



## Phyllis Lester

December 22, 1945 - April 22, 2008

Phyllis Ann Lester, 62, of Pounding Mill, Virginia passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2008 in a Richlands, Virginia hospital following a lengthy illness. She was born in Whitewood, Virginia and was the daughter of Edith Faye Yates Compton of Grundy, Virginia and the late, A.T. Compton, Jr. She graduated from Whitewood High School with the Class of 1964 and the Roanoke Business College and had attended ETSU. She worked at SVCC and had worked for Island Creek Coal Co., Belk, and First Union Bank. She loved flowers and decorating, and was a member of the Richlands Garden Club. She loved riding bikes and being outdoors and was a loving wife and mother. She had lived most of her life in the area and attended Community Heights Baptist Church. She had fought a 13 year battle with cancer and at the time of her death she was the longest living survivor with her type of cancer. Survivors, in addition to her mother, are Her husband, Paris Lester, Jr. Daughter Laura Spalding of Knoxville, Tennessee Son Dr. Matthew A. Lester and wife, Leslie of Knoxville, Tennessee Brother Ronald Compton and wife, Pat of Compton Mountain, Virginia Half-Brother Archie Compton of Shortts Gap, Virginia Grandchildren Sierra Faith Spalding, Ryan A. Lester, Ashton R. Lester, and Courtney A. Lester A large extended family as well as a host of nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services for Phyllis Lester will be conducted at 1:00pm Friday, April 25, 2008 at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Bill Keele officiating. Entombment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens at Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be

Nephews and Brothers-in-law. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dr. Mario Stefanini, Dr. Howard Scott, Jody Fuller, Buford Yates, Harold Cox, Bill Keele, and Flip Sykes. Friends may call at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia from 6:00pm until 8:00pm Thursday evening. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community Heights Short Term Mission Fund, PO Box 1126, Cedar Bluff, Virginia, 24609 or to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 5th floor, Norwalk, CT 06851

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Lester*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Phyllis Lester*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *TO THE FAMILY OF PHYLLIS:  
Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Phyllis. What a beautiful, sweet, lady!*

*Our prayers are with you.*

*Gerald and Betty McClanahan  
Tazewell, VA*

**Gerald and Betty McClanahan** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paris, Laura, & Matthew  
Richard & I just wanted to tell you how beautiful & touching Phyllis' funeral was today. It was truly a celebration of her life & I think she would have been proud of you three, with the memories you shared with us all. We all know what a trooper she was with her illness as well as what a beautiful, loving, Christian wife & mother she was. I truly hope you continue to allow God to help each of you through this difficult time in the days ahead & to know that all of your friends are praying for each of you & your families. All Our Love, Diana & Richard*

**Richard & Diana Dailey** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Matt and Leslie*  
*I was very sorry to hear about your Mom. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Sumer Taylor-Sargent** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Dear Paris Jr. and family,*

*Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. The memory of her will always be in our hearts.*

*May your heart and soul find peace and comfort.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Love,*

*Meg Curry*

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**Megan Curry** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *I am sorry to here about the loss of your wife. I know that it has been a long battle. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*God Bless You.*

*Love and Prayers*

*Amy Sturgill*

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**Amy Sturgill** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry to here about the loss of you wife. I know that it has been a long battle. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
God Bless You.  
Love and Prayers  
Amy Sturgill

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**Amy Sturgill** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Family,  
We were so very sorry to hear of your loss. Phyllis was such a sweet lady and no one can deny her courage. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May God bless you and comfort you is our prayer.

*In Christ's Love,*

*Marty and Barbara*

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**Marty and Barbara Farmer** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mr. Lester,

*I'm so sorry to hear about your wife. I know that it was a long, hard struggle and I know that you will miss her. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jade Crabtree*

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**Jade Crabtree** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Paris and Laura,

*Sorry for your loss. May God be with you during your time of grief.*

*Tony*

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**Tony Hess** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Paris and family,

*our prayers and thoughts are sent to you this day, wishing there were words of comfort that could take away the pain and sorrow. May you feel God's love and His sustaining arm today and through the tomorrows.*

*Even though not present with you, may the depth of Phyllis' love and strength of character find you when most needed to help you through days ahead.*

*I remember Phyllis calling herself " your lucky charm, your lucky gold piece" as she stood next to you watching you win during one of the family's famous card games. It was the look on her face that I remember so vividly - sheer joy! zeal! fun and laughter of that moment! I consider myself lucky to have been influenced by her love of life and how she fought to hold on to it. Phyllis is a "gold coin" we all will carry in our hearts.*

*Our love and deepest sympathy,  
Dottie and Denny*

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**Denny and Dottie Curry** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Laura, I am thinking of you and your family. I am a phone call away.  
*Love, Janice*

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**Janice McKinley** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I will miss seeing her sweet smile when I am there. She is loved more than she could ever imagine. My aunt is such a huge inspiration to so many of us. I have only known three people in my life to be so strong and to never lose faith and to keep smiling through the entire painful journey. I will think of her often as my personal inspiration as I fight to keep my illness from taking control of my life. I can only pray to have the faith and strength that she had. Never did she sit around and complain and feel sorry for herself as most would. She continued to be a loving wife, mother, and grandmother during her journey. If anything, her family gave her more strength to fight. We had a very nice talk the last time I was there. She came to see me even though she was suffering so bad at that time. I will never forget the gift and love that she gave just by being there. I will miss you so much Aunt Phyllis. With God's blessings, I will see you again one day.  
With all my Love,  
Donna

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Donna Potter - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *To the Lester Family,*

*I am so sorry about Phyllis's passing but I'm sure she did it with a smile-the same smile she always had even when she was not feeling her best.*

*Every time I went to the bank she and I had a "giggly" conversation about our grandchildren. She was always so very nice and sweet to the people she came in contact with and her shining smile will be missed.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Joan Helton*

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**Joan Helton** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Though we only met Ms. Phyllis a few times, we knew how wonderful she was through her son Matt and his family, dear friends. Our hearts are breaking for each them as they grieve the loss of their mother/grandmother. They all gave her their love so unselfishly, unconditionally and was by her side throughout her pain. Each time we saw Ms. Phyllis she was always smiling with such elegance and treated our son with much kindness. Her family loved her dearly and is sure to miss her for years to come. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of them more than usual during this difficult time. May God wrap his love and tender mercies around each of them, bringing them comfort they need.*

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**Angela Creel** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Paris  
Our prayers are with you and your family.

*pete*

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**pete&karen chaney** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Paris & Family,

*Our sincere condolences go out to you on your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant you strength in the coming days and may His word reassure you and bring you comfort that you will see Phyllis again. In Christ love,  
Arlie & Christine*

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**Arlie & Christine (Skeens) Boyd** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Phyllis is one of our dearest friends who we have known since the mid-60's. Her kindness and generosity was a bright spot in our lives. We will miss her, but never lose the memory of our friendship. May she rest in eternal peace.

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**John and Becky Mosolgo** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers.

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**Cathy (Whited) Cordle** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ We know that this is a difficult time for all of you. Our daily thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. May God comfort you during this time and give you peace.

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**Norwood Chiropractic Staff** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ My heartfelt sympathies are extended to Paris and the children on Phyllis's death. You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
I worked with Phyllis at Island Creek Coal Company; Paris was also one of my accounting instructors when I took classes through SwVCC.

*Charlotte Varney*

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**Charlotte Varney** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Laura,  
  
You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Let me know if there's anything you need or anything I can do.

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**Roger Ricker** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM