



Loretta T Craddock

April 19, 1935 - July 4, 2021

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 Cor 2:9

Loretta T. Craddock 86, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 4, 2021 cradled in the arms of her daughter with Steve tightly holding her hand. She is no longer a prisoner of Alzheimer’s and through God’s grace, has received her glorious new eternal body, free of pain and suffering.

Loretta was born on April 19, 1935. Her childhood years were spent in Nitro, WV, later moving to St. Albans where she graduated from St. Albans High School in 1953. She married the love of her life, true soul mate, and partner in everything, William E. (Bill) Craddock on January 1, 1954. They enjoyed 53 years of marriage, until Bill’s death on July 16, 2007.

Her greatest joy was her family. She loved being a wife, mother, grand & great grandmother. She was an impeccable homemaker and her innate talents for decorating and flower arranging, along with her love for primitive antiques, was evident throughout her home, which was featured in “Country Decorating” magazine and The Charleston Gazette newspaper. Loretta loved to entertain friends and family. Her delicious holiday feasts were unsurpassed. Her favorite time was spent with Bill, sitting on the front porch swing, drinking coffee and discussing their day.

Loretta attended Gateway Christian Church where she and Bill were charter members. She had a strong faith and in her younger years was active in the church kitchen as well as teaching Sunday school and VBS.

She and Bill were the owners of Suburban Subaru/Suburban Motor Sales for over 45 years, selling the dealership in 2015.

Loretta was as kind as she was beautiful. Her personality lit up a room. She never met a stranger. She had a knack for making people feel loved and welcomed. Always the giver – she put everyone before herself. Her take-charge personality and her hard work ethic were just some of her wonderful qualities. She truly was a Proverbs 31 lady. We will miss her terribly but know we will see her again.

Preceding her in death are her husband, William E. Craddock, her parents, Joseph A. Thacker and Ethel M. Thacker Donegan and her brothers, Willard F. Thacker and Clark E. Thacker.

Cherishing the memories of Loretta are her daughters whom she loved with all her heart, Fonda Morris (Stephen McCracken) who were her caregivers and where she made her home for the last 6 years, Wendy Craddock-Scott, her grandsons whom she adored Brett A. (Kik) Morris, J. Trey Morris, 2 great granddaughters, Arya and Addilynn Morris whom she doted on and was affectionately known as Gigi.

There will be no service at this time. Those wishing to honor Loretta's memory can make donations to HospiceCare, 1606 Kanawha Blvd., W., Charleston, WV 25387-2536 or Gateway Christian Church, 422 B Street, St. Albans, WV 25177.

You may visit Loretta'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 Craddock family.

Letting Go

The angels gathered near your side
So very close to you
For they knew the pain and suffering
That you were going through
I thought about so many things
As I held tightly to your hand
Oh, how I wished that you were strong
And happy once again
But your eyes were looking homeward
To that place beyond the sky
Where Jesus held His outstretched arms
It was time to say good-bye
I struggled with my selfish thoughts
For I wanted you to stay
So we could walk and talk again
Like we did... just yesterday
But Jesus knew the answer
And I knew you loved Him so
So I gave to you life's greatest gift
The gift of letting go
Judith Bullock Morse

Tribute Wall

DS

“ When I worked Advance Auto Parts I would often see Loretta at the dealership she was always a classy lady she always had a smile on her face.

Donna Henson Schanz - July 18, 2021 at 07:40 AM

RK

“ Loretta and Bill Craddock were my next door neighbors and my parents, Jim and Jackie Kessinger's best friends. My mother and Loretta had a very special relationship and loved each other dearly. Loretta was such a warm, loving person and I remember our family get togethers at their house, eating popcorn and watching home movies. We love you Loretta and thank you for being a wonderful neighbor. Fonda and Wendy, I'm so sorry for your loss. You had such wonderful parents.

Randy Kessinger - July 17, 2021 at 09:52 PM

SB

“ She was a beautiful neighbor in riverlawn
always smiled and wved when we drove past



Sandy hanson bolen - July 17, 2021 at 12:27 PM

RV

“ One of the sweetest!!! I can't help but think of her when my arthritis in my hand flairs , as we had discussed that among many other things ! She's with her Lord and her sweet Bill ! Until we meet again , love and prayers for you and your family Fonda!

Reca Vickers - July 17, 2021 at 11:05 AM

DB

“ I will always remember Loretta, as she was a very kind person and neighbor. I have missed her since she moved away. I am saddened to hear of her passing.

Deepest condolences to Wendy and Fonda.

Former riverlawn neighbor

Deborah Barker- John and Madelyn Mayes' Granddaughter

Deborah J Barker - July 16, 2021 at 08:32 AM

RR

“ Roselynn Holland Rowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Loretta T Craddock



Roselynn Holland Rowe - July 15, 2021 at 06:24 PM