



## Martha Adair

December 26, 1937 - July 2, 2005

Martha Jane Vanture Adair departed this life from her home on Saturday, July 2nd, 2005. Born December 26th, 1937, she was the daughter of Minnie Lee Howell Vanture and Victor Charles Vanture. She graduated from Suffolk High School in 1956 and from the Medical College of Virginia, School of Nursing with a Bachelor's Degree in July 1960. In July, 1959, she married Captain Joe Milton Adair of Raven, Virginia who was a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry. They moved to Richlands, Virginia in September 1960, where she resided the rest of her life. She was a member of the Cedar Bluff United Methodist Church joining in 1960 and was active in the United Methodist Church on the local, district and conference levels. She assumed various leadership roles in the life of the Cedar Bluff United Methodist Church and in the last several years of her life, served as church organist and adult Sunday School teacher. She was a charter member of the Richlands Citizens for the Arts, Inc. and an avid supporter of the Southwest Virginia Community College Festival of the Arts. She received the Citizenship Award in recognition of human service given by the Richlands Area Chamber of Commerce in 1992. Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Dr. Joe M. Adair; two daughters, Elizabeth Adair Townsend and husband, the Reverend Bowman Townsend of Austin, Texas and Anne Adair Smith and husband, Jeffrey Craig Smith of Charlottesville, Virginia. Also surviving are her sister, Carolyn Vanture Culpepper and husband, Benjamin Sullie Culpepper of Salisbury, Maryland. Mrs. Adair is also survived by five grandchildren, Jane Adair and Charles

Bowman Townsend of Austin, Texas, James Evan, Joseph Avery, and John Graham Smith of Charlottesville, Virginia. A niece, Carol Jane Mays and nephews, Benjamin Sullie Culpepper, Jr., Victor Charles Culpepper, and Franklin Lee Culpepper also survive. A service of celebration will be held at the Cedar Bluff United Methodist Church, Old Kentucky Turnpike on Thursday, July 7th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. The family will receive friends at this time. In lieu of flowers, if you so desire, you may contribute to the Southwest Virginia Community College Scholarship Program in Nursing at Box SVCC Richlands, Virginia 24641.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Adair*

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January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Martha Adair*

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January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Joe,  
So sorry to learn of your loss and even sorrier that we are not there  
for as you were there for us when mother passed away.  
Joel and Gayle*

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**Joel and Gayle Reedy** - July 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane will be greatly missed. She always had a beautiful smile and  
made everyone feel special no matter who they were. She always  
had time to say "Hello." My sympathy and prayer goes to you-her  
family. may God bless you all.*

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**Ruth Lowe** - July 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Joe Milton, Beth, Anne, Carolyn, Sullie, and all the related inlaw and outlaws!

*Greetings!*

*We celebrate with you the life of Jane Adair, our beloved cousin and friend. Her passing is a great loss to us all, but her life has been such a great blessing. You have known her as wife and mother and grandmother and sister and sister-in-law and mother-in-law. We have known her as "cousin" [as the beloved wife of a tolerable first cousin], and we are enriched by the knowing. Jane's smile, gentle demeanor, Virginia-laced voice, and positive outlook are elements forever locked into our consciousness and therefore part of who we are and what we are. Her heart, like her door, has never known a lock when it came to family and friends. She was beloved by Grandmother Adair and by all of the Claypool, Kentucky, community. She was more daughter than daughter-in-law to Charlie and Alice, and the most wonderful friend and neighbor to all of the family there on the mountain. She was our fellow traveler for a time on this spinning orb and now we must travel on without her. Yet her memory will be our companion forever. There is a Heaven and a loving God and she is there in the inner circle --waiting and smiling.*

*Our love to you all.*

*Joe & Mary Liz*

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**Joe & Mary Liz Adair** - July 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We thank God for the life and witness of Mrs. Adair and our prayers are with Dr. Adair and the rest of the family.

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**Bart, Tara, and Sam Warner** - July 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Dr. Adair and Family,  
Thank you for sharing this lovely lady with us all these years.*

*I didn't know her well but I knew of her "very well" and sometimes  
that says it all.*

*She was a classy lady with the greatest smile.*

*May God Bless You All.*

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**Joan Helton** - July 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *We were all greatly saddened when we heard this news. Our  
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Helen Shinall and Family** - July 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Sorry to see this in paper about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers  
are with you in this time of need.*

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**David and Nathan Robinette** - July 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *"An Angel's Kiss"*

*By: Peggy Bouse*

*We go through life so often,  
not stopping to enjoy the day.  
And we take each one for granted,  
As we travel on our way.  
For in your pain and sorrow,  
An Angel's Kiss will help you through,  
This kiss is very private,  
For it is meant for only you.  
We never stop to measure,  
Anything we just might miss.  
But if the wind should blow by softly,  
You'll feel an Angel's Kiss.  
A kiss that is sent from heaven,  
A kiss from up above.  
A kiss that is very special,  
From someone that you love.  
So when, your hearts are heavy,  
And filled with tears and pain,  
And no one can console you,  
Remember once again...  
About the ones you grieve for,  
Because you sadly miss.  
And the gentle breeze you took for granted,  
Was just an Angel's Kiss.*

*Our sincere sympathy to all the Family. Be Thankful Jane is no longer suffering and is in a much better place...sitting along side of all the precious Angels already there, watching over us. May God wrap you in His arms and His love guide you in the days ahead as you cope with your loss.*

*Our Love and Prayers are with you.*

*"June", Jane Ellen,*

*"Rocky" & Pat and Family*

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**Jane Ellen Horton** - July 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Dear Dr. Adair and family*

*We want to extend our sympathy to you and your family at this time. Please know that we are holding you close in our hearts. Jane was a lovely lady and dedicated Christian. Her witness and service to the United Methodist Church will always be remembered. I particularly recall what a blessing she was to the Tazewell District when I was privileged to serve as its District Superintendent. She leaves a beautiful legacy of faith. Now, may God bless you and give you added strength at this particular time.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Don and Peg Scott*

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**Dr. Don and Peg Scott** - July 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *Dear Joe and Family:*

*It sure is hard to believe that Jane is gone! But at least she no longer has any pain and I know you are glad for that. It's hard to know what to say, especially because we cannot come to the service, but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this time and afterwards.*

*Eleanor & Roy Lee*

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**Eleanor & Roy Lee Garrett** - July 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM