



Loretta Blakely

October 1, 1942 - January 11, 2022

Loretta Young Blakely of Easton, MD passed away on January 11, 2022. Loretta was born in Sophia, WV on October 1, 1942 to the late Rev. Cleveland Richard Young and Susan Mae Reid Young.

Loretta attended Sophia High School where she was an active member in many organizations, including National Honor Society, Student Council, Tri-Hi-Y, 4-H Club, FHA, Choir, Bible Club and the Newspaper staff. She was a cheerleader throughout high school and at Beckley College.

Loretta met the love of her life, Lewis Blakely while in high school. They married in 1962. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and teacher.

Loretta began her lifelong career in education as a teacher in Clinton Co., Ohio. She also taught in Fayette Co. and Kanawha Co. in WV.

Loretta and Lew moved to VA in 1967. Her love of teaching children led her to continue her career in education within Louisa Co. Goochland Co. and to obtain her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University. While in Goochland, she was a Reading Specialist and the Coordinator for the County's Talented and Gifted Program; a little league soccer coach and the high school's cheerleading coach. Loretta was awarded Teacher of the Year by her fellow teachers in both Goochland and Hanover Co. schools. She was also an active member of Grace Episcopal Church in

Goochland where she served on the Vestry.

Loretta retired from the educational field as a gifted coordinator for Hanover Co. schools.

In 2003, Loretta and Lew retired to the coastal region of the Northern Neck of Virginia where they enjoyed sunsets, wildlife, good friends and family. Loretta was an active member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville, VA. In 2018, they moved from there to Easton, MD to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Loretta will be remembered for her gracious and generous heart, her love and adoration of her family, her faith in the Lord and her gift of teaching.

Loretta's memory is cherished by her husband Lew, to whom she was married for 59 years; two children, Cindy Carrier and her husband Robert of Harwood, MD, Shawn Blakely and his wife Tara of Stevensville, MD; her five grandchildren, Kyle and Ben Carrier, Grace, William and Connor Blakely. Loretta is also survived by her five siblings, Lenvil Young and his wife Topsy, Sallie Blair, Paul Young, Elizabeth Flanagan and her husband Dave, Roger Young and his wife Sandy; and many nieces and nephews and life-long friends. She is predeceased by her brothers Jimmie and Johnny Young.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Easton, 111 S. Harrison Street, Easton, MD 21601 on Saturday March 12th, 2022, at 11am. A celebration will follow at 12:30pm at the Easton Club Clubhouse.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church
111 Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta Blakely*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Loretta Blakely*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Loretta Blakely*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta Blakely.*



March 11, 2022 at 09:39 AM



“ *Lenny, Topsy & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Loretta Blakely.*



Lenny, Topsy & Family - March 07, 2022 at 10:59 AM

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“ Love, Gordon & Curley purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Loretta Blakely.



Love, Gordon & Curley - March 07, 2022 at 09:45 AM

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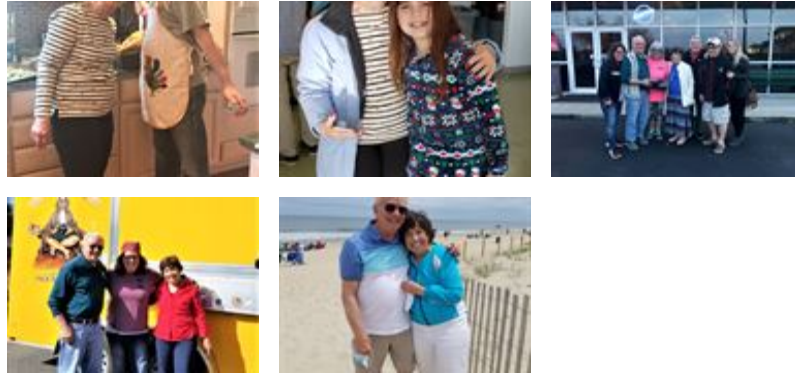
“ I will always hold near to my heart memories of spending summers and Christmas gatherings with family at Aunt Loretta and Uncle Lews house in Short Pump. Aunt Loretta was the kindest, most loving woman I’ve ever known. No matter where we were , Aunt Loretta always made everything magical, and fun. She never missed an opportunity to give warm hugs and kisses on our cheeks . As a child, I loved playing dress up with her and putting on her dresses and scarves, and doing each others make up. I will always remember the sound of her voice saying I love you, the joy she exuded so effortlessly, the beauty of her meek and gentle spirit, and the way she made everything so creative and fun for us kids. I will hold these memories of her as a treasure inside of my heart forever. I love you so much Aunt Loretta and I will never stop missing you until we meet again someday.



Mandy McCroskey - March 04, 2022 at 11:24 PM



“ 414 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 01, 2022 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Lew, Cindy, Shawn and families, Loretta was such a caring and beautiful (inside and outside) lady. Her smile surrounded you with kindness and made you feel like you were her best friend. Always interested in what was happening with you and your love ones; never sharing her struggles and illness. May God comfort you during this time. Carry on her legacy and focus on the memories. Love to all, Mary Ann and Richard*



Mary Ann Miser - January 21, 2022 at 04:40 PM

YV

“ *Yvonne lit a candle in memory of Loretta Blakely*



Yvonne - January 21, 2022 at 11:08 AM

YV

Shawn, Tara and Family,

I'm very sorry for the loss of your mother. Loretta was such a devoted, kind and patient mother and grandmother. I know she will be greatly missed. May God's love and peace give you strength during this difficult time.

Yvonne - January 21, 2022 at 11:12 AM

AJ

*Lew and family, I am so sorry to hear about Loretta. I had wondered where you all went after you left Goochland. Loretta had such a sweet smile and personality and I know she will be missed so much. I lost Paul 5 years ago in January so I know what it's like to go thru something like this. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Ann James, Goochland*

Ann A. James - February 02, 2022 at 11:39 AM