



Bessie Shortt

October 28, 1916 - January 14, 2011

Bessie Shortt, wife of the late Tom Shortt, passed away on Friday January 14 at Autumn Care Nursing and Rehab Center in Altavista, VA at the age of 94. Bessie was born Bessie Elizabeth Carr on October 28, 1916 in Halifax County Virginia. The daughter of Eddie Moon Carr and Mary DeJarnette Carr, Bessie was raised in the community of Cedar Forest. She attended Buffalo School and Clover Bottom Church and enjoyed kitchen work with her mother preparing meals for her eleven brothers and sisters. At 11 years of age, Bessie met Roy Thomas Shortt of Straightstone, VA. Bessie and Tom courted for some 13 years before marrying in 1940. They soon moved to Grit where they raised three sons on Grit Road. While Tom worked at the Lane Company for more than 40 years, Tom and Bessie had a small farm where they raised chickens and eggs to sell to neighbors, country stores and super markets. Bessie and Tom toiled happily together in their garden each and every year growing tomatoes, onions, butter beans, string beans, potatoes and corn. Bessie loved to can and share the fruits of their labor with family and friends. A proud parent and especially doting mother, Bessie is survived by her and Tom's three sons; Leroy Carr Shortt and wife Nicole of Bennettsville SC, Aaron Thomas Shortt and wife Ann of Altavista VA and Randall Keith Shortt and wife Lisa of Rustburg VA; seven grandchildren Kennen Lee Shortt, Denny Lee Shortt, Damon Lee Shortt, Susan Elizabeth Shortt, Sara Blair Crews, Taylor Leigh Coxe and Christopher Alan Peele and two great-grandchildren Katherine Alexis Shortt and Lizzie Caroline Shortt. Also surviving are two

sisters, Mary Tommie Carr Wilburn of Yorktown and Lillie Catherine Trent of Hurt. Bessie was predeceased by her husband Roy Thomas Shortt; six brothers, Robert, Vester, Stafford, Elbert, Edd Cap and William Buck Carr; three sisters, Ella Carr Dews Reid, Emma Carr and Virginia Carr. Special thanks to the staff of Autumn Care of Altavista, for all their care and compassion to our beloved mother.

Previous Events

Services

JAN 17.

Monte Vista Baptist Church on Grit Road in Hurt, VA