



## Rachel V. Byrnside Leshon

December 30, 1934 - January 8, 2026

Rachel V. Byrnside Leshon, 91, of St. Albans, WV went home to be with Lord on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston.

She was born in Glen Jean, West Virginia to the late John W. Ashworth and Minnie Iasiah Racer Ashworth. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Cecil O. "Copper" Byrnside, Sr. and Charles H. Leshon; son, George William Byrnside; sisters, Lorene Wick, Frances Ashworth, Reba Hodges and Juanita Floyd; brothers, Ray Ashworth and Paul Ashworth.

She was retired from Fruth Pharmacy, Nitro and attended Abney Street Church of God, St. Albans.

Surviving is her daughter, Joann French (David); sons, Cecil O. "Rusty" Byrnside, Jr. (Susan), Ronnie Byrnside (Mary), Richard Byrnside and Randy Byrnside (Linda); sister, Barbara Knapp (Gary); brothers, Danny Ashworth and Mike Ashworth (Judy). Also surviving are her grandchildren, Laura, Cecil O. III "Jake", Joey, Carrie, Sam, Samaria, Lisa, Bobby, Ginger and Brandie; 23 great grandchildren, 4 Great Great Grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Phil Dunn officiating. Burial will

follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

You may visit Rachel's tribute page at [BartlettNichols.com](http://BartlettNichols.com) to share memories and condolences with the family.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rachel V. Byrnside Leshon.*



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January 12 at 09:23 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rachel V. Byrnside Leshon.*



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January 12 at 01:39 AM



“ *David Babst planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rachel V. Byrnside Leshon.*

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**David Babst** - January 12 at 01:39 AM



“ *Rachel was a great mother and a great sister to my wife. She will be greatly missed by her family and all that knew her. Gary and Barbara Knapp*

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**Gary Knapp** - January 11 at 08:35 AM

PH

“ Rachel was a very welcoming lady. She treated everyone she met with such a loving kindness. She has an amazing & beautiful family.  
Paul & Patti Holbrook

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**Paul & Patti Holbrook** - January 09 at 05:00 PM

RB

Thank you so much Paul and Patti during our time of grieving it's so nice to have family praying!

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**Ron Byrnside** - January 10 at 10:22 PM

DB

Rachel and all the Byrnside family welcomed me into their homes like I was one of their own showing love and kindness always. With deepest sympathy, David Babst

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**David Babst** - January 12 at 03:51 PM