



## Leabria Anne deBernard Guthrie

February 9, 1939 - March 19, 2020

Leabria Anne deBernard Guthrie, 81, of Altavista died Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Autumn Care of Altavista. She was the wife of the late Henry Howard Guthrie, Jr.

She was born February 9, 1939 in Lynchburg, a daughter of the late Jean William deBernard and Ruby Maebelle Krantz deBernard. She was a retired CNA at the Central Virginia Training Center and was the lifetime caretaker.

She is survived by two sons, Timothy Howard Guthrie and his wife, Barbara of Gladys and Keith Wayne Guthrie of Tennessee; one daughter, Wanda Gayle Allen and her husband, Bobby of Columbus, OH; one brother, Patrick deBernard and his wife, Carolyn of Rustburg; one sister, Lucy deBernard Marshall of Evington; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; a special care taker, Jean Worsham; and her cat, Maggie.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Michael Guthrie; one daughter, Andrea Maebelle Guthrie; and one sister, Theresa Jean Reynolds.

Our mother was more than the words you will read and have read. It's hard to put into writing the beauty of one's life. Mom gave all her life. She was a single mother of five and escaped an abusive marriage. She worked hard to care for her 5 children as we grew. Our mom did not allow these things in her life to

define who she was. One thing we always knew is that our mother loved us.

She spent years giving to those less fortunate at CVTC. She truly had a deep love for them as if they were her own. She would bring those allowed to church with her so that we all could love on them.

She was an animal lover and owned at one time or another numerous cats, dogs, squirrels, skunks and probably other creatures that we do not know about!

When her daughter (Andrea) fell ill with a heart defect that caused her to die but was revived and continued to live 20+ years with severe brain damage; mom retired from CVTC to care for her daughter 24/7. Mom never left her side except to run errands one day a week as someone sat with her.

As we looked back over our mother's life our hearts were broken at the depth of pain, loneliness and disappointments she had to deal with. At that point Jesus laid a thought on our hearts, "You can either look at your mother as a victim or you can CHOOSE to see her as a strong, fighting, determined warrior! Well we chose to see our Mom as a fighter and a woman with grit and fire and fight within her. She has now won the fight and she left out in victory!! May we all be able to do the same.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 23 2020 at Green Hill Cemetery, Altavista by Robert "Bob" Allen.

The family will receive friends at the residence of Lucy deBernard Marshall.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Friends of Campbell County Animal Control, 1400 Edley Place, Lynchburg, VA 24502.

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *She was a very sweet and caring lady and always smiled no matter what she was going through.*

Donna Wilson - March 23, 2020 at 11:59 PM

DR

“ *Darlene Robertson lit a candle in memory of Leabria Anne deBernard Guthrie*



Darlene Robertson - March 23, 2020 at 08:30 AM

BH

“ *prayers and love to the family I knew her and most of the family she was the sweetest person and she loved and cared for sunshine (her daughter) thats what i always called her from ele. school till she passed. I knew David from school as well as Keith, and I dated Timmy. I have nothing but love for all of them and heaven is blessed to have her grace the streets of gold, she most likely tried to take a panda with her to give sunshine. I pray God will embrace those she leaves behind because she loved and cared for them all the best she could, it's no wonder they said what they did about her she was a wonderful mother and she was a blessing to know love and prayers to you Timmy and all your family*



betty Hendricks - March 23, 2020 at 01:47 AM

JW

“ Justin Williams lit a candle in memory of  
Leabria Anne deBernard Guthrie



Justin Williams - March 23, 2020 at 01:28 AM

LR

“ Hi..extending sympathy to your family..i worked with your mom at  
CVTC..BEAUTIFUL.. CARING..CALM SPIRITED LADY..I  
remember when your sister got sick...thru all that your mom had  
been thru and was going thru i can never remember her having  
"down and out" moments..she was a strong woman..God bless your  
family..La Verne Reid/CVTC/1979-2010

La Verne Reid - March 22, 2020 at 05:28 PM

DT

“ Donna Thacker lit a candle in memory of  
Leabria Anne deBernard Guthrie



Donna Thacker - March 22, 2020 at 10:59 AM

RM

“ Mrs. Guthrie, was a wonderful lady. She's was just as you described  
her. I remember her going to the nursing home on her lunch break  
everyday to check on your sister.

Robin McCray - March 22, 2020 at 07:52 AM

JR

“ *JoAnn Rice lit a candle in memory of Leabria Anne deBernard Guthrie*



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**JoAnn Rice** - March 22, 2020 at 01:26 AM



“ *I will miss her lover her very much now she is with David love you all  
Praying for you all  
Patricia M Guthrie*

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**Patricia Guthrie** - March 21, 2020 at 08:07 PM

RL

“ *Robbie Lacks lit a candle in memory of Leabria Anne deBernard Guthrie*



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**robbie lacks** - March 21, 2020 at 07:37 PM

TC

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I am so very glad that you were able to be so close to her. We love you and will be praying for you. XOXO*

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**Terri Cashen** - March 21, 2020 at 06:34 PM

ES

“ *Etta Skinnell lit a candle in memory of Leabria Anne deBernard Guthrie*



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**Etta Skinnell** - March 21, 2020 at 05:47 PM

SD

“ *Lucy and family: so sorry about the loss of your sister. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*



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**Steve and Jean Dalton** - March 21, 2020 at 03:22 PM

DI

“ *Dianne Irby lit a candle in memory of Leabria Anne deBernard Guthrie*



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**Dianne irby** - March 20, 2020 at 07:47 PM