



## Betty "Minnie" Jane Ward Showman

March 13, 1931 - July 11, 2023

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Betty "Minnie" Jane Ward Showman.

Betty "Minnie" Jane Ward Showman, 92, of Mount Jackson, passed away Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at home. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 15, at 10:00am at Christ United Church of Christ in Conicville. Pastors Stephanie Heishman-Litten and Brandon Dove will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Showman was born on March 13, 1931, in Bowmans Crossing, to the late Russell and Pauline Borden Ward. She graduated from Edinburg High School class of 1948. Betty was a dairy farmer and also enjoyed many hobbies like quilting, oil painting, and making people laugh. She spent many years entertaining nursing homes and senior centers with her impersonation of Minnie Pearl. She also played guitar and banjo and loved bluegrass and country gospel music. Betty was an active member of Christ United Church of Christ in Conicville, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school.

On May 28, 1950, she married Elwood "Bill" M. Showman, who preceded her in death on September 26, 2006. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Billy Ward and one sister, Mary Anna Frye.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Showman and wife Tena of Mount Jackson, Ricky Showman and wife Dale of Mount Jackson; one daughter, Cynthia Phillips and husband James of New Market; sisters, Fay Hiner of Edinburg, Catherine Olinger of Quicksburg, and Jeanne Agentis of Allentown, PA; five grandchildren, Daniel Showman and wife Sheena of Mount Jackson, Brandon Dove and wife Melissa of Highland County, Berlin Dove of New Market, Ethan Showman of Mount Jackson, and Tarinda Showman of Mount Jackson; one great grandson, Spencer Holliday; numerous nieces and nephews; and her sweet little friend, Jayceon. She loved you all deeply along with her many neighbors, friends, and this includes anyone who enjoyed her "Minnie Pearle" performances.

Mom had many wonderful health care personnel over the years and was fortunate to spend her last months at home due only to the excellent care from the Hospice staff.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork Street, Suite 405, Winchester, VA 22601.

Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

# Cemetery Details

## United Church of Christ Conicville Cemetery

14561 Senedo Road  
Mt. Jackson, VA 22842

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ United Church of Christ  
14561 Senedo Rd  
Mt. Jackson, VA 22842

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ I didn't hear about Betty's passing until late Saturday - sending prayers for strength on days you miss her most. Know that many in the community, including my family, are holding you in prayer as we mourn the loss of such a sweet soul. With love, Sarah, Russ, and sons

Sarah Kohrs - July 16, 2023 at 10:31 PM

JW

“ She was a wonderful former neighbor and great friend. Prayers



Jesse an Edna Whitmer - July 15, 2023 at 08:01 AM

DB

“ Ms Betty was a wonderful lady she will be missed by all that knew her praying for her family and friends so sorry for your loss God Bless each of you



Dennis and Sheri bann - July 14, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Betty "Minnie" Jane Ward Showman.



July 13, 2023 at 06:20 PM

GG

“ Catherine and family, Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Gary and Margaret (Reid) Good - July 13, 2023 at 12:23 PM

ES

“ Such a sweet soul. Remember doing a Hee-haw skit with her at the Shenandoah Follies years ago. She will be greatly missed. You're up there singing with dad now.

Eddie Sherman - July 13, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty "Minnie" Jane Ward Showman.



July 13, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty "Minnie" Jane Ward Showman.

July 13, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Betty "Minnie" Jane Ward Showman.



July 13, 2023 at 08:07 AM

AH

“ Bobby and Ricky,  
sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. May God give you peace  
and strength as you adjust to your loss. Amos Horst from Dairymen  
Specialty

Amos Horst - July 13, 2023 at 07:33 AM

PT

“ I have always felt a connection to Ms. Betty as  
my grandmother was a sister to Aunt Pauline.  
May each of you hold your beautiful  
memories close to you in the following days. I  
care.



Phyllis Hollar Thorpe - July 13, 2023 at 05:25 AM

GH

“ Gaylon Darlene Hepner lit a candle in  
memory of Betty "Minnie" Showman



Gaylon and Darlene Hepner - July 12, 2023 at 02:51 PM

CL

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember your Mom as a loving and giving  
person. Prayers to you and your family.

Candi LoPresti - July 12, 2023 at 12:14 PM

SS

Sorry for your Loss. Fine Lady.. May She rest in Peace....

Steve Sager - July 12, 2023 at 04:01 PM