



Priscilla Altizer Russ

September 20, 1940 - October 22, 2021

Priscilla Altizer Russ, 81, of Richlands, Virginia, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2021, at her home following a fearless battle with cancer.

Pris was born on September 20, 1940, in Raven and was the daughter of the late Claude Taylor and Helen Gillespie Mullen.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Brittain Russ, her former husband, Joseph W. "Joe Bill" Altizer, her sister, Judy Wnoroski and husband David, her brother, Claude T. "Buzz" Mullen, Jr. and her son, Jeffrey W. Altizer.

She is survived by her sons, Joseph W. "Joey" Altizer II and wife Tracy of Roanoke, VA; John W. Altizer and wife Oyuna of Macau, China, and Jeremy W. Altizer of Richlands; grandchildren Kaelie, Hannah, Bobby, Johnny and Priscilla, more of a daughter than a niece, Kimberly Robbins.

Pris began her professional career at Cook Associates CPA Services in Richlands. She transitioned to Household Executive for several years working part time before reentering the workforce at Cumberland Mountain Community Services, where she retired after a fulfilling career. Her colleagues at Cumberland Mountain were a second family to her.

For many years, she baked and decorated cakes for every occasion known to man, which served countless homes in Tazewell County and beyond. She was “Mom” to any friend her boys brought through the door. Known for her sharp wit and honesty, she valued her countless friendships as an invaluable treasure. Her kind heart drove a willingness to sacrifice and help anyone in need as her door was always open.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society (Queen Mother of the Richlands chapter), and the First United Methodist Church of Richlands and served on the Richlands Garden Club and the Planning Commission.

The family would like to thank and honor the dedicated staff of Legacy Hospice and special lifetime friends Peggy and Robin Smith for their amazing care and love.

A memorial service for Pris and her son Jeremey will be held at Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 11:00am at the Richlands First Methodist Church in Richlands, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations be made in Pris’s honor to JDRF or the American Cancer Society.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Pris was one of the most precious friends that I had. She was a special family friend. We enjoyed many shared meals. Many trips and just loved our get togethers. We always had a great time no matter what we did. She baked many cakes, Birthday cakes and Tammy's wedding cakes. Loved being around her. She gave us a beautiful reception on our 30th anniversary. Got to spend some time with her after her diagnosis of cancer, she had a great attitude. We loved her. Many precious memories. Pat and Jerry*

Pat and Jerry Warner - July 14, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - July 14, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ *Priscilla Altizer Russ*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Priscilla Altizer Russ*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Grove Brakefield lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ*



Brenda Grove Brakefield - October 28, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - October 26, 2021 at 08:31 AM

MA

“ *Love and Prayers Sent to All! Peace Be With You! The Addison Family*



Melissa Addison - October 26, 2021 at 04:22 AM



“ *Pris was a gracious, hardworking, and talented woman. The world was a better place with her in it and we'll miss her ready smile and welcoming way. We have such good memories of the family reunion she organized and hosted - she made it look effortless but a lot of thought, planning, and hard work made it happen. Farewell Cuz, may God be with you 'til we meet again. To her family, we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and we are so sorry for your loss.*

John and Linda Gillespie

John-Linda Gillespie - October 25, 2021 at 11:10 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Sneed lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ*



Kathy Sneed - October 25, 2021 at 11:52 AM

JV

“ *So sorry to hear about Pris, she was a beautiful person inside and out. Pris had a wonderful sense of humor and a very strong woman. Keeping her family and friends in our prayers. Harry&Judy VanDyke*



Judy P VanDyke - October 25, 2021 at 11:48 AM

PC

“ Priscilla was a wonderful friend of mine. She definitely had a "God given talent"! Pris, as I knew her, made the most beautiful, countless, birthday cakes for my children growing up and also my daughter's wedding cake. Her talents were beyond awesome. Heaven has gained an angel, that is for sure! Prayers for all her family and friends during this difficult time.

Phyllis Christian

Phyllis Christian - October 25, 2021 at 11:45 AM

PC

“ Phyllis Christian lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ



Phyllis Christian - October 25, 2021 at 11:39 AM

LB

“ Lena Brunk lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ



Lena Brunk - October 25, 2021 at 10:59 AM

CR

“ *Miss Russ was always nice, and was a special member of the woman's red hat and garden club...*



Chris Ryan Rogich - October 25, 2021 at 08:14 AM

BJ

“ *Our sincere condolences to Pris's family. A life long friend of ours. Bill and Naomi Joyce*



Bill and Naomi Joyce - October 24, 2021 at 11:13 PM

DA

“ *Though I only knew Priscilla for a short time, she was fun to be around at the auctions. As a fellow member of the Richlands Garden Club, we will miss her greatly.*

Donna Altizer - October 24, 2021 at 09:41 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mcvey lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ*



Kathy Mcvey - October 24, 2021 at 09:09 PM

PW

“ *Pris and our family go back for as long as I can remember, she was a very special friend to us. We took a day trip with her and we had a wonderful time. Had many meals together. She made some pretty special cakes for our family. Tammy and Pris gave us a wonderful 30th Anniversary Party. Our times with Pris will be cherished memories. Loved her like a sister. We will miss you our sweet friend. Looking forward to seeing you in Heaven. Pat and Jerry Warner*

Pat and Jerry Warner - October 24, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ *Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ*



Carolyn Pyles - October 24, 2021 at 08:52 PM

AP

“ *Sorry to hear about Priss. She was a very special, strong lady ! Know she is in a better place! Alice*



Alice Pyott - October 24, 2021 at 08:20 PM

AM

“ *Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ*



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - October 24, 2021 at 08:02 PM

DM

“ *Priss always remained family to us. I loved her, don't ask if you don't want to know sense of humor. She was sincere, caring, honest, and funny. She will be missed.*



Dana Altizer Moats - October 24, 2021 at 03:31 PM

CH

“ *Carolyn Walk Hess lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ*



Carolyn Walk Hess - October 24, 2021 at 02:08 PM

LN

“ *Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Altizer Russ*



Leroy Nelson - October 24, 2021 at 01:31 PM

AN

“ I'm so very sorry for the loss of Pris. She was a wonderful lady. She will be missed.

Anna - October 24, 2021 at 01:24 PM

MH

“ Pris was a wonderful friend to my mother and she made my wedding cake, which I will never forget. My heart goes out to her loved ones.

Morgan Herbert - October 24, 2021 at 01:21 PM

KC

“ Pris was a great neighbor and a great lady. I can't remember not knowing her. She will truly be missed.

Kristin Crowder - October 24, 2021 at 10:40 AM

KF

“ Pris was a wonderful lady with a wit like to other.
RIP

Kim Haynes Farmer - October 24, 2021 at 09:08 AM

SD

“ She was a Beautiful person...inside and out. Always an uplifting spirit and open arms.

Suzanne Davis Douglas - October 24, 2021 at 09:03 AM