



Gertrude Alice Ranson Spradling

December 29, 1932 - September 19, 2020

Gertrude Alice Ranson Spradling, 87, of Scott Depot passed away, Saturday, September 19, 2020.

She was born in St. Albans to the late Joseph Ranson and Daisy Rogers Bryan on December 29, 1932. As a child of the Great Depression, perhaps her humble beginnings formed in her that generous spirit, which so aptly described her. Indeed, she was benevolent, whether through financial support, a shared meal, or time given to others.

Trudy achieved the honor of Class of 1951 Salutatorian at St. Albans High School and attended Southland Bible Institute, Ashland, KY. Following her marriage, she embarked on a life-long journey of being the God-given helpmate to a man called to be a minister of the Gospel. After dedicating herself to raising two daughters, Trudy returned to the workforce as a clerical worker. With an unparalleled work ethic and dedication to excellence, she honed her skill, culminating her work experience as President/CEO of GRS, Inc., a financial services company specializing in the coal mining industry. After retirement, her work was not complete when in 1997, she partnered with husband, Rev. Robert K. Spradling, in forming Church Development Services, a consulting church growth ministry.

Trudy's life was draped in a mantle of duty, service, decorum, and loyalty.

Such attributes gave her a regal and gracious air, well known to friends and noticed by strangers. But do not suppose that her dependability meant she was boringly predictable, as her love of Hummers will attest.

Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Robert Spradling of Scott Depot; children, Cindy Begley (Dave) of Scott Depot and Cheryl Marling (Will) of Alexandria, VA; brother, Joseph Ranson of Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada; grandchildren, Lauren Gregory, Brooke Field, Kate Marling and Alex Marling; two great grandchildren; and many other extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans, with Dr. Mark Johnson officiating. Entombment will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

You may visit Trudy's tribute page at bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Spradling family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4349

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

SEP 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Bob and family,
Susan and I are so very saddened to hear of Gertrude's passing.
Just learned today through a relative. Our sincere condolences to
you in this most difficult time.
What a legacy this lifelong Christian woman has left here on earth
and I'm sure she's rejoicing with the saints in heaven today. Love
you all and will keep your family in our prayers.
My sincere apology for not being there for you all at her service.*

Bill and Susan Bryan - September 27, 2020 at 08:15 PM

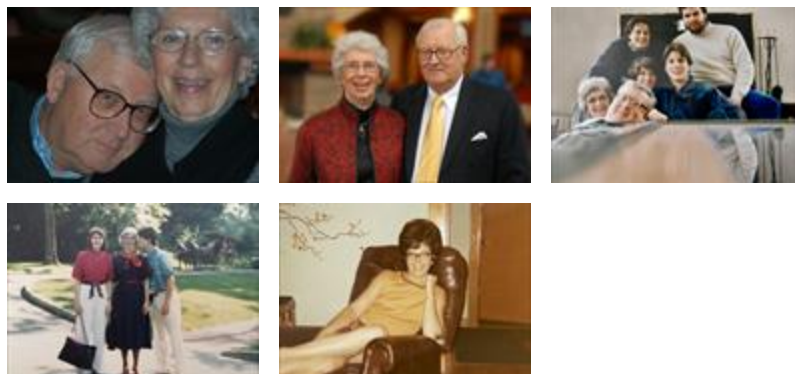
JW

“ *A wonderful Christian, a wonderful wife, a wonderful mother, a
wonderful life.
Proverbs 31:10-31*

Joe Weaver - September 23, 2020 at 01:17 AM

CM

“ *14 files added to the album Memories Album*



Cheryl Marling - September 22, 2020 at 07:56 AM

GM

*Wonderful memories, thank you for sharing!
(Eileen Gandy)*

Grace Meeks - September 23, 2020 at 09:08 AM

MS

Remembering her as a loving wife partner and an example of God's love. She truly was a kind mother to all is going mothers. What a blessing to be with Jesus but she will be missed by all.

Marjorie Gandy Seaton - October 01, 2020 at 01:04 PM

LW

“ Lee & Marty Walker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gertrude Alice Ranson Spradling.



Lee & Marty Walker - September 21, 2020 at 11:47 AM

DM

“ Cheryl and family- I was saddened to receive the news last evening from Will of your mom's passing and went to bed praying for you all. I'm so sorry and will be continuing to pray for you all this week. And what a wonderful tribute to your mom through her obituary. The statement, "But do not suppose that her dependability meant she was boringly predictable," made me smile. Would that we all have as character-filled-touched-with-a-sense-of-humor obituary when we pass away. Again, my love and condolences to you and your family.

Dan McMaster - September 21, 2020 at 11:13 AM

JB

*Bob it is hard to say good by to a loving wife, even knowing we will see them again. So happy Cindy moved back, family has been so much help to me. My prayers are with your family.
Jim Bupp*

Jim Bupp - September 22, 2020 at 11:15 AM

MS

Worked for GRS for 10 years for this wonderful lady. Learned so much from her personally and professionally. She was a great boss and friend. Very sorry for your loss. Martha Setterstrom.

Martha Setterstrom - September 25, 2020 at 04:18 PM

DG

*Pastor, Cindy and Cheryl,
What a loss for all of us who new and loved Mrs. Spradling- but a wonderful, indescribable gain for her! She was a remarkable woman and was highly respected and loved everyone by everyone who knew her.*

I just heard about this from a brother, so I am sure all six of us boys would have attended had we known.

Peace, rest and assurance to all of you.

*Dan Gandy and all the Gandy Boys,
Charlotte, North Carolina*

Daniel M. Gandy - October 01, 2020 at 08:01 PM