

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**CHARLESTON DIVISION**

IN RE: ETHICON, INC.,  
PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL NO. 2327

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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO

SHARON BUNCH,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-04772

ETHICON, INC., and  
JOHNSON & JOHNSON,

Defendants.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER**

Plaintiff, Sharon Bunch's counsel filed this civil action on April 16, 2015 [ECF No. 1]. On November 15, 2018, plaintiff's counsel filed a Suggestion of Death noting the death of plaintiff Sharon Bunch on or about December 7, 2013. Because the plaintiff was deceased prior to the time this case was filed, she cannot bring a lawsuit in her own name. "[A] lawsuit filed in the name of a deceased individual is a nullity over which this Court has no jurisdiction." *In re Engle Cases*, No. 3:09-cv-1000-J-32JBT, 2013 WL 8115442, at \*2 (M.D. Fla. Jan. 22, 2013). Accordingly, the court **ORDERS** that this case is **DISMISSED** without prejudice and **STRICKEN** from the docket of this court.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this Order and to send a copy of this Order to counsel and any unrepresented party.

ENTER: July 10, 2020

  
JOSEPH R. GOODWIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE