



Hattie Marie Shelbourne

May 7, 1931 - May 18, 2026

Hattie Marie Ash Shelbourne, 95, of Centreville, Maryland, joined her loved ones in Heaven on May 18, 2026. She passed peacefully with her daughter, Kathy, by her side.

Hattie was born in Sprigg, West Virginia, on May 7, 1931, during the Great Depression, at home to the late Halford and Nannie (Evans) Runyon.

Not only was she a true coal miner's daughter, but she was also a descendant of the ever-famous Hatfields who feuded with the McCoys. She grew up in the coal mining hollows along the Tug Fork River with 13 brothers and sisters. Right after high school, she married the late Charles R. Ash. Together they had five children. After Charles's passing, Hattie married the late Woodrow W. Shelbourne.

Hattie truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures. She adored her family and children with immense love. She loved the Lord fiercely, enjoyed reading the Gospel in the mornings, and talked about Jesus with anyone she could. She loved cooking for family and friends and had a natural gift for bringing meals together — her specialty was chicken and dumplings.

Hattie loved to drive with a lead foot, especially on trips to the casino. She kept the roads hot and was never afraid to go places by herself. She could

make friends anywhere she went and never met a stranger. Hattie was quick-witted, with a wonderful sense of humor, and always knew how to keep things light.

She cared deeply for anyone in need. It did not matter what was required — she would simply do it, no questions asked. Whether someone needed a place to stay, a warm meal, or help getting medical attention, Hattie was always ready to lend a hand. Anyone who met her will never forget her infectious way with words and the many funny little sayings her family will treasure for years to come.

Hattie was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; her beloved sons, Michael Ray Ash and Charles R. Ash, Jr.; her granddaughter, Melinda Marie Gauck (“Mindy”); eight brothers; and four sisters.

She is survived by her three daughters: Marsha M. Long (late John Pielak) of Tacoma, Washington; Charlotte A. Ash (John Merenda) of Fishers, Indiana; and Katherine M. Ash (JT Taylor) of Centreville, Maryland. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Rowland Long, Jr. (Becky), Christina Strange (Colby), Dawn Sylce (late Steven), Kerry Moore (Reggie), Jessica Sokira (Chris), Jason Gauck (Kristie), and Charles M. Ash; 14 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends, including two special nephews, ML Hatten and the late C. Ray Francis.