



## Martha R. Blanding

January 31, 1942 - December 15, 2020

Martha R. Blanding, the fourth child of the late John Blanding and Susan (Clea) Blanding, was born Saturday, January 31, 1942, in Steelton, PA.

Martha received her formal education in the Steelton School District and the Harrisburg School District where she graduated from the former John Harris High School, Class of 1962. Martha retired from Tyco Electronics Corp. A longtime member of The First Baptist Church of Steelton, she served as past president of the Usher Ministry, past president of the former Progressive Women's Ministry and with the Choir Ministry.

“Diva Extraordinaire,” Martha loved the latest fashions and wore her title with distinction. She was kind, generous, opinionated, feisty, and she didn't mind telling you what she thought, like it or not. A great conversationalist, especially on the telephone, Martha was “in-the-know” and loved hearing the latest scoop. She enjoyed reading, traveling and watching old-classic TV shows to include “Gunsmoke,” “Little House on the Prairie,” and “Matlock.”

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Martha passed from labor to reward joining in eternal life her parents, her sisters, E. Louise Slade and Helena Kendrick; brother, James Blanding who passed away in infancy; and nephew, James Kendrick Jr. She leaves to cherish many special and loving memories her sister, Shirley Wallace and her husband Charles Sr.; niece, Vivi Kendrick;

nephew, Charles Wallace Jr. and his wife Tracie; two great-nephews, Jerrell Blaine and Myles Wallace; uncle, Willie Blanding; many cousins, extended family and dear friends.

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# Cemetery Details

## William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets  
Steelton, PA 17113

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

DEC **23**. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.  
106 Agnes St  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
(717) 939-9950  
wallacefuneraldirectors@gmail.com  
<https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com>

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Martha R. Blanding



Wallace Funeral Directors - December 22, 2020 at 05:36 PM

SW

*Rest in sweet Paradise, my sweet cousin. You are going to be missed! Cousin Shirley I am here for you as you have always been here for me. Im only a phone call away. Love you beyond Infinity!💖*

Stephanie Woodward - December 27, 2020 at 09:04 AM

DP

“ My most sincere empathy for your pain. May God heal your heart and keep you strong.

DANIEL f POWELL - January 02, 2021 at 08:21 PM

FW

“ Frances Waters lit a candle in memory of Martha R. Blanding



Frances Waters - December 28, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *It's been many years since we've seen one another, but the formative years I spent going in and out of Cousin Susan's and Mr. John's house at the other end of 15th Street are etched into my memory forever. Martha - along with Louise, Helen, and (of course) Shirley - played a starring role in those fondest reminiscences.*

*My heartfelt condolences to Shirley and her family, as well as Vivi and the rest of my cousins who appreciated Martha's style and sharp wit, and were the recipients of her unconditional love.*

*May her memory continue to be a balm on our souls.*

*Sincerely,  
Your cousin,*

*Trina Roach & Family  
Vreden, Germany*

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**Trina Roach** - December 23, 2020 at 04:52 PM

JC

“ *Shirley and family you have my prayers and deepest sympathy on the homegoing of Martha. Many times we would talk at Church. I definitely will miss her. I have known Martha since we were in Church on Adams Street: a life time!*

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**JOYCE Culpepper** - December 23, 2020 at 12:39 PM

UB

“ *My condolences. She call me Ms Green. RIH see you there.*

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**Ulonda Beaty** - December 23, 2020 at 11:23 AM

DE

“ *Sincerest condolences to our family. We will certainly miss Cousin Martha. So sorry that we are unable to be there in-person but have you in our thoughts and prayers.*



*Condolences from Angie Gathers (Sumter, SC) and Deirdre Robinson (Columbia, SC)*

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**Deirdre** - December 23, 2020 at 10:35 AM

PK

“ *My prayer are with your family. Pauline Kinsey*

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**Pauline Kinsey** - December 23, 2020 at 10:22 AM

EF

“ *East Family lit a candle in memory of Martha R. Blanding*



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**East Family** - December 21, 2020 at 04:50 PM

WJ

“ My deepest condolences to the Wallace & Blanding Families and to the Wallace Funeral ministry. Martha's warmth, wit, and friendship stood out when I met her and I treasure her memory. I am glad that we got to sing together on the First Baptist Church of Steelton Combined Choir and she could set anybody to cackling with glee as we chatted and chewed during teas and picnics. While I mourn her loss and and grieve for yours, I note with a little smile that Martha dug a deep spot in the hearts of each person who knew her. I mean to keep her in mine. May God bless and console you in this season of trial and loss. Deacon William Baxton Cooley, Jr

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**William Cooley Jr.** - December 21, 2020 at 04:22 PM

RH

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Martha Blanding. We worked together for years at Amp Inc. My prayer is for God to hold all of the family in his loving hands and to wrap his loving arms around you. I pray for your strength during this difficult time. Love and prayers. Mim Roberts Harvey.

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**Rev. R. Mim Roberts Harvey** - December 20, 2020 at 09:01 PM

WH

“ Our prayers and condolences go out to the family.

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**Wanda Hargrove** - December 20, 2020 at 05:02 PM