



Shirley Anne McConnell

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Shirley A. (Bryant) McConnell, 81, a longtime resident of Wallers Road, Partlow went to be with the Lord, Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

She was born in Alexandria, Virginia on July 4, 1941, the daughter of Hawsie Bryant and Pauline Wood. Her working career included the Marriott Companies, Old Dominion Boat Club, Shirley's Corner (her own store) and The Wilderness Resort, which she retired from as a Facilities Dispatcher.

Her hobbies included painting, crafts of all kinds, collecting lighthouses, feral cats, and in her younger years, she was an avid Washington Redskins fan.

Back in the 1970's Shirley's voice could be heard on local country radio station WMZQ when every Saturday night a local establishment in Greenbelt Maryland, The Big Dipper, frequently held open mike night.

Shirley is survived by her daughters, Deborah (Diane) Aylor-Polisoto of Lewes, Delaware, Teresa Aylor of Spotsylvania, Virginia, Candace Aylor of Lorton, Virginia, and Robin Davidson of Partlow, Virginia. Also surviving are grandchildren, Brian, Angie, T.J., Alex, Deion, Derrick, Lauren, Christopher, Valorie, and Vincent; 20 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Robert Aylor (1966) and Thornton Montgomery (2011); longtime companion, Calvin Quick (2017); a daughter, Roxanne (1961); grandchildren, Jessica Lynn Wood (2010), Trent Eugene Davidson (2014), and Albert Clifford Wood III (2021); a sister, Irene Carter; and half-sisters, Judy Sholes, Janice Henshaw, Peggy Sholes and Donna Martin.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Healing Wings, 2730 Arritt Rd, Bumpass, VA 22304.



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In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations be made to Falls Run Nursing and Rehabilitation, 140 Brimley Rd, Fredericksburg VA 22406 in memory of Shirley McConnell.



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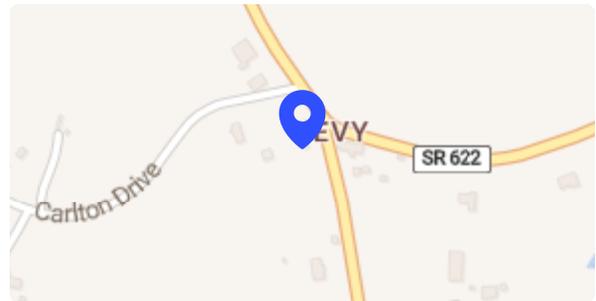
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, December 3, 2022

 2:00 PM ET

 **Healing Wings Ministries**
2730 Arritt Road, Partlow VA 22534





Tribute Wall

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Deborah Aylor-Polisoto posted:

There are things that affect you for the rest of your life. Losing a parent is one of them. Back in 2007 I lost my grandmother – who played a dual role in my life. She raised the four of us girls with help from my Aunts. In my mind and heart, my mother has always been just that- my mother. I was old enough to remember many of the good times when we (Robert, Shirley + four) were a family. I don't know if that is a curse or not, but I have always been my mother's daughter. I defended the defenseless – I made excuses when there were none, and eventually called it as I saw it as I got older. Neither my grandmother nor mother were perfect. If I had to say who was the better Christian, it'd be my grandmother. If I had to chose who was my rock, it was my grandmother. My grandmother taught me morals that later in life didn't seem to apply to other family members in some circumstance, but those that still live may understand why that was. Nonetheless, I am my mother's daughter and when I needed her as I got older, she was there. Things I couldn't burden my grandmother with, I could tell my Mom. Empathy was my Mom's strong suit, until the dementia set in. All the hardheadedness, not sure who I got that from, but Shirley left an imprint on my life in more ways than I care to admit. After being extremely ill from Peripheral artery disease (yep, smoking created this issue), and suffering from dementia, she found relieve on November 15 of this year. God invited her home. Christmas was her favorite time of the year. I tried my best to honor her – but I failed miserably as I cannot find it in me to celebrate much. Not too far from the feelings I had when my grandmother died in 2007, I continue to morn in my own way. My Mom's memorial was held at my sister's church this past Sunday, December 3rd. It was a sparse group – with a few grandkids, three out of the four of the "girls" and a few parishioners who came to show respect for my sister. What do we even do this for anyway? I asked myself as I tried to read the eulogy I wrote. Life is short, hold those you love dear, tell them you love them everyday.

December 10 at 6:42 AM



Deborah Aylor-Polisoto January 21 at 8:47 AM

Theresa, thank you for your condolences and remembering our Mom.



Theresa -Benda Koutsoukos April 13 at 2:39 PM

I'm so sad to hear this about Shirley. I worked with her in Virginia. My condolences to the family. Theresa



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RD

Robin Davidson lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

Mom your last days was when I learned the most about you. I will forever hold you in my heart, your last words to me will forever ring in my ears....I love you too baby. Just as you my favorite holiday is Christmas. Every Christmas song, every Christmas light will honor your memory alllllllll year round. I love you Mom, I am thankful to God that he took you Home, I can picture you in heaven now holding Korey with that smile of yours across your face....

December 1 at 8:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the McConnell family.

November 22 at 4:45 AM



TM

Terri Alger Merriman posted:

My one and only, Aunt Shirley ❤️ I have so many beautiful, fun memories of you I couldn't even pick just one. I guess I'm going to go way back and talk about some of the best cousins a girl could have hoped for. Debbie, TEA, Candy and Robin, this would be y'all. I remember when we would come to the country to see you all and couldn't wait to get there. Seemed like that drive was forever and it was much worse going home because we didn't know when we were going to see y'all again. A lot of tears flowed headed down that long road...but also a lot of love and a bond that I knew we would always have. Years and life in general crept in between us, but that love and those memories are there forever. Stay strong, trust in God and know that you're in my heart, always and forever... I love y'all, Terri Alger Merriman

November 17 at 11:44 AM

SN

Sherry Nelson posted:

Dear Teresa and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your mother. My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. I pray God will give you the strength & Faith to get through this very difficult time. Sherry Nelson

November 17 at 9:11 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Shirley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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