



Josephine M. Stafford

January 1, 1753 - November 25, 2010

Josephine M. Stafford, 74, of Stewartstown, West Virginia, died Thursday, November 25, 2010, in the Golden Living Center, Morgantown, following a lengthy illness. Born Dec. 15, 1935 in Carrollton, Ohio, she was a daughter of the late Dora Carson. She was a retired bus driver for Hancock County (W.Va.) School District. Surviving is her husband, James P. Stafford; two sons, David Stafford of Beckley, West Virginia and Samuel Stafford of Paris, Pa.; two daughters, Christine Zirkle of Weirton, West Virginia and Constance Leombruno of Morgantown; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Two sisters, Shirley Barkhurst and Betty Oyler, are deceased. There will be no public services. Private interment will be in the Forks of Cheat Baptist Church Cemetery, Stewartstown. Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, PA.

Tribute Wall

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Ashley Anrold - December 01, 2010 at 10:19 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to you all, as we know first hand the hardship you have endured during Aunt Judy's illness. Our prayers are with you, but do not despair, the Smith family is once again united in heaven. Harry(Smitty),Dora (Pete),Uncle Donnie, Shirley, Aunt Betty and now Aunt Judy.

Grace & Don Barkhurst - November 30, 2010 at 07:19 PM

DS

“ To my mother! For whom I have tryed to say goodbye so many times. I will always carry my thoughts of you as I carry on with life.I will always remember the times that I tryed your patience and pushed the rules that you asked us to obey.My mother who brought me to this world will be brought back to me someday.I still have a rough time saying goodbye but we will see again someday!!! I will always love to the end.With all my love your Loving Son

David Stafford - November 29, 2010 at 03:59 PM

JH

“ Sam,
We were so sorry to hear of about your mom's passing. We will keep you guys in prayer.....Love yunz.....Jabo and Satona

Jabo & Satona Harda - November 28, 2010 at 07:49 PM

JN

“ Perry & Judy,

The first "family" friends of The Nesbitts in Weirton back in 1960. Jack would go visit the Staffords for hunting reasons & would come back with mouth-watering stories of Judy's "sticky buns". Which I could never quite duplicate.

Also stories of sighting-in guns in their LARGE basement & reloading shells.

Then archery became of great interest. Of which both Perry & Judy were quite adept.

Jack always had something cute to share about one of their four children, who played & minded so well.

Upon our return to the area, after a few years, Perry & Judy looked us up.

The whole family arrived in an old hearst & the fun was on for all. In the late 60's, Judy was one of the first lady school bus drivers, for Hancock County Schools. Her stepping into that role made it a lot easier for other gals to enter that profession, like her sister-in-law, Aunt Bea (whose daughter became a bus-aide). Judy's own daughter, Christine & me too.

The challegenges of the profession suited her to a tee. Her mechanical abilities & experience, needed to drive & care for a bus, including building & putting on chains.

But especially her level-headedness & patience with the children. I can never thank Judy enough for the part she played in my life. For friendship, memories mentoring & some financial security in retirement through the job she introduced to me.

Judy how you've been missed these last years. How we look forward to seeing you complete & whole when we meet on the other side.

Surely Jack greeted you upon your arrival, as well as your Mom, Sisters & other loved ones.

Leave a light on for us. We'll be comeing soon. In Christ's love, Jaye

Jaye Nesbitt - November 28, 2010 at 04:09 PM