt Nell. You are with my mom now💛
Paula Banks Saihati

Paula Banks Saihati - August 20, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ She was a very sweet person. I remember her well back when I was in elementary school. She was very good also to my little nephew Fonso Damron who passed away at age 11 years. I always remembered that. So sorry. Love and prayers for the family!❤️🙏



Ella Kiser - August 20, 2021 at 05:48 PM

LD

“ Lois Damron lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



Lois Damron - August 20, 2021 at 05:21 PM

LD

I loved Mrs. Spears as a teacher and so sorry for the loss. Sending prayers to all.

Lois Damron - August 20, 2021 at 05:22 PM

JC

“*Jaime Chaney lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears*



Jaime Chaney - August 20, 2021 at 03:40 PM

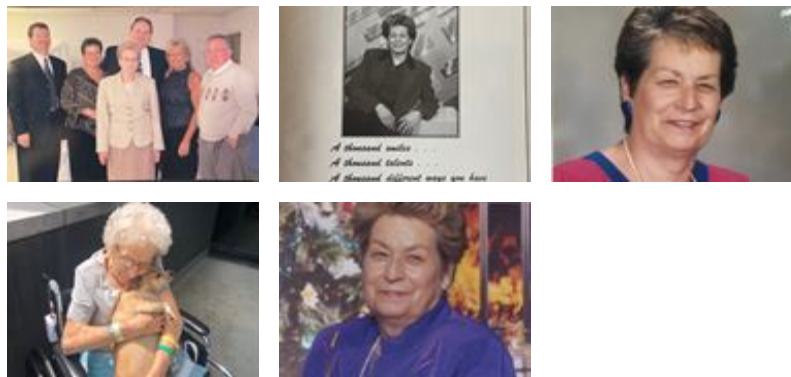
LJ

“*Terry, I am deeply saddened about your Mom's death, and send sincere sympathy and best wishes. Moms are the most wonderful people on earth. I know you miss her deeply. My prayers are with you and your family. Blessings, Larry Jones*

Larry Jones - August 20, 2021 at 02:36 PM

HALL & JONES
FUNERAL HOME

“*74 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hall and Jones Funeral Home - August 20, 2021 at 02:22 PM

CM

“ Colbert And Louise Mullins sent a virtual gift in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



Colbert and Louise Mullins - August 20, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ Frances Johnson lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



Frances Johnson - August 20, 2021 at 09:36 AM



Singing with the angels now...

Frances Johnson - August 20, 2021 at 09:37 AM

LJ

“ Lynville/Lynville Johnson lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



Lynville/Lynville Johnson - August 20, 2021 at 08:55 AM

LJ

So sorry for your loss, Prayers for all of you. RIP my precious friend.



Lynville/Lynville Johnson - August 20, 2021 at 08:57 AM

BR

“ So sorry for your loss praying



brian ray - August 20, 2021 at 05:21 AM

PE

“ Pam Elswick lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



Pam Elswick - August 19, 2021 at 10:59 PM

KW

“ Karen Smallwood White lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



Karen Smallwood White - August 19, 2021 at 10:47 PM

GB

“ Greg/annetta Bentley lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



Greg/annetta bentley - August 19, 2021 at 10:17 PM

CS

“ Chris & Lisa Stanley lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



chris & lisa stanley - August 19, 2021 at 09:17 PM

TT

“ So sorry for your loss Prayers for all.

Teresa & Terry Tacket - August 19, 2021 at 09:11 PM

DN

“ Danny Newsome lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



Danny Newsome - August 19, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ Elaine Bentley lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



Elaine Bentley - August 19, 2021 at 02:36 PM



So sorry to hear this praying for you all

Elaine Bentley - August 19, 2021 at 02:37 PM

MI

“ Sending prayers for the family...



Mia - August 19, 2021 at 01:31 PM

SA

“ Sandra lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears



Sandra - August 19, 2021 at 01:29 PM

JU

“ Judith lit a candle in memory of Nell Ruth Spears




Judith - August 19, 2021 at 01:28 PM

PJ

“ Condolences & Prayers. 🙏. 🌹



P. JOHNSON - August 19, 2021 at 01:27 PM

 Denna
Hall
Stone

“ I hate to hear this. Prayers for all that knew her. Such a wonderful woman.



Denna Hall Stone - August 19, 2021 at 10:06 AM

DM

Hello, My name is Dianna Burke- Morris. My mother was Nell Ruth Spears-Burke_ Choate. My Father's name was Rodman Charles Burke. Anyhow, Nell and my mama Nell use to go to school and teach school together many years ago back in the late 40's, 50's and early 60's. They both were always the best of friends and Cousin's as well. My mother would occasionally visit when we lived in Ky. and her house was like visiting Christmas!!!! 🌲 She treated us kids with so much love and compassion I'd never wanted to leave. She always had cake, cookies, ice cream or something yummy! 😊 The best of all was sitting on her lap as a tiny little girl and her hugging, kissing and cuddling me to sleep everytime too. She was such a beautiful, classy and smart lady that loved to teach me my abc's, how to add and subtract that I had learnt from her at only the beginning of age 2. When my mama Nell.and us kids moved back to Michigan I always had a place I kept in my heart for this special and most amazing lady as well. My passed away back in 89' and she did have a special place also. She loved her like us kids did and now they're together again which is absolutely amazing. 🙌 When I heard of her daughter Ann's passing and then her it was so heartbreaking 💔😭. I was going to call her that weekend but she was already gone to the Lord. God bless Nell Ruth Spears and the rest of her most loved and amazingly wonderful family and friends. 💕💕 🙏Forever she will be loved and missed.....

Dianna Morris - January 09, 2024 at 09:01 PM