

*Johnnie Clyde Gibson Rhea, age 82, of Sneedville, passed away on January 18, 2014 at Lakeway Hospital. She was born on May 23, 1931 to John and Martha (Goins) Gibson. She professed her faith at an early age at Howards Quarter Baptist Church where she still remained a member.*

*She was a beloved mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Throughout her life, she enjoyed being a housewife and working with genealogy. She was a life-long member of the Melungeon Heritage Foundation. She was a charter member of the organization and important contributor to the First Union in Wise Virginia. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, sisters and husband.*

*The family would like to thank Home Health Choices, Dr. Short, Nurses, Hancock County EMS, special friends; neighbors; caretaker, Freda Davis and all other who have assisted in anyway, Survivors include; Children; Margaret Trent, Evelyn Lawson, George (Sled) Rhea Jr. , Evia Ruth Phillips, Hazel Drinnon; Malena Cloud. Grandchildren; Tammy; Ashley Trent, Nikki; Steven Lawson, Greg Rhea; Melissa Seals, Randy; Rusty Stanton, Josh; Brock Williams, and TJ; Isaiah Cloud, 15 Great-Grandchildren, Sister; Betty Mahan Brother; Willie Jack Gibson Nieces; Judy Goodman; Deanna Carroll and Many special friends.*

*Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at the McNeil Funeral Home Chapel Rev. Phillip Roberts; Rev. Darrell Ramsey officiating Special music will be provided by the Douglas Family. Interment will follow in the Old Yellow Branch Church Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be her great-grandsons The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 P.M. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at the McNeil Funeral Home.*

*Online condolences can be made at <http://www.mcneilfuneralhome.com>.*

*McNeil Funeral Home in Sneedville in charge of arrangements.*

#### *Johnnie's Story*

<http://historical-melungeons.blogspot.com/2014/01/in-memorandum-johnnie-clyde-goins-rhea-b.html>