



Shirley Winston Vassar

September 25, 1931 - April 19, 2013

Shirley Winston Vassar, 81, formerly of Lynchburg, passed away on Friday, April 19, 2013, at Warm Hearth Kroontje Center in Blacksburg, VA. She was the wife of the late E. Burleigh Vassar.

She was born September 25, 1931 in Campbell County, the daughter of the late Florence Holland Winston and Thomas Edward Winston, Sr. Shirley as a child attended Lambs United Methodist Church and later became a faithful and active member of Kedron Baptist Church and was a retired employee of General Electric.

Shirley fought a courageous battle with Alzheimer's and we know her mind and body are once again whole.

She is survived by a son, Roger Allen Vassar and wife Margie of Gladys; two daughters, Marilyn V. Jenkins and husband Tom of Christiansburg, and Cheryl V. Claybrook and husband Mike of Gladys; five grandchildren, Chris Jenkins (Jaymi), Brian Neighbors (Lauren), Alicia Fannon (Larry), Brittany and Ashley Claybrook; six great grandchildren, Kaydee, William and Hank Fannon, Evan and Eden Neighbors, and Abby Jenkins; one brother, William "Bill" Winston and wife Lucile of Altavista; and sister-in-law, Dell C. Winston of Bennettsville, South Carolina.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Roger Allen Vassar, II and a brother, Thomas Edward Winston, Jr.

A funeral service will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 21, 2013 at Kedron Baptist Church by the Rev. Brian Reynolds with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive their friends from 6-8:00 p.m. on Saturday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys and other times at the residence of Cheryl and Mike Claybrook, 316 Ivy Knoll Drive, Gladys.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider The Alzheimer's Association, 1160 Pepsi Place, Suite 306, Central and Western Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or Kedron Baptist Church, c/o Guatemala Mission Trip, P.O. Box 38, Gladys, VA 24554.

The family wishes to give thanks to the wonderful care she received first from her caregivers at home and then at Warm Hearth Kroontje and the Hospice Agencies in Southwest Virginia.

Cemetery Details

Kedron Baptist Church Cemetery

7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Gladys
124 Flynn St.
Gladys, VA 24554

Funeral Service

APR **21**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Kedron Baptist Church
7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Roger, Marilyn, Cheryl, and Families,
Thinking of you and remembering your Mom as a kind, sweet lady
with a great smile and laugh. Know she is happy in Jesus' arms with
Burleigh beside her!
Tank and Scottie Moyer

Scottie Moyer - April 20, 2013 at 05:13 PM

SM

“ Roger, Marilyn, Cheryl and families,
I have fond memories of time spent with you, Burleigh, and Shirley.
She was a kind, beautiful, and loving lady who always had a pretty
smile and sweet laugh. She is resting in Jesus' arms and spending
time with Burleigh.
Love to you,
Tank and Scottie Moyer

Scottie Moyer - April 20, 2013 at 04:42 PM

DI

“ Dianne Irby lit a candle in memory of Shirley
Winston Vassar



Dianne Irby - April 20, 2013 at 04:24 PM

AH

“ Ted and I are so sorry to learn of Shirley's passing. Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to each of you. Shirley was always such a light in the lives of everyone who knew her. We fondly remember her from our Gladys days.

Ted and Ann Hunt

Ann Hunt - April 20, 2013 at 04:03 PM

JC

“ Roger, Marilyn, and Cheryl, I am so sorry for the passing of your mother. It was great getting to see her at her birthday party, and remembering all the times at Kedron.

Joan Carwile

Joan Carwile - April 20, 2013 at 09:39 AM

DB

“ Roger Allen, Marilyn & Cheryl,
I was so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I have such wonderful memories of her as we all grew up together. We had such fun times at your home. My thoughts are with you. Deborah Nash Burman

Deborah Burman - April 19, 2013 at 10:05 PM



“ Ashley King lit a candle in memory of Shirley Winston Vassar



Ashley King - April 19, 2013 at 09:52 PM

GD

“ *Glenn And Phyllis Dalton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Winston Vassar*



Glenn and Phyllis Dalton - April 19, 2013 at 04:38 PM

TC

“ *Many thoughts and prayers sent to Marilyn Jenkins and her family. Love, Tammy*

Tammy Chinault - April 19, 2013 at 12:22 PM

CH

“ *Connie Payne Hall lit a candle in memory of Shirley Winston Vassar*



Connie Payne Hall - April 19, 2013 at 10:25 AM