



Rachel Upton Perkins Keller

February 21, 1941 - November 12, 2013

Rachel Upton Perkins Keller, 72, of Hurt died Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at University of Virginia Medical Center.

She was born February 21, 1941 in Pittsylvania County, a daughter of the late Gladys Upton Perkins. She was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church, former employee of The Lane Company and former manager of the Goodwill Store in Altavista. Rachel enjoyed reading, attending yard sales and writing songs.

She is survived by two daughters, Penny P. Owens and husband Edward and Tammie P. Thacker all of Hurt; a sister, Joyce F. Thomasson of Hurt; a step-son, Kenneth Perkins of South Boston; six grandchildren, Jamie Moore, Tabitha Moore, Candi Matherly, Joshua Hoefle and Tristan Owens; two nieces, April Hill and Dana Waller; one nephew, Wyatt Thomasson and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her step-father, Clyde Perkins, former husband, John Stewart Perkins and a grandson, Shawn Thacker.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 15, 2013 at New Prospect Baptist Church by Rev. Brady Willis with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence of her sister, Joyce Thomasson, 899 Prospect Road, Hurt.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider The New Prospect Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 547, Hurt, VA 24563.

Cemetery Details

New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery

509 Prospect Rd.
Hurt, VA 24563

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

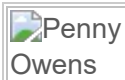
Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Prospect Baptist Church
509 Prospect Rd.
Hurt, VA 24563

Tribute Wall

 Penny Owens

“ *it's not been quite a year yet but seems like a lifetime,, miss u so much,,, and looking at your picture here,,, I say to myself,,, gosh,,,, You are sooo beautiful,,, I love you mama,,,,, and thank God that he blessed me,,,, ,with you !*

Penny Owens - October 02, 2014 at 01:29 AM

LL

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Linda Laney - November 15, 2013 at 10:52 AM

BM

“ *So sorry for your loss Penny.....prayers from my family to yours.*



Brandi Minton - November 15, 2013 at 07:57 AM

JD

“ *may u rest in peace u are a very sweet lady I no u will be misses joyce Dalton Gloria mc Daniel lois and Sherman lawhorn*



joyce dalton - November 15, 2013 at 06:37 AM

RF

“ I remember Rachel from when I was a kid.
She was always so kind to everyone. I hadn't
seen her in years.



Ruby Farabaugh - November 14, 2013 at 11:05 PM

RS

“ Robin Scruggs lit a candle in memory of
Rachel Upton Perkins Keller



Robin Scruggs - November 14, 2013 at 08:25 PM

CS

“ Clarsie Queener Strouth lit a candle in
memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller



Clarsie Queener Strouth - November 14, 2013 at 04:22 PM

 Penny
Owens

“ Penny Owens lit a candle in memory of
Rachel Upton Perkins Keller



Penny Owens - November 14, 2013 at 03:00 PM



Penny Owens

For you Mama, I Love you more than words can say!

Penny Owens - November 14, 2013 at 03:02 PM

SI

“ *Steve's Florist Inc lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Steve's Florist Inc - November 14, 2013 at 02:46 PM

ER

“ *I remember when I had to work at the Goodwill. Rachel was the sweetest lady I'd ever want to meet! One things for sure, if you were working with her she was going to make sure you ate!! She was a very sweet, caring lady & will be greatly missed by many! Penny if there is anything at all I can do, you know where I am! Night or day! Love y'all! Sending comforting prayers your way!! <3*

Elizabeth Rice - November 14, 2013 at 02:32 PM

ER

“ *Elizabeth Rice lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Elizabeth Rice - November 14, 2013 at 02:29 PM

TP

“ *Teena Pickeral lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Teena Pickeral - November 14, 2013 at 11:20 AM

TP

So sorry for this loss, Joyce, April, Dana, and the rest of the family. We're praying for God's peace and comfort for you all.

Teena Pickeral - November 14, 2013 at 11:21 AM

RW

“ *Randy Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Randy Wheeler - November 14, 2013 at 05:15 AM

SB

“ *Stephanie Betterton lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Stephanie Betterton - November 13, 2013 at 09:13 PM

SB

Joyce, April and Dana, So sorry for your loss. Keeping the entire family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Stephanie Betterton - November 13, 2013 at 09:16 PM

JH

“ Jackie Hudson lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller



Jackie Hudson - November 13, 2013 at 07:17 PM



“ Racheal was a long time dear friend from the lane company she will be missed

Joyce bolen

Yvonne Hall - November 13, 2013 at 04:32 PM

TD

“ Penny,
So sorry to hear about your Mom. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.



Teresa David

Teresa David - November 13, 2013 at 03:18 PM

MS

“ Marilyn Shelton lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller



Marilyn Shelton - November 13, 2013 at 01:41 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Stewart lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Cindy Stewart - November 13, 2013 at 12:05 PM

RW

“ *Ralph Woods lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Ralph Woods - November 13, 2013 at 10:42 AM

KJ

“ *Kenda Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Kenda Jacobs - November 13, 2013 at 06:47 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Waller lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Lisa Waller - November 13, 2013 at 02:55 AM

KH

“ *my prayers to the family. i'm so sorry Penny .*



Kitty Harris - November 12, 2013 at 11:15 PM

CF

“ *Cindy Forloines lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Cindy Forloines - November 12, 2013 at 06:16 PM

SD

“ *Steve And Susan Dalton lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Steve and Susan Dalton - November 12, 2013 at 03:03 PM

 Vickie Williams

“ *May God bless each and everyone of you at this difficult and sad time.MeMaw was a great Lady and she will be missed but what a joyful time she must be having in heaven right now.will keep you all in my prayers.*



Vickie Williams - November 12, 2013 at 03:01 PM

SA

“ *Sandra Ayers lit a candle in memory of Rachel Upton Perkins Keller*



Sandra Ayers - November 12, 2013 at 12:19 PM