



## Bessie Sturgill

September 14, 1940 - December 1, 2025

Bessie Sturgill, 85 of Kermit passed away peacefully at home on December 1, 2025, surrounded by family and loved ones. She was born on September 14, 1940, to Dan and Myrtle (May) Messer. Bessie was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband of 50 years, James Lewis Sturgill Sr., and their son James Lewis Sturgill Jr.

Bessie is survived by her children Danny (Lisa) Sturgill and Paula (Robert) Brewer both of Kermit, WV. Bessie leaves behind a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she adored. Jeremy Sturgill, Bradley (Tiffany) Sturgill, Ty (Chelsea) Sturgill, Kerry (LeAnn) Sturgill, Brock (Olivia) Chapman, Nicholas Newsome, Coltin (Cassidy) Brewer, Amy Brewer, Andi Brewer, and Briana Brewer. Her brothers Roy (Alice) Messer, Carter (Linda) Messer, Orville (Rhonda) Messer, and sisters Irene Smith, and Louise Williamson.

Bessie retired from the Mingo County Board of Education where she spent many years shaping the minds of students in Mingo County. She was a lifetime member of Neely Branch church and the best cook around, if you were hungry she would feed you- if you left her house hungry it was your fault. She was a loving caregiver to anyone who was in need. Bessie opened her home to many throughout the years.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to her amazing caregivers

Jessica Salmons, Joyce Sturgell, Lori Blankenship, Dale Murphy, and the nurses and staff at Centerwell and Dignity Hospice.

Visitation will be at Neely Branch Church on Marrowbone Creek beginning at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 with funeral at 1:00pm on Wednesday December 3, 2025. Services will be officiated by her loving nephews Matt and Del Crum. Arrangements are in the direction of Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, KY.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM (ET)

Neely Branch United Baptist  
Marrowbone,, WV

## Funeral Service

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Neely Branch United Baptist  
Marrowbone,, WV

# Tribute Wall

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“ We so appreciated Bessie's devotion to Mother ( Jenny). She stayed and cared for Mother as long as she was physically able.such a blessing.

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**Henrietta** - December 02, 2025 at 08:00 PM