



Charlotte Ann McVey

August 4, 1932 - June 27, 2020

Charlotte Ann (Fulks) McVey, whose passion for the arts and community service enriched the lives of Tazewell County residents for more than 60 years, died at home on June 27, 2020, in Cedar Bluff, Virginia. She was 87 years old and surrounded by loving family.

Charlotte was born at her grandparents' farmhouse outside Alderson, West Virginia, on August 4, 1932. Shortly after, her parents moved to Cass, a logging camp and company town for West Virginia Pulp and Paper where her father, William Howard Fulks, was head accountant. Her mother, Madeline (Crawford) Fulks, kept house while Charlotte clambered along the wooden sidewalks and played at the edge of the Greenbrier River. One of her favorite memories was of Jukebox Saturday Nights – after spending the day harvesting milkweed pods for use in the lifejackets of World War II servicemen, she'd join the rest of the town at the community hall, dancing to popular nickelodeon tunes. It became a pattern in her life: good works and good times, in rhythm.

In her teens, the family moved back to Alderson where in 1948 Charlotte was graced with the arrival of her beloved sister Martha. During high school Charlotte met her future husband, James Hawver McVey, though they didn't start dating until both were at West Virginia University. Charlotte joined the Alpha Phi sorority and graduated with a major in English and a minor in music before marrying her lifelong sweetheart in 1954.

After a stint in Charlottesville, where Jim finished medical school and Charlotte taught high school English, the couple settled for good in Richlands, Virginia, in 1958. They joined the Richlands Presbyterian Church, relished the arrival of five children, and became some of the town's biggest boosters, especially as fans of the Blue Tornado. Charlotte in particular was a catalyst for the arts and youth activities, among other civic interests. She not only recognized a need, she built programs to meet that need now and into the future, all while managing a family and supporting her husband's medical career.

She co-founded the Junior Golf program at the Tazewell County Country Club; held leadership positions in the Junior Women's Club and the Women's Medical Auxiliary; and

helped to establish a county-wide book mobile program to extend the reach of the library. In 1980, she co-founded Citizens for the Arts, a nonprofit that brought artists and musicians to the area for exhibits and concerts. She and Doc McVey were among the founding members of the Historic Crab Orchard Museum. She served for 10 years on the Cedar Bluff Town Council and in 1991 received the Citizen of the Year award jointly with her husband. At her church, among many other activities, Charlotte helped launch the junior choir and during a period of major renovation, convinced church leadership to purchase a high-quality pipe organ, promising that she herself would learn how to play it. It's a promise she kept, Sunday after Sunday, for more than 30 years.

Her faith was the kind that expressed itself in deeds more than words. She filled her home with books and music, with friends and family and anyone hungry for welcome. "Look at this beautiful mess we've made," she said to Jim at one typically crowded Thanksgiving. No one not belonging. Everyone part of her song.

In 2018, Charlotte lost her husband Jim after 64 years of marriage. Survivors include her sister, Martha Brumfield and husband David of Charleston, WV, and five children with their spouses: Melissa Cranwell of Roanoke, VA (Rick); Greta McVey of College Park, Maryland (Cindy); Gail Taylor of Seymour TN (Doug); Jim McVey, Jr. of Richlands (Stephanie); and Will McVey of Braselton, GA (Rachel). Other survivors include 14 grandchildren (Lindsay, Caitlin, Charlotte, James, Westley, Garrison, Kenneth, John, Maddy, Reid, Matthew, Nathan, Brady, and Annie); six great-grandchildren (Kennedy, Elle, Piper, Ainsley, Hudson, and Remington), and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to acknowledge the support received from Legacy Hospice during this difficult time. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private family service will be held. A celebration of Charlotte's life will be planned for a later date. Those who wish may make contributions in her memory to Citizens for the Arts (1413 Front St, Richlands, VA 24641) or the Richlands Presbyterian Church (P.O. Box 446, Richlands, VA 24641).

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Comments



“ Susan Hankla lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Susan Hankla - February 10, 2021 at 04:35 PM



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Susan Hankla - February 10, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ Dear McVeys, especially my childhood besties, Melissa and Greta,

I loved Charlotte like another mother when I was living in Richlands, in those formative years 0-11, back when I was the fourth child and then the fifth (before there really was one!). That love has never changed. I send you all my love and a deep appreciation for the richness that Charlotte gave you and others around her, a wonderful legacy: love is without end.

Cathy Hankla

Cathy Hankla - July 14, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ Martha, So sorry. Didn't know Charlotte well but she was always so nice and so beautiful. Prayers for her family.



Pat and Debbie Nash - July 08, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ Susie & Steve Addison sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Susie & Steve Addison - July 04, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ Dear Charlotte,

Thank you for giving the world your daughter, Greta.

love,

Joye

Joye Newman - July 03, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ TIMOTHY ATWELL lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



TIMOTHY ATWELL - July 02, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Jimmy I am so very sorry to of your Moms passing.She was was such a nice person with a BEAUTIFUL heart. My love and prayers to you and your family. Audrey Bandy Godbey

Audrey Godbey - July 02, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ Please accept our sincerest condolences-
John W. McClintock Jr. and Family

John McClintock - July 02, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ She was a great lady. Enjoyed getting to know her and the family, where i had the wonderful experience of caring for Dr. McVey. She loved her family. I am sure she will be sadly missed. My prayers to the family.

Charlie Smith - July 02, 2020 at 02:39 AM



“ Heaven gained a beautiful angel when Charlotte entered those pearly gates. Much love and prayers for all of the family. She will be greatly missed.



Annette McClanahan - July 01, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Such a beautiful soul. I never met her out that she wasn't smiling & pleasant. She will certainly will be missed just as Doc is. Prayers for her sweet family.

Tammie Vencill - July 01, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Melissa, Rick, and family.
Courtney and I send our love and sympathy. Your mother was a fine person and contributed so much to her church, community and family. Blessing and peace to all of you during this time.
Love, Anne and Courtney

Anne Hoge - July 01, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ to the family of Charlotte McVey,
Our thoughts and Prayers are with you in the passing of your loved one! May you take comfort in your many memories! God Bless you!
David Ascue and Jerry Vencil

Helen Vencill Custalow - July 01, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Cindi P Estep sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Cindi P Estep - July 01, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ Heaven has gained a beautiful angel, we have lost a local icon. Admired this lady so. Deepest sympathy to the family

Gail Tatum - June 30, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ God Bless the McVey family. Charlotte was such a wonderful lady. Always smiling. Prayers in this time of sorrow.



Beverly Thomas - June 30, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort and peace for the McVey family.



Lynda Lawson Whittington - June 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ Melinda Mahaffey Mullins lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Melinda Mahaffey Mullins - June 30, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ My heart goes out to all the family. What a beautiful and gracious soul. She will be very missed. Sending much love to you

Kathy Wright - June 30, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Judy West lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Judy West - June 30, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, greta you an your family are in my prayers.

nancy whited wyatt boyd - June 30, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ I am so sad for all of dear Charlotte's family and friends. We have lost a wonderful person from our lives. I loved and enjoyed her friendship and already miss her knowing it will never see her again this side of heaven. Prayers and love to all.

Eunice Jones - June 30, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ Eunice Jones lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Eunice Jones - June 30, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Ed And Jackie Smith lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Ed and Jackie Smith - June 30, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ After serving with Charlotte on various community projects, I realized that she was an amazing person! Her ideas were innovative, and I adored her “can-do” spirit. She made a vast difference in our community, and made me a better person because of her influential example. My God bless you as you grieve; yet, remember that you (and I) were blessed because she was a part of our lives. I will pray for the family and friends who have suffered such a great loss.

Anna Damron - June 30, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



TonyanEdgar Wicks - June 30, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charlotte Ann McVey.



June 30, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ I remember how kind she was to me as a friend of her sister. She lived a wonderful life and will be cherished by many.
Jeanie

Jean Slonaker - June 30, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ Sandra Johnson lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Sandra Johnson - June 30, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ Deepest Sympathy to all from Joel and Stella Callison and Gary and Jane Callison Crosby. Fond memories!

betty Jane Crosby - June 30, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ John And Wendy Reedy lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



John and Wendy Reedy - June 30, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ Melissa and family, Charlotte was a kind and loving individual whom I adored. She made me feel like that she indeed had missed me when I happened to meet her after years of not seeing her. You had a wonderful Mother. Prayers for all of you.

Debbie McGaffee Hunsaker - June 30, 2020 at 06:13 AM



“ Charlotte will be missed....words cannot express of how much! She was such a pure pleasure to know. She was a talented organist at the church and super organizer of CART... A top-notch wife to 'Doc'....Dr.McVey for years. A loving and giving mother and grandmother and a very special friend to many others. Her smile was contagious and would light up a room! I know I will miss her but Heaven has gained a talented angel. God bless the family...love you all!

Heather McGlothlin - June 30, 2020 at 04:56 AM



“ Deepest sympathy & prayers to all of you. So very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. She was one of the sweetest people I have ever had the pleasure to know in my life. I know she will be missed by so many. I will always remember that beautiful sweet smile that everyone could count on anytime you saw her. She was certainly a very beautiful person inside & out. I had so much respect for her my entire life. I hope you can find peace & comfort during this difficult time for your family. Love & prayers to you all. My sincere sympathy, Pam(Nolley) McClung, Kathleen & family.

Pam (Nolley) McClung - June 30, 2020 at 01:41 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. My prayers of peace and comfort are with the family.

Elaine Farris - June 29, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ She had the Best Smile!
Our deepest condolences to the family and many friends.
She will be truly missed,
Margaret, Phyllis, Nina and Kathy



Kathy Sneed - June 29, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. May God bring comfort and peace to your broken hearts.

Judy Stamper - June 29, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ To all the Family I extend my deepest condolences. Ms. Charlotte was a true Lady, through and through. May you find comfort during this time of great loss.



Carolyn Pyles - June 29, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ Prayers for the family, So sorry for your loss.



Rocky&Pat Horton - June 29, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ So very sorry for the loss of a very special lady. Gail, I remember coming to your house when we were in middle school and she always made me feel welcome. Love and prayers for the family. Diane (Helton) Kinder



Diane Kinder - June 29, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ My deepest And most heartfelt sympathy to the McVey family.

Elaine Hurley - June 29, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ Prayers, love and hugs to all of you. I loved your Mom and Dad as they showed love to all of us growing up

Katrina Caywood - June 29, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ Katrina Saxton lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Katrina Saxton - June 29, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charlotte Ann McVey.



June 29, 2020 at 08:21 PM



“ Glenda And R. B. Altizer lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Glenda and R. B. Altizer - June 29, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ Wanda Deskins lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Wanda Deskins - June 29, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ Charlotte was a charming lady who will be greatly missed. May God bless and comfort her family.

Judith & Ernest Edgell - June 29, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ What a special person, she was so very kind to me and our family. Our families go back many years. Always made us feel like family. Loved visiting her and Dr. McVey. Wonderful community leaders. Prayers for this wonderful family. May God give each one of you peace and comfort. I know she left a legacy and memories that will live in your heart forever. Love to all. Pat & Jerry

Jerry and Pat Warner - June 29, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ Charlotte was a dear friend and an outstanding member of the Cedar Bluff Town Council for many years. I'll never forget the several trips we took going to Virginia Municipal League events around the state. She was very intelligent and so modest and friendly. I complimented her on her dedicated care of Dr. McVey in his final years and she replied "well, that's what we signed up for". Rest in peace Mrs. McVey.

James Kenneth McGlothlin - June 29, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ Jerry And Pat Warner lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Jerry and Pat Warner - June 29, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ Norma Jewell Richardson sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Norma Jewell Richardson - June 29, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ Jimmy,

Sending Thoughts and Prayers!!

Cleressa C. Ward - June 29, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ While working on various community projects with Charlotte, I quickly learned that she was truly amazing, and I appreciated her innovative views and can-do attitude. She was a blessing to me and everyone around her. She made me a better person and my area a better place to live. May God bless you as you grieve, yet help you to realize that you had an incredible member in your family. Honor her memory as I do.



Anna Damron - June 29, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Ann McVey



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - June 29, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS TO OUR DYING COMMUNITY !

DAVID HORTON - June 29, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ Dearest Gail, I am so very sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was a very special lady, and all were blessed with her presence. Love, hugs, and prayers, Lynne (Cantrell) Boyd



Mike and Lynne Boyd - June 29, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ Melissa and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your precious mother...sending heartfelt prayers and hugs!

Drema Patton - June 29, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Charlotte's passing. She was a very gracious lady doing many good deeds for her community. Our deepest condolences for her family.

Dairel and Carolyn Bobbitte

Carolyn - June 29, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ The beautiful tribute to Charlotte is so fitting for such an amazing lady. She and her whole family were wonderful friends to me, Mary Lee, Charity and Joy. We are privileged to have known you all.

Terry Hall - July 04, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ This is a little late...Charlotte was at the top of Tank Hill and she was such a caring person to me when I was awkward pre-teen and teen. Such a love. So sorry for your loss. She raised a loving, beautiful family.

Susan - February 10, 2021 at 01:57 PM