



Rhona Bridges Setliff

November 27, 1924 - April 6, 2022

Rhona Bridges Setliff (97) of Huntington died at home on April 6, 2022. She was born on November 27, 1924, to Arthur and Edith (Parfitt) Bridges, the youngest of their six children, and grew up in the small village of Farmborough, Somerset County, England.

Rhona was an excellent student and was usually top of her class academically; she ran the relay on her school Track team as well as playing Field Hockey. Rhona was an eye witness to and a survivor of the Battle of Britain (1940), distinctly seeing swastikas on the Luftwaffe bombers as they flew low over the southern England countryside. To support the English war effort, Rhona worked in a munitions factory. She met a young American soldier at a dance on the second day of his deployment in England; that soldier was Howard Wilson Setliff of Hurricane, WV. They kept in touch by mail as Howard was moved to other bases in England then on to Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, and France, where he participated in the D-Day invasion, and were married at All Saints Church in Farmborough on July 24, 1945. Howard returned home to Hurricane, and Rhona arrived on April 8, 1946; she became a US citizen in 1955.

Rhona worked at Sears in Huntington until retiring in 1986 and became an active member of the Sears Retirees Club. She was Past President of the American Legion Huntington Post 16 Women's Auxiliary and was named West

Virginia Volunteer of the Year in 2004. Rhona also volunteered at the Huntington VA Hospital and loved baking her English All Butter Shortbread for the big annual Bake Sale. After retiring, Rhona learned to play Bridge by taking lessons at The Temple in Huntington; she met some wonderful people and made some great friends while playing in various Bridge groups through the years. Her other interests were Marshall Football, reading, cooking, baking, sewing, and knitting. She attended the 26th Street Church of Christ.

Rhona was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Edna and Olive, and brothers Les, Jack, and Joe, all of Somerset County, England, and by her husband Howard. She is survived, and will be missed, by her loving family: daughter Lynda (Jim) Summers of Snellville, GA; grand-daughters Tara (Chris) Wieseman of Loganville, GA, and Jessica (Greg) Angle of Winder, GA; four great grand-children Summerlyn and Harrison Wieseman and Owen and Olivia Angle; several nieces and nephews, a special "niece" Judy Napier of Barboursville; a host of friends including her special friends John and Debbie Keyser and Ernestine Adkins of Huntington; and her cat Marco.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make memorial donations to Little Victories Animal Rescue (Ona, WV) <https://www.littlevictories.org/support-us/donate-today/>

or to the charity of their choice. There will be no visitation. A private graveside service will be held for the family. Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, Huntington, WV, near Barboursville is caring for the family. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Gardens

Route 60 East
Barboursville, WV 25504

Tribute Wall



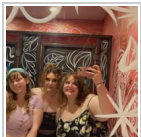
“ *Rhona Bridges Setliff*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *I loved the hear Rhona tell stories about the war. She was an incredibly intelligent woman. She and my mother Rita Blake were good friends in the Eastern Star. The two of them together (in their 90's were like Frick and Frack...never a dull minute. Having the legacy of being with the two elderly girls was non-stop happiness. That beautiful lady , like my mother, was TOTALLY independent and determined, not to mention strong willed. It has indeed been an incredible blessing to have had this beautiful friend in my life. Rhona was radiant sunshine to all who new her. God's comfort and peace to you. Sincerely , Darlene Bowen.*

Darlene Bowen. - April 19, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ *So sad by this news. She was one of my first friends at eastern star before I was even old enough to go. She loved my grandmothers and mother Rita Darlene and Karen dearly. I even painted a little picture for her one year and she took it home proudly. Truly a wonderful woman who I had the pleasure to know. We will always love you sister.*

Hannah Davis - April 19, 2022 at 06:09 AM

TG

“ I’ve had to wait to write a memory until I really knew she was gone. Accepting that she is no longer on earth is difficult. So many memories in West Virginia, Georgia, England, Florida, all the places we’ve been together. Gran I love you. Summerlyn and Harrison and Chris love you. You were so proud of all of us. We will take that pride and do great things in remembrance of you. Rest now knowing that your life was lived to the absolute fullest and that you are so very loved.

Tara Wieseman, granddaughter - April 16, 2022 at 11:15 AM

MW

“ I am so thankful I got to know Rhona through my Husband Heath Wolfe. When we were dating I would sometimes go help him work on her lawn. I was amazed at her geraniums! She would keep them through the winter in her garage and bring them back out in the summer and I had never seen anyone else be able to do that. They were beautiful! Her azaleas were just as pretty!! I remember her beautiful laugh and the way she would speak. I could have listened to her all day. She was so thoughtful and hosted my wedding shower that was just perfect in so many ways. Through the years she brought back tea cups from England from our birth months. They are so special to me. I loved how she lived life so fully going to Marshall games, playing bridge and continuing to take time to visit friends and family. What I loved most was what a dear and special friend she was to Heath and his Grandma Mary May. Forever thankful for her kindness and love.

Maggie Wolfe - April 11, 2022 at 10:29 PM

HW

“ Rhona will always hold a special place in my childhood memories. Every time she went to England she would come back and bring me candy. She gave me my first job mowing her lawn and she made it something I looked forward to. She would always bring me out a sweet tea or pop and talk with me for a little while. I think I cut her grass until I was around 23 years old because I I enjoyed doing it for her. She was independent, full of life and always thinking of others. When I got married she got me a trip ticket through AAA and that was before we had gps. We still have memories of flipping through that thing to get to Florida. Don't know that we would have got there as easily without it! I will always be thankful for the time I had with her.

Heath Wolfe - April 11, 2022 at 10:09 PM

SA

“ I met Gran when my son Greg and Jessica got married. We sat and talk for little while after the wedding was over about her amazing life. I was fascinated by her stories of her early life in England and how she came to America. I know she will be greatly missed by all that loved her.

Sheryl Angle - April 11, 2022 at 12:47 PM

JA

Thank you for your kind words. She is missed terribly.

Jessica Angle - May 23, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rhona Bridges Setliff.



April 10, 2022 at 09:19 PM

CP

“ *Rona and I worked together at Sears. She was a good friend ❤️
The world was a better place because she was in it.
Cathy Pasley*

cathy pasley - April 10, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Rhona Bridges Setliff.*



April 10, 2022 at 02:37 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Howie lit a candle in memory of
Rhona Bridges Setliff*



Michelle Howie - April 10, 2022 at 01:11 PM

MH

“ *Loved Auntie Rhona's visits every year to England , she would
make the long trip solo to spend time with her family .
Loved and remembered with great fondness .
Sleep tight angel .
Michelle amd family xxx*

Michelle Howie - April 10, 2022 at 11:16 AM

DR

“ I remember great aunt Rhona’s yearly visit to England , to the small village of farmborough along with my Nan and gramp (daisy and Leslie bridges) we would go by bus or get a lift and spend the day with aunt olive (aunt Rhona’s) sister , xx

Della randall - April 10, 2022 at 10:39 AM

LM

“ A cherished and loved member of our family here in the UK. Such wonderful memories of her visits to see us all and always staying with Auntie Olive in Farmborough and making sure she saw us all before leaving again. Grampy Peg(Steamer) always enjoyed the visits Sending all our love to you all xxx

Laura Moore - April 10, 2022 at 10:38 AM

HH

“ Fond memories of my Great Auntie Rhona, who never forgot her English roots. As a child I remember the excitement every December when she would send big parcel to her brother Les, (my Gramp) with a Christmas gift for each of her great nieces & nephews, all of us born long after her exciting move to Huntingdon! Also her annual visit "home" once a year. A lovely lady RIP xx

Hayley House - April 10, 2022 at 10:32 AM

J(

“ My Gran lived the most incredible life and I admired her so much! My heart is broken, but I'm so thankful she is healed. I love you Gran and will miss you terribly!

Jessica Angle (granddaughter) - April 10, 2022 at 10:02 AM

TS

“ *I always liked going to uncle Howard's and aunt Rona's when we were kids, she will be missed Todd Setliff*

Todd Setliff - April 08, 2022 at 05:30 PM

VR

“ *She was always so kind, beautiful, & smart. I admired her for who she was. Mom & I visited her about a year before Mom passed. I'm glad we did.
My prayers & condolences for the family.*



Vicki Ross - April 08, 2022 at 10:26 AM

BC

“ *RIP Rhona. Barbara Calhoun*

Barbara Calhoun - April 07, 2022 at 03:29 PM