



Amy Denay Stanford

May 16, 1981 - September 21, 2025

Amy Denay Stanford danced into this world on May 16, 1981, the night of her sister's first dance recital. She brought sparkle and shine and color and her own artistic and creative talents to the world of her parents Carolyn Miller Stanford and Richard Titus Stanford and her sister Erika Suzanne Perdue.

Amy had so many interests. She loved dance, Virginia Tech Football, the beach, puzzles and all kinds of music but especially The New Kids on The Block. She was loved by all who knew her for being sweet, kind, caring, humble, and having a funny dry sense of humor.

She was a 2003 graduate of Virginia Tech and received her master's degree from Radford University in 2006. She has been the Graduate Coordinator and Department Manager for the Department of Economics since 2007.

On September 21, 2025, the Lord called his good and faithful servant home to heaven where she was reunited with her father, grandparents, Pete and Faye Miller and John and Helen Stanford, her aunt Sharon Priest, uncles John Stanford and Larry Oglesby, and cousin, Lori Stanford. Left here on Earth to cherish Amy's memory are her mother, Carolyn, sister Erika, uncles Wayne Miller, John Miller (Donna), Glenn Miller (Debbie), Edward Stanford (Gloria), aunts Bonnie Caudle (Melvin), Susan Oglesby, and Jan Stanford and her numerous cousins, and her many friends.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, September 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in. the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Buford Linkous officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00- 2:00 p.m. before the service. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

CL

“ Carolyn and Erika, I just learned of Amy's passing. I'm so very sorry for your lose of this wonderful daughter and sister. We always had a great time when we got together. Please know I will be praying for your family.

Connie Lowe

Connie Lowe - September 28, 2025 at 01:27 PM

KE

“ Amy Stanford will be missed by many, who had a beautiful soul. She made significant contributions to Virginia Tech and the College of Science Staff Association (COSSA). We enjoyed her wonderful sense of humor and her warm smile. Wishing comfort and peace to her family and friends during this time of sorrow. Physics Department



Katrina Lockhart Elfeky - September 26, 2025 at 09:57 AM

CS

Amy and I went to school together from elementary school through high school. We did softball and Girl Scouts together. She was a very sweet, kind soul that will be deeply missed. I will always remember the Girl Scout camping trips that her Dad did with us (what a brave soul) and all of the memories. RIP Amy, I know you and your Dad have reunited in heaven.

Carrie SONGER - September 26, 2025 at 01:31 PM

SC

“ Wishing you comfort and peace in this time of sorrow. Amy was a ray of sunshine. She will be truly missed. Sherri-Physics

Sherri D Collins - September 26, 2025 at 09:35 AM

SH

“ Amy will be missed by many! I will never forget her beautiful smile, contagious laugh, and the kindness she showed everyone.

Susan Haymore - September 26, 2025 at 08:36 AM

CF

“ Your family, friends, and colleagues will truly miss you. Amy was a faithful officer of the College of Science Staff Association for many years. I am proud to have worked with her over the years on many events and projects. She was a super help to me over the years as the department Business Manager. Sincerely, Carolyn Furrow

Carolyn Furrow - September 25, 2025 at 03:11 PM

AH

“ Ali Habibnia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Amy Denay Stanford.



Ali Habibnia - September 25, 2025 at 01:08 AM

MY

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to you Carolyn, Erika and family. I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Amy. Always so sweet and thoughtful, she will be missed for sure.

Mychal - September 24, 2025 at 11:44 PM

GE

“ *Grad Students, Department of Economics purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Amy Denay Stanford.*



Grad Students, Department of Economics - September 24, 2025 at 11:13 PM

JW

“ *I will always remember stopping to see Amy and Erika in the Christiansburg/Blacksburg area several times when I was driving from New Jersey to Tennessee to visit my parents. One of my favorite memories was bringing my new son, Harrison, to meet them for the first time at the Burger King in town. That became our little tradition, stopping to spend an hour or so together on my trips. Later, when I had my twin daughters, we kept it going. It meant so much to me to watch my kids spend time with my cousins, even though we lived so far apart. We carried on that tradition at their new house too, and my kids still laugh about visiting Amy, Erika, and Carolyn and their lively dog.*

Another memory that I will always hold close is from when we were kids, driving in the car with Amy sitting between Susan (my older sister) and me. We played a silly game we called “hands.” Since Amy was in the middle, Susan and I got to use her hands as our own, and our hands became hers. Amy decided she never wanted to sit in the middle of us EVER again, and we laughed about that memory together for years. It is one of those simple moments that has always stayed with me.

I am going to miss Amy so much. - You were taken way too early, and I will miss you dearly. Rest in peace, dear cousin. ~ Love always, Julia

Julia Wallace - September 24, 2025 at 09:30 PM

GB

“ Glenn, Debbie & Bryan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Amy Denay Stanford.



Glenn, Debbie & Bryan - September 24, 2025 at 05:22 PM

FA

“ From Rick Ashley purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Amy Denay Stanford.



From Rick Ashley - September 24, 2025 at 03:19 PM

VE

“ Virginia Tech Department of Economics purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Amy Denay Stanford.



Virginia Tech Department of Economics - September 24, 2025 at 03:09 PM

RA

“ Carolyn and Erika, I am missing Amy's warm presence and dry humor in my life every day. Please know that her kind, calm presence touched many hundreds of people -- faculty and students alike -- in the years of devoted service she offered up here. I will never forget her: she will always occupy a cozy little spot in my heart.

Richard A Ashley - September 24, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *My Dearest Erika and Carolyn, and all who loved our Amy,*

t's hard to find the right words when a heart as vibrant as Amy's leaves us so suddenly. She was, to so many of us, a constant source of light and a true pillar of strength.

I remember Amy not just for what she did, but for how she did everything. Whether it was navigating a complex work challenge, lending an ear to a friend in need, or simply sharing a moment of laughter, she approached life with an unparalleled blend of wisdom, warmth, and unwavering kindness. She had this incredible ability to make everyone around her feel seen, heard, and valued. You always knew where you stood with Amy – in a place of genuine care and support.

She was the person you could always count on, the steady presence in a turbulent world. Her spirit was one of generosity, not just with her time and expertise, but with her boundless empathy. She built connections effortlessly, creating a community around her where everyone felt like family.

Amy left an indelible mark on all our lives. Her memory is a treasure chest filled with moments of quiet strength, infectious joy, and profound compassion. Though our hearts ache with her absence, her beautiful spirit will continue to inspire us, reminding us to be a little kinder, a little more supportive, and to cherish every connection, just as she did.

She will be profoundly missed, but never, ever forgotten.

Gebre Gebremariam

Gebre Gebremariam - September 24, 2025 at 02:12 PM

BW

“ Amy's smile and infectious laughter will be missed, but not forgotten. I will miss our conversations about our time as Comm majors at VT (even though we didn't know each other then), and of course our mutual love for NKOTB! Amy was the heart of our staff association, making sure that everyone felt included at our events and that the service and accomplishments of her fellow staff members were celebrated accordingly. My thoughts go out to Erika and all of Amy's family, friends, and coworkers.

Betty Wilkins - September 24, 2025 at 12:46 PM

TG

“ I am so sad hearing about Amy's passing. I helped backstage in her dance recitals starting when she was a little girl, and then attended adult dance classes with her years later. I also worked in her building doing the same type of job. We shared students in both our programs and it was always great to visit with her when I got the chance. Her light was dimmed way too soon. She was a kind and thoughtful person. I will miss her.

Terry Goodson

Terry Goodson - September 24, 2025 at 12:36 PM

AR

“ Amy was such a good person and coworker. She was kind, hardworking, and diligent. I will miss her friendliness, her laugh, and her caring. I can't imagine what you all are going through. You have and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Amy is a beautiful lady who will be missed. 💔

Amber Robinson

Amber Robinson - September 24, 2025 at 11:52 AM

FF

“ From Dr. Gebre Gebremariam and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amy Denay Stanford.

From Dr. Gebre Gebremariam and Family - September 24, 2025 at 11:51 AM

FF

“ From Dr. Gebre Gebremariam and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Amy Denay Stanford.



From Dr. Gebre Gebremariam and Family - September 24, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Amy Denay Stanford.

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September 23, 2025 at 08:52 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Amy Denay Stanford.



September 23, 2025 at 08:52 PM

JS

“ So very sorry to hear of Amy's passing. I enjoyed working with her when I was in the COS Dean's Office. She was a hard worker and a joy to work with.
Janet Sanders

Janet Sanders - September 23, 2025 at 08:51 PM

JF

“ Jodi Skurupey Summers and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Amy Denay Stanford.



Jodi Skurupey Summers and Family - September 23, 2025 at 07:58 PM

JF

“ Jodi Skurupey Summers and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amy Denay Stanford.

Jodi Skurupey Summers and Family - September 23, 2025 at 07:58 PM

AT

“ Advising Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Amy Denay Stanford.



Advising Team - September 23, 2025 at 07:10 PM

AT

“ *Advising Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amy Denay Stanford.*

Advising Team - September 23, 2025 at 07:10 PM

JS

“ *Amy is forever in my heart. We had a sweet little Elvis memorabilia bond. We also had a Duke/VT rivalry, which generated a fun back and forth banter... I'm sure Lori and Amy will continue the Stanford "GO Duke - GO Hookies" banter in heaven, with John and Richard joining in... I will always miss them! Prayers for comfort to Carolyn and Erika. Loss brings grief, grief brings pain, but the love and memories that remain, will one day bring peace... I love you both!!*

Jan Stanford - September 23, 2025 at 02:43 PM

CE

“ *Carolyn and family, I am deeply sorry to hear about Amy. I am heartbroken for you and the family. May God surround his loving arms around each of you during this very difficult time. May God walk with you today, tomorrow and the days ahead during this difficult journey. God Bless each of you. Much love and heartfelt prayers.*

Charlotte Epperley - September 23, 2025 at 01:57 PM

GK

“ *Dear Carolyn, So sorry to learn of Amy's death. I'm wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

Gail Kregloe

Gail Kregloe - September 23, 2025 at 12:55 PM