

# Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw

January 27, 1938 - February 8, 2021

Ellen Holtsclaw

\*\* LOVED HER CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN \*\*

Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw, 83, of Roan Mountain, was peacefully called home on February 8, 2021.

Ellen was born on January 27, 1938 in Knoxville, TN. She attended Bell House School, Park Junior High School and East High School. She was a Freewill Baptist who loved the Lord and gospel music.

She was married to the love of her life, Murriel Holtsclaw, on September 1, 1956 by Rev. George Williams in Clinton, TN.

A past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 230, Ellen was a former member of the Boundless Love gospel trio, a Sunday School teacher and Kindergarten aide. She retired in 2000 after serving Cloudland Elementary School for 26 ½ years as its Cafeteria Manager.

While she exceled in the workplace, her family remembers her as a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She cherished time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, actively supporting their academic and athletic endeavors, hobbies and activities.

Whether it was sharing valuable afternoons summer vacation, learning from her in the kitchen, or inheriting her keen ability to be genuinely kind and caring in all aspects of life, her family knew within her was an unconditional love.

She was proceeded in death by her mother, Arietta Arrowood Phillips Fields; father, Avery Deadrick Phillips; stepfather, John Wesley Fields; brother John Wesley Fields, Jr.; sister,

Marilyn Anne, and a daughter, Janet Marie Holtsclaw.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; brothers Charles Howard Fields (Claudia) and Earl Fields of Knoxville; children Ricky Holtsclaw, Michael Holtsclaw and Kenneth Holtsclaw of Roan Mountain; grandchildren Wes Holtsclaw, Ashlee McKeehan, Carey Lynn Holtsclaw, Sarah Moore (Ryan), and Macala Caraway; great-grandchildren, Aubrey Pike, Sophia Moore, Rhett Moore and Dallas Bell.

The family will honor the life of Ellen Marie Holtsclaw beginning with visitation from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Tetrick Rhododendron Chapel, 8460 US-19E, Roan Mountain, TN. A memorial service under the direction of Rev. Randy English with music provided by Sherry Tilson will directly follow begin at 7 p.m. A graveside service will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Holtsclaw Cemetery in Roan Mountain. Those attending should arrive by 10:50 a.m.

Active pallbearers will be Wes Holtsclaw, Tom Smith, Gary Smith, Dale Carnett, Roger Harrald, Cletis Holtsclaw and Scott Mays. Honorary pallbearers are Cecil Largent, Rhett Moore, John Henson, Ed Skeans, George Skeans, Doug Merryman and each of the former teachers, employees and students of Cloudland Elementary during Ellen's time of work.

Ellen and her family would like to thank Dr. Wes Hanson and the staff of the Roan Mountain Medical Center, the staff of Johnson City Medical Center, Amedisys Homehealth, especially her nurse Melissa Ellis, her hospice nurses and her caregiver Sarah Moore for all of the care and love given to her.

Our staff is committed to taking care of our guests and families that we serve. Please understand we will be following the State's COVID guidelines. We also ask all guests and family members attending visitations and funerals to please bring and wear a mask.

Online condolences may be shared with the family on our website, www.tetrickfuneralhome.com Tetrick Funeral Home, Roan Mountain is honored to serve the Holtsclaw family. Office 423-772-3928, service information line, 423-543-4917.

Cemetery
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### **Events**

# Holtsclaw Family Cemetery

178 Dark Hollow Road Roan Mountain, TN, 37687 FEB Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Tetrick Funeral Home - Roan Mountain 8460 Highway 19 E, Roan Mountain, TN, US, 37687

#### **FEB**

#### **Celebration of Life**

07:00PM

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#### **FEB** Graveside Service and Interment

11:00AM

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Holtsclaw Family Cemetery 178 Dark Hollow Road Roan Mountain, Roan Mountain, TN, US, 37687

## Comments



**66** A tribute video has been added.



Tetrick Funeral - February 09 at 03:51 PM



66 So beautiful

Tootsie trula Strange - February 10 at 03:19 AM



**66** Ellen was such a sweet Lady and a role model for so many..

Lisa Moore - February 10 at 11:48 AM



I remember .as a kid.Faye Largent&Ellen taught Sunday School,I really enjoyed it.As long as I've known her,my memories are how sweet&kind she was.

Lori Guy - February 10 at 07:00 PM



Teresa Brown Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



Teresa Brown Thomas - February 10 at 09:19 PM





66 Candi English Isom lit a candle in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



Candi English Isom - February 10 at 04:54 PM



66 Sending Thoughts & Prayers, Love Amy Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw.



Sending Thoughts & Prayers, Love Amy Jones - February 10 at 02:50 PM



Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw.



February 10 at 12:10 PM



Prayers for all of the family, God is receiving one of the sweetest person i've ever known. God Bless all her family.



TimandDana Roberson - February 10 at 11:43 AM



Tammie Roberson Ramsey sent a virtual gift in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



Tammie Roberson Ramsey - February 10 at 08:28 AM



Tammie Roberson Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



Tammie Roberson Ramsey - February 10 at 08:26 AM





Ellen we love you very much will miss you forever Howard and Claudia and Earl .Tell Jesus we love him and Howard and Earl said to give all the family there a big hug from them one great big one for your all mama. See you later girl we love you!

Howard Fields -Brother - February 09 at 11:15 PM





66 Brenda Foulks lit a candle in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



Brenda Foulks - February 09 at 10:59 PM



So very sorry for your great loss of Ellen, Praying for you all to find comfort, She was a great friend to me growing up, I have alot of memories of our childhood..I will hold them in my heart always..See you soon sweet Ellen ♡

Brenda Foulks - February 09 at 10:58 PM



Joe, Priscilla, Joseph Trivette sent a virtual gift in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



Joe, Priscilla, Joseph Trivette - February 09 at 10:50 PM



**66** Divine Light was purchased for the family of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw.



February 09 at 09:33 PM





**66** Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw.



February 09 at 08:36 PM





66 Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw.



February 09 at 06:40 PM





**66** Donna Caraway lit a candle in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



Donna Caraway - February 09 at 05:42 PM





Christine Buckley lit a candle in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw





**66** 86 files added to the album Memories Album







Tetrick Funeral - February 09 at 03:51 PM



66 Marthafreeman lit a candle in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



marthafreeman - February 09 at 03:40 PM



Robert And Sheila Vance sent a virtual gift in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



Robert and Sheila Vance - February 09 at 02:30 PM



Ellen was always in a cheerful mood. She was a friend to the children when she was cafeteria manager.

Kenny Yelton - February 09 at 02:07 PM





**66** Joanne McKinney lit a candle in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



Joanne McKinney - February 09 at 01:50 PM





66 Phyllis Davis lit a candle in memory of Ellen Marie Phillips Holtsclaw



**Phyllis Davis** - February 09 at 01:25 PM