



Diane Little Apple

July 19, 1949 - February 23, 2025

Diane Little Apple, 75, of 1183 Ashton Court, Goode died Sunday, February 23, 2025 at Runk and Pratt surrounded by her family. She was the wife of the late Barry Anderson Apple.

She was born July 19, 1949 in Lynchburg, a daughter of Edna Morris Little of Evington and the late Horace Eldridge Little. Diane's vibrant spirit touched every life she encountered. A retired sales associate with Toys-R-Us, she found joy in gardening, beach days, and even exploring the digital world on her iPad. Above all, she was an amazing grandmother who filled every moment with love and laughter.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by one son, Mark A. Apple and his wife, Aprille of Richlands, NC; two daughters, Tricia McKeever and her husband, Tim of Midlothian and Kristen Gaines and her husband, Michael of Colonial Heights; two brothers, Philip Little and his wife, Carolyn of Altavista and Henry Little and his wife, Kathy of Evington; three sisters, Doris Shortridge of Evington, Joanie O'Neil and her husband, David of Lynchburg and Becky Williams and her husband, Rod of Powatan; ten grandchildren, Brandon, Caitlyn, Sarah, Stephanie, Victoria, Josh, Thomas, Laura, Ian and Mia; three-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Roger Little; and one brother-in-law, Ricky Shortridge.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Diane Little Apple*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - March 07, 2025 at 09:30 AM

RH

“ *I have so many great memories of growing up close to Diane and the whole Little family....we rode the school bus together as well so we got to see a lot of each other..she was very special and I am so sorry to hear of her passing...I had not seen Diane for several years but got to visit with her at her mom's birthday party in September...we sat on the front porch in the rocking chairs and got to catch up with each other...so happy I had that time with her... sending love and prayers to all of her family....*

Rita Hall - March 07, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Diane Little Apple.*



March 04, 2025 at 10:55 AM

CA

“ Christine Askin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Diane Little Apple.



Christine Askin - March 04, 2025 at 08:26 AM

CA

“ Christine Askin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Little Apple.

Christine Askin - March 04, 2025 at 08:26 AM

LX

“ Love, Pascal, Angie, Nick & Xavier purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Diane Little Apple.



Love, Pascal, Angie, Nick & Xavier - February 27, 2025 at 11:57 PM

DF

“ The first I met her she welcomed me with a smile and laughter .
I am sorry to hear of her passing. Keeping you all lifted in prayers.



Dianne Fifer - February 27, 2025 at 03:02 PM

HA

“ Before the storms can clear, the rain must fall. I'm only the next door neighbor, but peeking outside my living room window to check on the weather is part of my morning routine. It wasn't just the weather I was checking on, but how are the Apples today? Is Mr. Apple checking the mail? Is Diane gardening? Are they both working as a team to cut the grass? Oh no, Mr. Apple left the passenger door open to Mrs. Apples car, I'll check back to see if they close it- nope, I guess I will. The Apples were a part of my daily routine, even if we didn't communicate for weeks (or months) due to freezing temperatures or bad weather. However, in the spring, but especially the summer, there was always a little time to catch up. The summer was Mrs. Apple's season! She loved being outside! My kids enjoyed ringing their doorbell, and sitting on their front porch with them. Mrs. Apple was always welcoming, smiling, laughing, and just a light of positivity. I enjoyed chatting with her and hearing about her mom, kids, grandkids, and hearing about their next beach trip. Early on in meeting Mrs. Apple, I got a peek into her personality when she allowed my kids to pick her flowers! What gardener allows children to pick their hard work? Mrs. Apple, that's who. The Apples were just great neighbors to have, and instead of yelling, "Get off my lawn" to these neighborhood kids, they both encouraged them to spread out from our .76 acres to theirs, combining roaming territory to 1.5 acres. I am grateful for their openness with my family, and being apart of helping my children grow. It has been a true honor and privilege to be neighbors, and the summer sun on the back deck will surely miss Dianne soaking it up.

My heart, prayers, and love go out to her family. The heaviness that has been raining upon you all is hard to imagine. Each of you are on your own grief journey, but your wounds wouldn't be so big if you hadn't loved and been loved.

With love and condolences from our family to yours,
Heather Abe





Heather Abe - February 26, 2025 at 08:45 PM

JS

“ we were so sorry to hear about Diane she was a real sweet lady she always was smiling. you all are in our thoughts and prayers.. R.I.P James Bane , Shelia



James Bane, Shelia - February 26, 2025 at 08:37 PM

DR

“ Sending my deepest condolences and lots of love.



Donna Roberts - February 26, 2025 at 08:27 PM