



Myrla Anne Martin

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It is with the heaviest of hearts that we announce the passing of our mom, Myrla Anne Martin, age 82, on August 19, 2025. Anne was born on October 1, 1942, to Henry Taylor Updike Sr. and Dora Nethers Updike. Anne grew up in Rappahannock before moving to Culpeper, where she married and raised her family.

Anne worked for the Culpeper School System for 45 years, spending most of those years in the transportation department, where she worked tirelessly to ensure the children of Culpeper County were transported safely to school each day. Anne knew every road in the county by memory and used that knowledge to route buses in the most efficient and timely manner. Her dedication to the job was truly unmatched.

When Anne wasn't working at the bus shop, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, working in her yard and flower beds, and going to the beach. She also never missed a sporting event or horse show if her grandkids were competing.

Surviving Anne are her beloved children, Frank Parker Jr. and his wife Kim, Philip Parker and his wife Lynn, and Cassandra Scott and her husband K.R. Anne also has 8 grandchildren, Mindy Lavoie, Kristin Southard, Ryan Parker, Cherie Corbin, Taylor Parker, Corey Scott, Kassidy Scott Askew, and Camryn Scott Moseley. She is also survived by numerous great-grandchildren as well as her sister, Gail Newland of Nokesville, VA.

Anne is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Henry Taylor Updike Jr. While we will miss her terribly, we take comfort in knowing she is no longer suffering and is at peace.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA 22701



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An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at www.foundandsons.com

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Myrla Anne Martin please visit our Sympathy Store.



Events

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Celebration of Life

 **Thursday**, August 28, 2025

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701





Tribute Wall

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Marti Iben posted:

I am just seeing this and was very sorry to hear of Anne's passing. She and I became friends under odd circumstances, but she was always a good friend, a softening heart and a wonderful listener. My condolences to her kids and grandkids and all that knew her and loved her. Marti Iben

October 29 at 10:53 AM



Bernice Roberts posted:

Anne and I worked together many years, especially during summer school. Her knowledge of every little backroad always amazed me. My heart and prayers go out to her family.

August 31 at 3:41 AM



Mary Brown September 10 at 9:26 AM

I worked with Ann during my tenure with the Culpeper School System. I agree, yes she knew the bus routes and the roads they traveled like the back of her hands. A true and special person/friend will be missed by so many . Forever Rest in Paradise beautiful Lady. 🙏🙏❤️🙏🙏



Verna Hilton lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

Verna Hilton lit a candle in memory of Myrla Martin

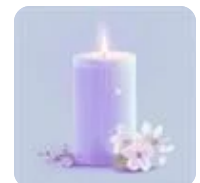
August 28 at 7:47 PM



Verna Hilton lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

Verna Hilton lit a candle in memory of Myrla Martin

August 28 at 1:44 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Martin family.

August 28 at 5:45 AM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Myrla.



August 28 at 5:45 AM



Donna Keys lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

Donna Keys lit a candle in memory of Myrla Martin



August 28 at 2:52 AM



David James posted:

I had the great privilege of knowing and working with Mrs. Martin as a bus driver for 9 years she knew what she was doing when she assigned bus routes also was great to work with my condolences to her family

August 27 at 12:15 PM



Greg Beamer posted:

I was truly fortunate to know Anne both as a colleague and a friend. Over the years, I was consistently amazed by her dedication and the kindness she showed to everyone around her. She was not only someone I could rely on at work but also a friend who always took the time to listen, and wanted to know what was going on outside of work with my family. We shared so many stories with each other and had many of laughs about them. I will cherish the memories of working with her, and I'm deeply grateful for the privilege of knowing such a remarkable person. My heart goes out to the family during this difficult time. Greg Beamer

August 26 at 5:35 AM



Susan Dodson posted:

I have known Ann 40 years. She was one of the smartest women I knew. I told her when she retired it would take 3-4 people to do her job and it did. I truly missed her when she retired. No one could fill her shoes. We had some good times at those end of the year parties. I know you are walking the streets of gold no more suffering. God bless your family and give them peace.

August 23 at 1:49 PM



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Robin L. Jones posted:

Anne and I worked together for 22 years for Culpeper Schools. Along with all her duties at Transportation, Anne handled all their purchase orders and invoices for a long time. She stayed on top of it all. It was my privilege to know and work with Anne from Central Office Finance. She was such a sweet lady and my friend. I missed her when she retired. Prayers for her whole family.

August 23 at 4:42 AM



Wade Hawkins lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

Wade Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Myrla Martin

August 23 at 3:08 AM



Sandra Brown lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

Sandra Brown

August 22 at 12:41 PM



Lucy M Timbers lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

Lucy M Timbers lit a candle in memory of Myrla Martin

August 22 at 7:28 AM



Lucy M Timbers sent a virtual gift in honor of Myrla.

Lucy M Timbers sent a virtual gift in memory of Myrla Martin

August 22 at 7:26 AM



Lucy M Timbers lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

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August 22 at 7:22 AM





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CF

Caroline Feldman posted:

Anne was such a sweet lady. I will cherish her fudge recipe that I make every Christmas and give as presents to others.

August 22 at 6:42 AM

BB

Brenda Bennett lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

Brenda Bennett lit a candle in memory of Myrla Martin

August 21 at 7:59 PM



CK

Chris Keyser posted:

As a CCPS Bus Driver, I know too well how talented Anne was when it came to bus routing and scheduling. She did it all with only pen & paper. She ran the entire office and kept things running as smooth as possible. There will never be another Anne Martin. She had a way of making you feel like family, rather than an employee. She ran a tight ship and was highly regarded. I still miss those good old days with Anne in the office.

August 21 at 6:06 PM

JB

Judy Bowler posted:

My dear Anne, you have been my neighbor for so many years with our children growing up at same time. You were always the same..a wonderful friend that will surely be missed. R.I.P, my friend.. God bless her family and give them Your peace and comfort. Judy Bowler and family..

August 21 at 4:38 PM

JW

John Walsh posted:

Anne and I worked closely together when I was the Director of Transportation. Anne and I found ways to implement new technology into a system that was already successful. Her relationship with the drivers was more of a friend than supervisor and she quickly resolved any issues. Her knowledge of the county roads was amazing and allowed her to easily reroute buses to cover for missing drivers. She was the true strength in the 'bus shop' and the reason that the buses ran smoothly every day. Anne was a wonderful friend and I will greatly miss her. God bless. John

August 21 at 4:16 PM



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CF

Christine Edwards Fincham lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

Christine Edwards Fincham lit a candle in memory of Myrla Martin

August 21 at 3:39 PM



AN

Angie Neely posted:

Anne was a class act. I had the privilege of working with her for 16 years. She loved our students with disabilities and she always put children first. Anne was one of the kindest people I have ever known. She listened, encouraged, and you just felt good being in her presence! She worked harder than everyone else and always put others before herself. One of the many things I appreciated about Anne was her willingness to and ability to solve problems that came up in the transportation of students with disabilities. She was smart, caring, creative and she made the world a better place.

August 21 at 3:35 PM

KT

Kay Tucker lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

I had the good fortune to meet Anne about 45 years ago when I moved across from her on Woodland Church Rd. Our children quickly became friends and so did Anne and I. My heartfelt condolences to Frankie, Philip and Cassandra. Your Mom was very special. May your memories be of comfort to you at this sad and difficult time.

August 21 at 3:14 PM



LG

Laura Gooden posted:

Condolences to Anne's family. She was such a nice woman I remember her when my son attended Culpeper schools, she did an excellent job in transportation. No one will ever fill her shoes

August 21 at 2:59 PM



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Kathy Walsh posted:

As a school nurse for CCPS , Anne and I communicated a lot about buses, helping with medical needs on buses, and timing of kids coming to school. We got to be great friends and I loved sitting outside her home looking at her beautiful flowers and gardens. When my husband John worked with her, we became even closer. Seeing her when she became ill was always tough but she was always smiling. She always remembered John. She loved all the drivers and became part of their families too. I know she is in heaven laughing with Geneva Johnson again. Love to her family who is very special. Kathy Walsh

August 21 at 1:43 PM



Carolyn Nicholson posted:

I loved Anne, (Ms. Parker) she was the BEST Teacher's Aide ever! She always looked out for me in school and made me feel like one of her own! She kept up with me as I grew up and I always got a hug and a warm welcome whenever I would see her! She will be greatly missed!

August 21 at 12:46 PM



Bud Corder August 22 at 7:54 AM

God's Peace and Comfort to all, Bud Corder 🙏



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Russell Houck posted:

I worked with Anne from 1994 (when I started school administration) until she retired, but very closely from 2009 until 2016 when I had oversight of the transportation office. Anne was 20th century in how she drew out the bus routes on paper maps, but she was smarter than the routing software that replaced her. More importantly Anne could solve the daily puzzle of slicing and dicing existing bus routes to make a new one when a driver was out sick with no substitute or buses were on field or athletic trips to here, there, and yonder and we needed to get kids home. Anne loved the challenge of figuring it all out, and figure it she did. Anne would open the bus office in the dark of morning and leave in the twilight of evening. She would not go home until she knew every child was home safe after a day of learning. That work ethic was 20th century, too. Hearing Anne talk so gently and respectfully to upset parents was a marvel in human relations. She could have been a psychologist or a diplomat. Anne and my late father were both born in 1942, and both were raised in rural Virginia. They were of a bygone era. Neither had degrees on the wall or letters behind their name- but they possessed an intelligence that can't be taught. They put family and work in their forefront of their minds, at the top of their daily agenda, and in their hearts. Anne's passing is sad for me, but more so was her mental decline (just like my Dad's). I know how pridefully independent she was, so I am pleased that Anne is now free again to do as she pleases. Anne, look up Ronnie Houck, y'all have much in common, including my love and admiration. Russell Houck

August 21 at 12:35 PM



Glenda Gum posted:

Anne was always dressed to the hilt with a smile on her face. In the years of TY babies, we would call each other of the locations for the newest finds. Anne shunned computers that listed roads because she knew them by heart. Thank you for your many years of service to the families of CCPS.

August 21 at 12:18 PM



Lilibet Cooper lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

My condolences to Ann's family and friends. So many people loved you. Love,
Lilibet Harper Cooper

August 21 at 10:55 AM



Chasity Brown lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

Chasity Brown lit a candle in memory of Myrla Martin

August 21 at 10:15 AM





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Bobby Graves posted:

Your mom was such a good lady I remember her in school She would always be at the door of the school when I came in eyes on me and the first thing she would say to me was Bobby were are you supposed to be at this morning and I would tell her and she would say ok go to your locker and don't be late Out of all of the teachers she was the best never raise her voice at me RIP Ann

August 21 at 10:02 AM



Tonya Marie Cooper lit a candle in honor of Myrla.

Loved Ann, she was always good to me. Condolences to the family 🙏

August 21 at 9:51 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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