

Thelma Vest Bennett

September 14, 1929 – July 6, 2003

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HINTON — Thelma Louise Vest Bennett, 73, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, at her home following an extended illness.

Born Sept. 14, 1929, at Madams Creek in Summers County, she was the daughter of the late Green H. and Roxie E. Vest of Madams Creek.

Mrs. Bennett was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by six brothers, John Francis (Frank) Vest, Dewey Vest, Bryan Vest, Charles (Bud) Vest, Robert (Bob) Vest and Atley Vest; and six sisters, Bessie Bennett, Della Miller, Orva Vest, Flora Dalton, Clara (Ethel) Hoyt and Mina Evelyn Wood.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Leonard Bennett at home; three sons, Danny Bennett and his wife, Martha, of Shady Spring, Billy Bennett and his wife, Dalene, of Bunker Hill and Frankie Bennett and his wife, Vickie, of Marie; three daughters, Shirley Wills and her husband, the Rev. Melvin Wills, of Shady Spring, Brenda Ward and her husband, Doug (Luke), of Beckley, and Mary Miller and her husband, Lacy, of Cool Ridge; a brother, Ronald Vest of Bellepoint; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors Chapel with Pastors Roger Brammer and Tommy Mounts officiating. Burial will follow in the Vest Family Cemetery on Madams Creek.

Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral parlors.

Mrs. Bennett's grandsons, Curtis Wills, Michael Wills, Carl Bennett, Scott Bennett and Nick Bennett will serve as pallbearers, along with Danny Smitterman, Charles Collis, Junior Young, Norman Farley, Mark Meador and Tommy Harvey serving as honorary pallbearers.

Arrangements by Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors, Hinton.