



Clara E. Chittum

December 2, 1939 - March 17, 2026

Clara Elizabeth Chittum, lovingly known by all as “Topsy”, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and woman of unwavering faith, went home to be with the Lord on March 17, 2026.

She was born on December 2, 1939 to the late Thomas L. Sr. and Mary Maxine Hatfield Chittum. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Debra D. Cremeans; sister, Nancy Dabbs; and brothers: Clifford, Richard and Thomas Sutherland.

To know her was to witness a life truly lived for Christ. Her faith was not only something she spoke about, it was something she lived out daily in the quiet, selfless ways that touched everyone around her. She believed deeply that love should be shown through actions and she made it her life’s mission to serve others with a humble and giving heart.

Her family was her greatest blessing and her most treasured calling. She poured herself into caring for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, always putting their needs above her own without hesitation. Whether through a comforting word, a helping hand, or simply being present, she made sure everyone felt loved, supported, and never alone.

One of the greatest gifts she gave her family was her steadfast faith in God.

She instilled in them the truth of Romans 8:28; that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him. She wanted them to carry that promise in their hearts, especially in life's hardest moments, and it became a foundation they will hold onto forever.

Her legacy is one of faith, sacrifice, compassion, and unconditional love. The seeds she planted in her family and in all who knew her will continue to grow for generations to come.

She will be deeply missed, but her family finds peace in knowing she is now at home with the Lord she faithfully served.

Clara is survived by her children: Jack "Skip" (Kim) Cremeans Jr., of Hurricane, WV, Mary Skot Lilly of Hurricane, WV, Gregory Lile (April) Cremeans of Independence, KY and Lyla (Billy) Woodward of Port Charlotte, FL; grandchildren: Allison (Cam) Koehler, Kayla Lilly, Morgan (Daniel) Coles, TJ Hendricks, Alex Cremeans, Keaton Hendricks, Taylor (Dakota) Newman, Nathan Cremeans, and Paris (Layla) Cremeans; great-grandchildren: Audrey, Landon, Reece, Braxton, Ezra, Jocelyn, Maggie Jane, Ellyanna, Emerie, Molly and 1 on the way; siblings: Cynthia Sacher, Patricia "Jimmie" Richmeier, and Thomas "Butch" (Drema) Chittum Jr.

There will be no services at this time. Clara will be laid to rest in Culloden Cemetery at a later date.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting her tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the family.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Simply a very sweet person. Our neighborhood
Won't be the same without her. I knew her
Since I was 13. Love you Tops.*

Scott Henderson - March 22 at 09:47 AM

SC

“ *A wonderful God loving person. She was always so sweet to me.
Sharon Cart*

sharon Cart - March 20 at 05:49 PM

KC

“ *I grew up next door to Topsy and have so many memories of her.
Even though we moved around a little, we exchanged Christmas
cards several of the last few years. It was always good to hear from
her. Such a good, godly woman. She will be missed.*

Kathy (Kilburn) Cosco - March 20 at 05:16 PM

KC

*So very sorry to hear this sad news. I grew up knowing Topsy my
whole life. Living on the same street during my childhood kept our
family connected. She was one of the friendliest humans around. That
smile and those sweet words she always had just made you blessed to
know her. Our sincere condolences to the Cremeans Family.*

The Beckett/Casto Family

Kathy Casto - March 22 at 10:33 PM

EB

Ed and I send our condolences to her family. We enjoyed visiting with her at the Class of 57 reunions. Sorry for your loss Pat (Jimmie), along with all your family.

Ed and Carol Billups

Ed and Carol Billups - March 29 at 01:01 PM

Jl

I grew up with her as one of my older sisters. She was an awesome sister. She loved the Lord & all who knew her.

Jimmie

Jimmie - April 02 at 02:34 PM