



April Rene Meadows

June 29, 1978 - May 10, 2021

April Rene Meadows, age 42, of Christiansburg, passed away peacefully on May 10, 2021, and is rejoicing in Heaven.^{[L]_{SEP}} She was born in Radford, Virginia, on June 29, 1978 to Bruce and Anita Meadows of Christiansburg (previously of Blacksburg).

April was universally loved by everyone who knew her, as a person that was the epitome of friendliness and sweetness with a little spunk mixed in, and a whole lot of stubbornness at times. She kept everyone entertained throughout her younger years with her unintentional pranks and innocent actions (once she ate a Christmas bulb...). She was beloved by her teachers as she went through school, and graduated from Blacksburg High School in 2000. She was always very social with friends and family, and her favorite activities included family dinners, birthdays, baby showers, weddings (for the cake!), and dressing up for Halloween parties. She especially enjoyed playing football and having sleepovers with her nieces and nephews. April loved her time with her VT buddies, and IDA leisure activities such as bowling, swimming, cheerleading, cooking and craft classes, and letting loose at the dances. She loved participating in Special Olympics track and field events, where she won plenty of ribbons over the years, including for her 13-inch standing long jump. For the past 22 years April worked at Hardee's for several hours per month as what her family affectionately termed a "lobby specialist," loved her free cheeseburger meals, and got several awards for being a dedicated employee. At home she spent time watching her favorite T.V. shows and movies like "I

Love Lucy” and “Wizard of Oz”, listening to Elvis or the Inspirations, as well as copying Bible verses, doing workbooks, and practicing the electric guitar. She did regular cooking and crafts including holiday ornaments, making cookies and cheesecakes, dying Easter eggs, and tie-dying clothing for the entire family. April rooted for the Dallas Cowboys and the VT Hokies football team, except when they played UVA, when she rooted for both teams because UVA was “her hospital.” She loved God and was very involved in church activities including choir and Sunday night class; she talked often about her preachers (Pastor Mike and Preacher Dewey), and her favorite verse was...the whole Bible! April collected dolls, stuffed animals, I Love Lucy and Coke items, and anything purple. She traveled happily to Dollywood to ride roller coasters and to the beach for the ocean and hot tubbing. Her humor, hugs, and smile will be greatly missed by the whole family and all of her friends.

April is survived by her parents, grandparents Mary (Bill) Powell of Goose Creek, South Carolina; brothers and sisters-in-law Aaron (Koren) Meadows and Kevin (Emily) Meadows all of Christiansburg; sister and brother-in-law Katie (Jordan) McCoy of Christiansburg, sister Rebekah Meadows of Lynchburg; nephews and nieces Riley, Alaina, Audrey, and Ethan Meadows, Fletcher McCoy, and baby McCoy, all of Christiansburg; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; special friends Virginia Mosely, Katie Lemmon, and Melissa Starner; and Willow the cat.

She is predeceased by her grandparents, Oscar (Annabelle) Meadows of Dublin and Johnny (Betty) Mills of Newnan, Georgia; several friends, and numerous fondly remembered pets.

Visitation will be held via a Facebook memorial page:

<https://www.facebook.com/In-Memory-of-April-Rene-Lucy-Meadows-100288755582974>

There will be a private family graveside service at Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg. Funeral services are provided by McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to: Intellectual

Disabilities Agency of the New River Valley P.O. Box 42, Christiansburg,
24068 This is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. www.idaofthenrv.org

The family would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses, and staff from Lewis-Gale Montgomery Regional Hospital that took such great care of April during her illness. Thanks also go to her Hardee's family, all of her MCPS teachers and helpers over the years, the wonderful medical staff at UVA hospital, and also the IDA of NRV for all the friends, good times, and recreational activities that kept her fit and entertained. And a special thank-you to Riley for the Sprites.

Proverbs 18:34: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." One of April's famous quotes: "I'm not tired, I'm happy!"

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Anita and Bruce. I just wrote to you a few minutes ago, then I watched the video of Anita's life. I was beautiful with the music. It made me cry because when my son David died at age 14, I had the song 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' sang at his funeral. I just want to reach out to you and let you know there is a light at the end of that rainbow. The messages about your daughter were wonderful and really tell the beautiful, happy spirit that she was. I am glad I found this story of her life because it moved me alot The pain does get better, I promise you that. It sounds like you have so much support from your church and community. Take care and bless you for being such wonderful parents to your April.

Suzanne Coffelt - January 23, 2023 at 08:45 PM

SC

“ *Bruce and Anita.*

I am so sorry to read of your daughter's death. I lost a son years ago and I know that empty space when they are gone. I moved to Pulaski in 1994 and worked for Kevin at the Comfort Inn in Dublin VA. I moved back to Indiana in 1997, but I have received and sent Christmas cards to Kevin all of these years. I met your parents and went to their church with Kevin and the group from the hotel. Your dad made me the salt and pepper shakers which I found last year and sent a picture of them to Kevin. Kevin was tickled to get the picture and said he thought everyone in Dublin probably had those shakers with the wooden holder. The reason I found your daughter's obituary is because Trish Woodyard, who worked at the hotel, told me about your parents' deaths and I was looking up their obits so I found your daughter's. I know you must miss her terribly, and along with losing both of your parents the year before, must have created a lot of loss for all of you. Again I am sorry to read of April's death. I hope you are doing okay. I also want to tell you that Kevin was the kindest boss I have ever had and I feel blessed to have known him. Take care. Suzanne Coffelt

Suzanne Coffelt - January 23, 2023 at 08:28 PM

TG

“ *I'm devastated to hear of April's passing and I'll miss our monthly visits dearly. In my memories of her she'll always be wearing an Elvis T-shirt and a Christmas elf hat. Anita and family, you're in my thoughts and prayers.*

Tyler Garapola - May 18, 2021 at 04:27 PM

RM

“ It is hard to believe that it has been 21 years since I graduated from High School! April was such a fun loving person and like a sister to Katie and myself. She loved Halloween and looked forward to my Halloween Parties all year long. I will forever miss April, yet I know that this is only a temporary goodbye, and that I will see her on the other shore someday. Until we meet again, dear friend.

Robert Metz - May 17, 2021 at 09:30 PM

BM

“ Bruce and Anita and family. We are very sorry for your loss. We began praying for April as soon as we heard the news. We have cherished memories of April and just all the ball games at gateway. A lot of folks like myself always remember her smile. Certainly she was a very special girl because she had special parents. We prayed for the Lord to spare her life and to allow her to come out of that coma but we also pray for the Lord's will. I'm sure we are all saddened but also happy that we know that April is with her savior and the angels in heaven are rejoicing. We love you guys we will certainly continue praying for your family that the Lord will continue sending his peace and comfort to your hearts . Prayers and love Bryan and Tammy Metzler

Bryan & Tammy Metzler - May 16, 2021 at 07:29 PM

JN

“ April with her ever present smile will always be remembered with fond affection. Because her beauty on the outside reflected her special, sweet soul on the inside. It will be so difficult not having her loving presence with you, but oh the comfort of knowing Jesus holds her and she is where we all strive to be-heaven gained such a sweet charming angel! May the love of our Father guide and keep you in His grace through the coming weeks and months and may the blessed memories you have bring some comfort is my prayer. Remember that joyous reunion David talked about-you will go to her some day. Joy Nester and son, Bernard

Joy Nester - May 15, 2021 at 03:19 AM

LM

“ Love, Dad and Mom purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of April Rene Meadows.



Love, Dad and Mom - May 14, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ April was one of the sweetest, nicest people I have ever met. She made everyone around her happy and always had a beautiful smile on her face. I loved having the privilege of coaching April at cheerleading. Last year, I remember how happy she was when we stunted! Sending thoughts and prayers to April's family and friends. She will be missed so, so much. Heaven gained the most beautiful cheerleader.

Bailey Allen - May 14, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ Sending prayers and hugs to the Meadows Family! I had the pleasure of Coaching April through Special Olympics Cheerleading, and it was truly a blessing to know April. April's smile lit up the whole room, and she made my day every Monday during cheer practice. Heaven gained the most beautiful, kindest, sweetest angel. I am very sorry for your loss, April will be missed greatly by all who had the privilege of knowing her kind soul.

Taylor Allen - May 14, 2021 at 12:27 PM

BE

“ I miss my friend April Meadows I miss her at cheerleading but I've been her friend in cheerleading but we've been friends first thing because she's an Angel of the above she's down to earth

Bethany Ellis - May 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM

KB

“ April will always be a happy memory in my heart. I loved seeing her in school and that laugh was what I looked forward to when I seen her. Although our lives took different paths and I didn't see her anymore she was and is still a constant happy, and joyful memory that will always be in my heart. I always thought of her and what she was doing, and am thankful to get to read about all the fun and cool things she got to do. She got to spread that laugh and it will never be forgotten. I'm so very sorry for your loss.
Katie Baldwin



katie baldwin - May 13, 2021 at 08:42 PM

RM

“ Words cannot express the sorrow that we feel for the passing of April. She was a delight to everyone she came in contact with. We will miss her greatly and we share in the grief that the Meadows family is experiencing during this challenging time, but we rest in the comfort of knowing that we will meet with April again in a much happier place.

Rusty and Corrine Mills - May 13, 2021 at 07:35 PM

TF

“ It was a privilege to have known this special, beautiful young lady. She was and still remains a blessing. We will miss her smile that made you smile. Her laugh that was so contagious that we began laughing. We have faith that our time will not be long before we will see her again. God has another angel around his throne. We will continue to pray for all of you that you will find comfort in knowing April 8a in God's hands

The Simpson and Wall family - May 13, 2021 at 07:31 PM

RM

“ Rusty, Corrine, Kevin, & Brian Mills purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of April Rene Meadows.



Rusty, Corrine, Kevin, & Brian Mills - May 13, 2021 at 07:14 PM

DR

“ Thank you for the gift of April. She has given Chloe so many blessings and wonderful memories. God has gained a beautiful angel! Our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace are with your family!

Debbie Ross - May 13, 2021 at 07:38 AM

CR

“ I don't even know where to start with the memories of April I have so many I am so found of. One that is a funny classic would be the one time we went to the bowling alley and I was wearing sweats and a tshirt and of course April was dressed beautifully and she simply asked me why I was wearing my pajamas. April was always keeping me and the people she loved in check.

Chloe Ross - May 12, 2021 at 11:57 PM

ME

“ We are very sad to hear about the passing of April. Her smile said it all. Heaven sure gained a beautiful angel. We can say that God gave April wonderful parents, who cared and loved her tremendously, not to mention her siblings and all her family. April was a beautiful soul inside and out. She will be missed. Cherish the wonderful memories that she left each of you. What a great celebration that April is having with our Lord and Savior. Her beauty shined every day. She was loved by so many. May God heal and comfort each of you during this difficult time. Much love to each of you. We will be praying for you.

Mike and Charlotte Epperley - May 12, 2021 at 10:20 PM

NC

“ My favorite memory of April was at a Best Buddies event. We had an outdoor picnic and her and Virginia were dancing to their favorite song. April's smile was contagious and the whole group was laughing, smiling, and dancing together. April will be deeply missed and my thoughts are with the family.

Nicole L Calvert - May 12, 2021 at 08:51 PM

CM

“ As a former teacher at Blacksburg High School, I remember April as being such a happy, enthusiastic student with the prettiest smile always on her face. Everyone loved her and enjoyed being with her because of her kindness and joyful personality. My heart breaks for her family but rejoices in knowing that she is in the arms of our Savior. May peace, faith and hope sustain you today and always.

Cindy Mitchell - May 12, 2021 at 08:28 PM

CM

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Cindy Mitchell - May 12, 2021 at 08:32 PM

BK

“ Sending my Condolences to you and your family. My time was so special when I worked with April at BHS. We laughed and enjoyed our time together. I will always remember her lovely smile. Thinking of you at this time.

Betty Kanode - May 12, 2021 at 07:46 PM

HE

“ April will be deeply missed. Hannah always loved seeing April, even on zooms. Our loving condolences to her family. April, I will never forget your smile!

Heather - May 12, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ April was such a joy. She always brought a smile to my face and brightened my day. April had such a positive, loving personality. She always came to cheer practice with a big smile ready to shake her pompoms and freestyle dance. I will miss hearing April call the cheer every week at practice. Sending thoughts and prayers to the Meadows Family. Ellie Birnbaum

Ellie Birnbaum - May 12, 2021 at 06:35 PM

RH

“ April's infectious smile will forever be in my memory. Looking forward to seeing her soon. Our prayers are with you all. We love and miss you. Reta Holland, Becky Walker and David Arthur

Reta Holland - May 12, 2021 at 05:21 PM

BM

“ Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories....we cherish all of them... Thinking of April always brings smiles....

Roger and Becky Moore

Becky Moore - May 12, 2021 at 05:19 PM

CA

“ Our hearts are saddened for your beautiful April. Asking our Heavenly Father to give you all strength, comfort and peace. Her smile is now even bigger. God Bless you and Keep you. Cathy and Richie Austin

Cathy Austin - May 12, 2021 at 04:48 PM

SP

“ I'm so sadden to hear of April's passing. While she was attending BHS as a substitute aid I had the privileged to go with her to her job at Hardee's. She always took pride in her job. In later years she moved to my neighborhood & I will miss seeing her out in the community & at the IDA dances. Heaven certainly gained an angel. Bruce & Anita & family you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Perdue - May 12, 2021 at 03:51 PM

BK

I'm sadden to hear of April's death. I was able to work with April at BHS. She was a lovely young lady and I enjoyed working with her. I will always remember her beautiful smile. Bruce and Anita my thought and prayers are with you and your family. Love and Always Betty Kanode

Betty Kanode - May 12, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ SAD



George Rogers - May 12, 2021 at 03:08 PM

AE

“ April would always light up the room with her contagious smile and positive attitude. If I was ever having a bad day and saw April it was guaranteed my day was turning good right then. Meadows family, each and every one of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Andrea Earles

Andrea Earles - May 12, 2021 at 12:56 PM

AN

“ I will miss April's warm hug and smile. April you gonna be missed so much. April was always ready to go and if you where down she picked you right back up. April we love you always till we see you again.

Astrid Niemiec - May 12, 2021 at 12:34 PM

AN

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Astrid Niemiec - May 12, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of April Rene Meadows.



May 12, 2021 at 11:07 AM

NJ

“ It was wonderful to read about all that April loved to do ! Tom and I knew her from church and loved her sweet smile and the joy she brought to us knowing her . Tom loved to kid her by calling her “Big Red”. Our deepest sympathy to all of you who loved her through the years. I believe that God chose Bruce and Anita as her parents because he knew she would be cherished ! Love you all and look forward to seeing April again in Heaven ! ❤️

nancy johnson - May 12, 2021 at 11:06 AM

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Aaron - May 12, 2021 at 11:06 AM

JO

A very loving tribute. Thanks for sharing her love and life ❤️

Joyce - May 12, 2021 at 11:27 AM

KM

Beautiful tribute for such a beautiful, loving, smiling girl

Kenneth and Priscilla

Kenneth Meadows - May 12, 2021 at 12:19 PM

SM

Wonderful tribute. She was the best! Steve and Kim Meadows

Steve Meadows - May 12, 2021 at 03:44 PM

AM

This precious video was done by our family when April went to Heaven. It means the world to me and I thank them for their love for us and April. I just wanted to share on April's birthday month. April so loved her birthday and everybody else's too! Love and miss you so much, Baby. Happy birthday month! Thank you for the sweet memory of you!



Anita meadows - June 09, 2022 at 08:30 AM

AM

Thank s to everybody who made April's life better. She made our life better!♥

Anita meadows - June 10, 2022 at 08:43 AM

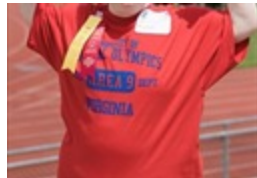
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Love and miss our sweet girl. Thanks to all who made her life better. She sure made ours better!

Anita meadows - June 10, 2022 at 08:44 AM

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Aaron - May 12, 2021 at 09:52 AM