



Shirley "Jeanie" Torbett

July 3, 1944 - September 25, 2020

Shirley "Jeanie" Torbett, 76, of Johnson City, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 25, 2020 at Cornerstone Village. Jeanie was born to the late J. Norman and Francis (Daniels) Torbett in Baltimore Maryland on July 3, 1944. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Jeanie loved her family very much. She was a devoted mother and grandmother. Jeanie loved the Lord very much and was a dedicated Christian woman. She was a special education teacher for many years in the Johnson City and Erwin School Systems. Jeanie was also on the staff of Faith Home in South Carolina from 2014-2017. She was an ETSU graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in education and a graduate of The University of Tennessee with her Master's Degree in Speech and Hearing.

Jeanie is survived by her children, Tracy Lagerblade, Ann Lindsey Crumley, and Chad Crumley and wife Courtenay; grandchildren, Spencer Lagerblade and Blake Bradley; sister, Ann Crutcher and husband Randy; brother, Tom Torbett and wife Polly; along with five nephews.

The Torbett family will gather to greet friends and share memories on Monday September 28, 2020 in the East Chapel of Appalachian Funeral Home from 11:00am-1:00pm. A Funeral Service will follow at 1:00pm with Rev. Eddie Bledsoe officiating. A Graveside Service will follow the Funeral at Edgefield United Methodist Church Cemetery. Ryan Crutcher, Andy Crutcher, Craig Matherne, Tommy Torbett, Lance Torbett, Hanes Torbett and Chad Crumley will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Spencer Lagerblade, Blake Bradley, Tom Mckee, Jack Williams, Carl Young, Rod Biosca, Alex Williams, and Randy Crutcher.

In lieu of flowers the Torbett family has requested that donations be mad in Jeanie's memory to Westminster Presbyterian Church. 2343 Knob Creek Rd. Johnson City, TN 37604.

Cemetery Details

Edgefield Cemetery

Pickens Bridge Road
Piney Flats, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Appalachian Funeral Home
800 E. Watauga Avenue
Johnson City, TN 37601

Service

SEP 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

SEP 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SL

“ Jeannie and I went to school together at Jonesboro High. She was pretty and popular and had many friends. We girls enjoyed pajama parties and would ask the boys to play football on the front lawn of Jeannies home which was a lot of fun. Her parents were so very nice to all of us teenagers, making us feel welcome.

I am sure Jeannie will be greatly missed. May Gods unlimited comfort bring peace to her family and friends.

*Suzanne Lyle Lawson
Fresno CA*

Suzanne Lyle Lawson - October 01, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ I was saddened to read the email that Jeanie had died, but rejoice that she is now at home with Jesus! Jeanie ALWAYS had such a sweet, caring spirit - when she asked how you were, she LISTENED to your response and genuinely cared about what was going on. She exuded grace and optimism!

Sally Whiteman

Sally Whiteman - September 29, 2020 at 06:22 AM



“ One of the sweetest and most beautiful people I've ever had the privilege to know. To the entire Torbett family, I am so sorry for the loss of such a beautiful person.



Laura Graham - September 29, 2020 at 01:38 AM

PV

“ Mike and I are so sorry. Jeannie was a beautiful lady inside and out❤️ Her smile lit up the room!!! She was always so kind and friendly to us. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.🙏

Peggy and Mike Voitlein - September 28, 2020 at 05:29 PM

ID

“ I became friends with Jeanie in 1962 at ETSU. Our small circle of friends had fun for over fifty years meeting in various places every few years to reminisce. Jeanie was sweet, kind, and beautiful. I will miss you my friend. Rest peacefully. You were loved by so many. May God bless your family.
Ina Danko

Ina Danko - September 27, 2020 at 10:47 PM

BB

“ We are sorry to hear of Jeanie’s passing . Our prayers are with her children and her wonderful family.
Boyce Berry, M.D.

Boyce Berry - September 27, 2020 at 10:31 PM

ML

“ Jeanie was always my favorite. She always made me feel like a daughter and never failed to show me sincere love, understanding and kindness. Her loss is a deeply and widely felt one for so many. Knowing Jeanie, if even for a short while, was to love Jeanie. She was the rarest of the rare and beautiful in every way. I Love You Jeanie 🌹

Mary Ellen Leach - September 27, 2020 at 04:51 PM

SC

“ Jeanie was a beautiful, sweet lady. We will always remember her in that way.

Sharon Cameron - September 27, 2020 at 12:46 PM

JH

“ A beautiful lady whom I have always held high respect for-I have a lot of memories of Jeannie. Heaven is brighter because of her entrance.

Taft and Jeanette

Jeanette Hill - September 27, 2020 at 11:10 AM

JC

“ Jeanie had the most loving and generous heart of anyone I ever knew. She was special in so many ways and will surely be missed.

Judith Cole - September 27, 2020 at 10:33 AM

PP

“ *Jeanie was a sweet, kind, beautiful person inside and out. May she rest in peace. My deepest sympathy to family and friends.*

Pam Pittman - September 27, 2020 at 08:39 AM

DA

“ *Mrs. Jeanie was indeed a very special woman. I'll never forget her or the impact she has made in my life. I learned so much from her during my time at Faith Home.*

Dawn A - September 26, 2020 at 09:41 PM

CC

“ *Special memories of Jeanie, her deep love of Tracy, Chad and Ann Lindsey, Blake and Spencer, her devotion to family and friends, her love of God. May the Gates of Heaven open before her and light perpetual shine upon her. Heartfelt condolences to the Torbett family and all who loved Jeanie.*

Carole Crumley

Carole Crumley - September 26, 2020 at 07:56 PM

EH

So many memories Jeanie, especially high school. So much time has passed but I never forgot you and our special group. You still look the same. Rest easy sweetheart.
Ed Holmes

Ed Holmes - September 27, 2020 at 12:49 PM

BT

*pretty pretty & sweet
barbara taylor*

barbara taylor - September 27, 2020 at 02:59 PM

BB

Special lady always had a smile and friendly each time I saw her. We had a number of conversations at the time both of us were adopting our children.

Beverly Britton - September 27, 2020 at 03:36 PM

SR

Sure will miss this sweet spirit. Always enjoyed catching up after long absences, but, just began right where we left off. Time has made many changes with us, but never with longtime friends...Missing you. 

Sandra K. Rowe - September 27, 2020 at 06:24 PM

AC

I love Jeanie Torbett. She has been the sweetest and dearest friend going all the way back to being in first grade together. We have laughed, we have cried, we have shared good times and bad times, happy times and sad times. So many memories to last a lifetime. My dear precious friend, you will be missed.

Ann Campbell

Ann Campbell - September 27, 2020 at 08:05 PM

MF

Loved this beautiful lady....we had so wonderful memories back in our Johnson City days.....thoughts and prayers for all the family. Rest In Peace, sweet lady❤️

Margie Davis Fields - September 28, 2020 at 10:04 AM



Ann Lindsey, Chad, and Tracy, I was heartbroken to hear of Jeanie's passing. She had many precious and beautiful qualities. I believe she touched many people's lives in a positive way, and she loved you children and her grandchildren greatly. Family was so important to her. It brings me comfort to know that she is not only with Jesus, but also is no longer suffering in any way. She is perfect. She is being loved perfectly and loving others perfectly, and spreading her inner soul's beauty and joy. I love that picture of her. She was such a beautiful woman. Praying for you all, and remembering your mother with love and some sweet memories. I recently lost my own mother, and I understand what a hard loss this is. May you be comforted and held by the Lord and experience His nearness. Praise God that we grieve, but not as those who have no hope. Our hope is secure for we know she is with God.

Nikki Bowie - September 29, 2020 at 09:10 AM

JP

Tracy, Chad and Ann Lindsey, and Ann, Polly & Tommy, I am so sorry you have lost your mom and sister. She was a good friend and neighbor when I was in Johnson City, and I fondly remember the good times we had then. Praying for you and your families that God will be close to you in the days ahead. With much love, Jayne Powell

Jayne Powell - September 29, 2020 at 03:20 PM