

Clara Belle Tester Ray

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Mrs. Clara Belle Tester Ray, age 86, of Boone, died late Wednesday afternoon, April 24, 2013. Born in Blowing Rock, December 3, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Clyde Tester and Lula Moore Griffis.

Mrs. Ray was a graduate of Blowing Rock High School, Class of 1944, and was retired from TRW/IRC, where she was a lab technician. She was a devoted leader of Girl Scout Troop 245.

Mrs. Ray is survived by one daughter, Shirley Ray of Clyde, North Carolina; one sister, Anna Lea Helton and husband Lloyd of Lenoir; one brother, Glenn Tester and wife Emma of San Antonio, Texas, and one sister-in-law, Margaret Ray Folger of Lumberton, North Carolina. She is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, J.E. Ray, and one sister, Dare Newman.

The family will receive friends Saturday afternoon, April 27, 2013, from 1:00 until 2:00 o'clock, at Hampton Funeral Service.

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Graveside services and burial for Mrs. Clara Belle Tester Ray will be conducted Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 PM, at the Ray Family Cemetery in Boone. Officiating will be Reverend Burl Greer.

Flowers are appreciated or memorial contributions may be made to the Hunger and Health Coalition, Inc., PO Box 1837, Boone, North Carolina, 28607, or to the Clara & Shirley Ray New Century Scholarship Fund, payable to the Appalachian State University Foundation, PO Box 32110, Boone, North Carolina, 28608.

Online condolences may be sent to the Ray family at www.hamptonfuneralinc.com.

Hampton Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of the arrangements.