



Velma Conner

June 5, 1948 - February 4, 2021

Velma “Ma” Grove Conner, age 72, native and longtime resident of Richlands, Virginia went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Velma was born on June 5, 1948 in Richlands, Virginia to the late Dennis and Virginia “Gee” Johnson Grove. She was a lifelong resident of the area and was a member of the Richlands First United Methodist Church. Velma was the owner of Adam & Eve clothing store for many years in the Richlands community. She then managed Radio Shack/Big Blue Photo, where she had many “sons” that worked with her. She was the first woman president of the Richlands Chamber of Commerce and the 1995 recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award. She loved her community and the region and was extremely proud to be a native of Richlands. She truly enjoyed working in her flowers and she was a several time recipient of the Richlands Garden Club Beautification Award. Velma had a fiery passion for her family. She loved playing golf, reading a good book, and spoiling her grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Sandy Pruitt.

Those that remain to carry on her spirit include her husband of 46 years, Richard Lee Conner;
Daughter, Tina Whited and husband, Todd of Cedar Bluff, Virginia;
Grandchildren,

Courtney Conner Stringer and husband, Chad, Hayleigh Peyton Whited, and Hayden Brett Whited.

Great Grandchildren, Brady Stringer, Bree Stringer, and soon to be born great grandchild, Conner Bret Stringer.

Beloved Dog, Bella Leigh;

Sisters,

Patricia Rickey of Richmond, Virginia and Brenda Brakefield of Pounding Mill, Virginia;

Brother, Ronnie Grove and wife, Judy of Richlands, Virginia;

“Adopted son”, Jim Tatum of Lebanon, Virginia;

Special friend, Lexi Phillips of Castlewood, Virginia;

She is also survived by many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family would like to extend a sincere gratitude of appreciation to Richlands Home Care and Legacy Hospice.

Funeral services for Velma Grove Conner will be conducted at 2 PM on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia with Reverend Rick Blevins officiating. Entombment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be John Willis, Darrell Harman, Chad Barnette, Dustin Edwards, Aaron Bostic, and Ethan Phipps. The family will receive friends from noon on Sunday until the time of the service. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy may do so online at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Velma Conner*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Velma Conner*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Velma was always youthful and uplifting and generous in her kindness to others. For as long as I knew her, her life was a love story. She loved the Lord, loved friends and strangers, loved her work and her community, and especially loved her life partner and husband Richard and their family. She will be remembered for all that and much more.*

james carmody - April 08, 2021 at 12:16 AM



“ *To the family of Velma Conner,
Thoughts and Prayers go out to you in the passing of your loved one! Even in high school she always had a smile. May God Bless and comfort you in your bereavement!
Helen Vencill Custalow, Jerry Vencill and David Ascue*

Helen Vencill Custalow - February 18, 2021 at 01:46 PM

JT

“ *Velma was an asset to her community and everyone who knew her. Her smile and caring acts were always visible. Prayers for the comfort and peace of her family. Jane Thornhill*



Jane Thornhill - February 14, 2021 at 08:44 AM

DM

“ *Tina, I am so very sorry. Your mom was a sweetheart and always in a good mood. Every time I went to Adam and Eve to shop, I was in there at least an hour just laughing with Velma* ❤️

Dana Altizer Moats - February 10, 2021 at 12:05 AM

MB

“ *She was always so kind, caring and helpful, to our family and the community. She will be missed by many. Prayers to the family for comfort during this time of loss.*



Marian & John Berry - February 08, 2021 at 10:17 AM

DA

“ *I wish she had it easier ; tough way to live when it is hard to breath . so, so sorry , Velma and Richard ! condolences to the family ,and the great reunion in heaven will be wonderful !*



David - February 08, 2021 at 12:06 AM

BC

“ *hope she made heaven her home !*



Butch Cassidy - February 07, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - February 07, 2021 at 02:52 PM

KS

“ *Katrina Saxton lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Katrina Saxton - February 07, 2021 at 02:10 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte, Sam & Family And Anita Short lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Charlotte, Sam & Family and Anita Short - February 07, 2021 at 01:03 PM

RM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Rod and Linda Moore*

Rod Moore - February 06, 2021 at 10:21 PM

LS

“ *Always so sweet*



Linda Stump - February 06, 2021 at 08:25 PM

SS

“ *I was sorry to hear of Velma's passing. Knew her all through school in Richlands. May your many memories give you comfort during this difficult time. Prayers for her family.*

Sandra L.

Sandra Scull - February 06, 2021 at 07:22 PM

AW

So thankful for having known this vibrant, beautiful woman whose smile lit up the room. So sorry for the enormous void all of you feel with her passing. Prayers of comfort for each of you. Alita

Alita Whited - February 07, 2021 at 12:54 PM

JK

Prayers for the family

Jimmy Keene - February 07, 2021 at 04:37 PM

JK

Prayers for the family.

Jimmy Keene - February 07, 2021 at 04:38 PM

PG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Loved to shop at Adam & Eve. Great memorise. Prayers are with you all. 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏

Pat and Jr. Gross - February 06, 2021 at 05:10 PM

KS

“ Prayers for the family...



kelly stanley - February 06, 2021 at 05:08 PM

JR

“ Richard and Tina, Pat and Brenda and the rest of the family, We are so, so sorry to hear this. What a wonderful person she was, always laughing. Hugs and prayers to you all.

James & Roberta Ringstaff - February 06, 2021 at 04:22 PM

CL

“ Velma was a friend of me and my sister. I knew her from school then the areas where she worked. So many blessings to the family she will be sadly missed by her community and friends. Her friend Carol Lester

carol lester - February 06, 2021 at 04:12 PM

RR

“ *Velma always was a ray of sunshine. Her loving, giving personality will be remembered and cherished. Sending prayers to Richard and the entire family. Retha and Emory Robinette*



Retha Robinette - February 06, 2021 at 02:37 PM

SS

“ *Tina and Courtney, so sorry to hear of "MA'S" passing. You all will be in my thoughts through out these days to come. I loved coming to your house and bringing Justin and Jeremy when they were little. Your mom was a beautiful lady inside and out. I know she will be deeply missed.* 🙏🙏

Sandra Salyers - February 06, 2021 at 01:57 PM

DS

“ *Ma was a bright light, always smiling and so kind! I'm so blessed to have known her. Much love, and thoughts and prayers for the family.*

Deb Sproles - February 06, 2021 at 01:01 PM

RW

“ *Velma was so special to me -- I am a much better person because of her. she brought so much love to everyone*

Rickie H. Welch - February 06, 2021 at 10:47 AM

AH

“ Tina, Richard and family, Velma was a very special person in my life. Her smile, warm hugs, and sound advice will stay with me forever. She was an influential person in my life for as long as I can remember and I feel so blessed to have known her, love her and been loved by her. Her loss is heaven's gain! If there is anything you need I am only a phone call away and you will be in my constant prayers!!! Love, Alex Hamilton

Alexandra Hamilton - February 06, 2021 at 10:25 AM

PV

“ Pete & Frances Vance lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner



Pete & Frances Vance - February 06, 2021 at 09:59 AM

SB

“ Shirley Buskill lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner



shirley buskill - February 06, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Velma Conner.



February 06, 2021 at 09:18 AM

NH

“ *Velma was always ready with a big beautiful smile to greet her friends. I loved her that is all I can say. Rest In Peace my friend*



Neal & Debbie Hunsaker - February 06, 2021 at 08:42 AM

RA

“ *Velma was such a special lady. She had a fiery spirit and if you were lucky enough to be loved by her, she loved unconditionally. I truly adored her from the first moment we spoke. She took me in to her life and made me feel like one of her own. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rhonda Anderson - February 06, 2021 at 08:33 AM

JB

“ *Richard and family, so sorry to read this. Velma was a precious loving sweet lady. I got to know her and Richard when she came to Cardiac Rehab. There were days she had it rough, but she gave it her best. We had lots of laughs while she was there, she had that way about her. RIP my friend, you're free from all the suffering and you can breathe without oxygen now. So thankful I got to know you.*



Janet Baldwin - February 06, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ *Susan Ball lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Susan Ball - February 06, 2021 at 08:15 AM

DP

Velma was a special person in our life. She will always be one our Special Friends from our time at Tazewell CCC. She will be missed. Prayers and love to Richard and Family. Dana and Dianne Perry

Dianne Perry - February 06, 2021 at 02:48 PM

KD

“ *Karen S Deel lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Karen S Deel - February 06, 2021 at 03:42 AM

KF

“ *Kim Farmer lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Kim Farmer - February 05, 2021 at 10:56 PM

VN

“ Vicki Stumpp Nuckels sent a virtual gift in memory of Velma Conner



Vicki Stumpp Nuckels - February 05, 2021 at 10:03 PM

AP

“ Velma was a wonderful, giving person, always the same. A beautiful smile and loving heart. Prayers of comfort for all her family. Alice and Jack Pyott



Alice/Jack Pyott - February 05, 2021 at 09:46 PM

CL

“ Charlie And Donna Little lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner



Charlie and Donna Little - February 05, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner



Carolyn Pyles - February 05, 2021 at 08:41 PM

AH

“ *Angela Hicks lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Angela Hicks - February 05, 2021 at 08:30 PM

JV

“ *Was saddened to hear of Velma’s passing, she was such a classy lady! Her radiant smile and personality were her trademarks. Keeping each of you in my thoughts and prayers. Asking God to comfort your hearts now and in the days ahead. Much love and tight hugs! Judy Peak VanDyke & Family*



Judy P VanDyke - February 05, 2021 at 08:01 PM

VH

“ *Virginia Hart lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Virginia Hart - February 05, 2021 at 08:01 PM

JW

“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Judy West - February 05, 2021 at 07:48 PM

KH

“ Karen Joyce Hale lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner



Karen Joyce Hale - February 05, 2021 at 07:44 PM

NR

“ Norma Jewell Richardson sent a virtual gift in memory of Velma Conner



Norma Jewell Richardson - February 05, 2021 at 07:09 PM

DA

“ Velma always rembered my name. She was one of the few local pioneers that opened a store in the then new Claypool Hill Mall in the early 1980's. Like myself and my family had done. She always had a smile with lots of energy behind her efforts. Prayers for the family. One classy lady that will be greatly missed.

Donna Altizer - February 05, 2021 at 06:49 PM

DH

“ DAVID C. HORTON lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner



DAVID C. HORTON - February 05, 2021 at 06:30 PM

RF

“ *A very gracious and caring lady. The times we spent with her will always be remembered and every time you saw her, a kind word always followed. A special place in heaven waits for Maw! Jack & Robin Frost*

robin frost - February 05, 2021 at 05:31 PM

BH

“ *Beth Elkins Hill lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Beth Elkins Hill - February 05, 2021 at 05:31 PM

EH

“ *Sincere condolences to the family.*



EVELYN HESS - February 05, 2021 at 05:26 PM

LN

“ *Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Leroy Nelson - February 05, 2021 at 04:53 PM

PS

“ *Pat Cooley Shamblin sent a virtual gift in memory of Velma Conner*



Pat Cooley Shamblin - February 05, 2021 at 04:40 PM

CC

So sorry to hear of Velma's passing. She was a dear sweet lady whom I am glad to have gotten to know many years ago. My prayers are with you all.

Cynthia coleman - February 05, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Velma Conner.*



February 05, 2021 at 04:23 PM

DG

“ *My heart is breaking. Velma was a special lady so full of love and compassion. I treasure our friendship. I have so many special memories. I pray that God will comfort this special family. Love and hugs to all.*

Debbie Grady - February 05, 2021 at 04:19 PM

LD

“ My Heart is broken for this Beautiful family,I remember the first time i ever me this beautiful lady in Richlands she was so kind and sweet to our family,through the years we were there she always had such a beautiful smile on her face,I remember the last time i saw her there was on a Friday night at one of the Richlands Ball Games,once again there was that Big Smile ,we hugged each other talked about our kids and Grandkids,she was so Proud of her Family and Loved you so much,even in the mist of all Her Pain know she is walking the Streets of Gold today,she is not sick any more,and she will ALWAYS hold a Special Place in my heart,FLY HIGH PRECIOUS LADY,see you on the other side,Love and Prayers , Lisa Charles Defur.

Lisa Defur - February 05, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Velma Conner.



February 05, 2021 at 04:07 PM

DB

“ Delores Boyd lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner



Delores Boyd - February 05, 2021 at 04:05 PM

EJ

“ *Emily Jessee Jennings lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Emily Jessee Jennings - February 05, 2021 at 04:01 PM

TL

“ *Terri Lester lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Terri Lester - February 05, 2021 at 03:51 PM

JS

“ *Jackie Smith lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Jackie Smith - February 05, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Velma Conner.*



February 05, 2021 at 03:46 PM

TR

“ Our deepest heart felt sympathies to our Hayleigh and her family! May God grant you comfort and peace in the coming days! Velma was a class act lady with a smile that could light up any room she entered! I see that same trait in Hayleigh!



Terry & Bobbie Ray - February 05, 2021 at 03:28 PM

JL

“ Jeanette Lucas lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner



Jeanette Lucas - February 05, 2021 at 03:06 PM

AD

“ Velma was a special lady, and I greatly admired her. She always had a warm smile for everyone and had a sparkling personality. My prayers are with the family; may God bless each of you.

Anna Damron - February 05, 2021 at 02:59 PM

RH

“ Prayers for the family.



Rocky&Pat Horton - February 05, 2021 at 02:22 PM

CR

“ *Many memories of velma but only great kind hearted ones....going too miss you velma...*



Christopher Ryan Rogich - February 05, 2021 at 02:15 PM

WR

“ *Wendy Joyce Reedy lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Wendy Joyce Reedy - February 05, 2021 at 02:06 PM

JE

“ *We are deeply saddened by Velma's passing. She was such a positive, cheerful friend. Hugs and prayers for the family as you deal with your loss.*

Judith Edgell - February 05, 2021 at 01:55 PM

AM

“ *Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - February 05, 2021 at 01:35 PM

TM

“ *Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - February 05, 2021 at 01:29 PM

PC

“ *my heart is broken.i love this lady.she was such an angel,one whom god decided was time to take back home with him.to all the family may god wrap his arms around all of you and give you comfort and peace as only he can do in the up comming days,weeks months and years to come.hold all your memories close to your heart and know that she is in a better place than we are.love all of you.*

peggy m cordill - February 05, 2021 at 01:16 PM

JH

“ *Joyce Haynes lit a candle in memory of Velma Conner*



Joyce Haynes - February 05, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Velma Conner.*



February 05, 2021 at 11:33 AM