



## Sylvia Sodder Paxton

March 5, 1942 - April 21, 2021

Sylvia Sodder Paxton, 79, passed away on April 21, 2021 at her home after a long illness.

Born March 5, 1942, in Fayetteville, WV, she was the daughter of George and Jennie Sodder. Sylvia was a graduate of Fayetteville High School.

She attended West Virginia Institute of Technology, where she met the love of her life, Grover Paxton, who preceded her in death. She joked often about her coveted “MRS” degree from WV Tech.

Sylvia was unsurpassed as a wife and a mother. She filled her children’s lives with scotch tape and construction paper, warm cookies, books, and unbounded love. She encouraged her children to dream big, work hard, and care deeply. Sylvia was the master of her kitchen, where she perfected both the Italian dishes of her mother and country cooking of her mother-in-law. Sylvia’s green thumb was enjoyed by the entire neighborhood. Most of all, Sylvia had an infectious laugh and a delightful sense of humor.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Sandra Tucker of Charleston; one son, Grover Eric Paxton and his wife Elisabeth, of Richmond, VA; one daughter, Jennie Paxton Henthorn and her husband Marshall, of St. Albans; and two grandchildren, William Paxton and Andy Henthorn, as well as numerous

nieces and nephews.

In addition to her beloved husband, she was preceded in death by her sweet granddaughter, Sylvia Paxton; her brothers John (Margaret) Sodder, Joe (Louise) Sodder, and George (Elsie) Sodder; and her sister Mary Ann (Robert) Crowder. Five other siblings were unable to be located following a fire that occurred in December 1945 in their Fayetteville home: Maurice, Martha, Louis, Jennie, and Betty.

Friends may call at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans, from 6 pm to 8 pm on Sunday evening. A family graveside service will be held at 11:00am on Monday, April 26, 2021, at Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

You may visit Sylvia's tribute page at [BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com](http://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 Paxton family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

**APR 26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel  
815 Cunningham Lane  
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# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Rest In Peace for all the deceased Sodders family members, and for the culprit , arson and the kidnapper of the Sodders children, we hope you rot and burned in the deepest hell

abxy - August 11, 2025 at 02:04 PM

MS

“ God Bless the Sylvia and the entire Sodder family.

MS - February 26, 2025 at 02:52 PM

JF

“ I hoping, she is now with all her family members reunited, and her five lost sibilings Maurice, Martha, Louis, Jennie and Betty.

*Rest in Peace Mrs.Paxton!*

Jasmine-Anabel Fisher - June 15, 2021 at 10:38 AM

JD

“ I pray for the repose of the souls of Sylvia and all the Sodder children.

Joshua Dolph - April 26, 2021 at 11:06 AM

JA

“ So sorry for your loss. Sylvia was a very nice lady and I always enjoyed visiting with her and your family. Please know that you are all in our prayers.

Jayne Woods  
Elsie Sodder's niece



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Jayne - April 26, 2021 at 07:41 AM

KH

“ I will miss you so much Mrs. Paxton! You were such a kind person and even on a not so good day, when you weren't feeling your best...you still were so patient, loving and kind! You will be so missed! It gives me great joy to know you are with those who went before you, especially your husband and your beautiful granddaughter Sylvia! Hopefully I'll make to the other side one day to see you again!!

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Kimberly Harry - April 25, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.



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April 24, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.*



April 24, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.*



April 24, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.*



April 23, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.*



April 23, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.*



April 23, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.*



April 23, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Jenny  
I was so sorry to hear about Sylvia Please accept my condolences  
I am sure she will be missed by everyone*

*Faye Porada  
Elsie Sodders sister*

**Faye Porada** - April 23, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Sylvia was her ability to whip up a formal gown for any dance that Jennie was attending. Bippity-bobbity-boo! She was so talented, charming, and giving and Jennie had the most beautiful clothes and dresses for all occasions!*

**Gretchen Mora** - April 23, 2021 at 12:19 PM

PC

“ *Sylvia and I became friends in the third grade at Fayetteville Elementary School continuing on to be roommates at WVIT. In the ensuing years, we spoke sporadically by phone, but we were always able to go right back into friend mode, sharing stories and laughter. I have treasured this friendship through the years and her passing leaves a void in my heart. Jenny, Eric and families, always remember what good care you took of Sylvia and Grover. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Patricia Crawford Callahan*

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**Pat Callahan** - April 23, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.*



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April 23, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.*



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April 23, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.*



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April 23, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Sylvia Sodder Paxton.



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April 23, 2021 at 04:41 AM