



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.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life on May 30 at 1:00 p.m. at Denton Christian Church, 8680 Mitchell Road, Denton, Maryland 21629, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Denton Christian Church.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Denton Christian Church
8680 Mitchell Road
Denton, MD 21629

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Mom,
I love you! Thank you for all the love you poured into me and into our family. I have many wonderful memories to carry with me for the remainder of my life. I know, I will see you again. I also know the Lord gave you every crown, you earned them all. You helped forge my path in ways you don't even know. It was an honor to care for you in all the ways I was able. Until we see each other again, I know you are rejoicing in His promised land! See you in heaven someday Mom.
Your baby girl!

Kathy - June 05 at 08:42 AM

JT

“ *She was such a wonderful lady. So quick witted. Won't forget a couple of her favorite sayings. When she would come down in the morning for coffee. I would ask how she slept. She'd say " With my eyes closed" I'd then ask how she was feeling and she'd respond " With my fingers" RIP momma*

JT.TAYLOR - May 22 at 01:37 PM

RW

That's hilarious JT! Surely that was Mrs. Hattie. She was ALWAYS very welcoming, straight forward, very funny, loving and so much more. I guess the good Lord needed her more up there than we did down here. It's hard for us to comprehend, but she is doing much better now than we are. RIP Mrs. Hattie. You surely will be missed. ❤️

Roy Walls - May 22 at 02:16 PM

KM

I will forever miss my grandma!!! I will never forget all the support and love that my grandma gave to me and my kids. She showed up every morning with coffee in her hands for and watched my children Jordan, Jazmin & Julian Moore! My youngest son Julian was one of her favorites, they were very close. They would sit on the couch in the mornings watching her game shows and having long conversations with him! She also taught great values to all of them! I know my grandma is in Heaven and I thank her for all of her teachings of morals, values and manners not only to my family but all of my Aunts and cousins! Hey, Gram... say hello to the Lord and Mindy for me! I will see you when the Lord permits but until then may you rest in peace! I love you so very much! Thank you for the green, hazel eyes we shared!

Kerry Merenda-Moore - May 29 at 07:00 PM