



Charlotte Bernice Burke

August 2, 1942 - January 8, 2026

(Charlotte) Bernice Burke, 83, of Radford, VA passed away Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center with loved ones at her bedside. She was born in Flat Gap, VA on August 2, 1942, to the late John Tilden Bolling and Mary (Sturgill) Bolling Haynes. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Burke, sisters Bethel Stewart, Marie Combs, Vergie Sumpter, Winnie Phillips, Viva Sturgill, Gertrude Short, Ruby Sparks, and brothers Wayne Bolling and John (Douglas) Bolling, Sr..

Bernice is survived by two children, Michael (Christina) Burke of Gastonia, North Carolina and Rhonda (Lee) Linville of Whitmore Lake, Michigan. She was the proud grandmother of Sarah Girard, Alex Linville, Brandon Linville, and Joshua Burke. She also leaves behind a sister, Brenda Mangum, a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Lois Burke, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Bernice was proud to be a 1961 graduate of Pound (VA) High School and worked for Robo's Drive-In for a short time before moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan. She worked at Knappe and Vogt before starting a job at Kelvinator in 1962, where she became the secretary for the Director of Quality. She married Ronald in 1962, and they moved to Westland, Michigan in 1965. It was there where she began her most important and fulfilling career -- full time housewife and mother to Michael and Rhonda.

She stayed busy playing cook, gardener, taxi mom, tutor, painter, landscaper, domestic engineer, and sometimes even carpenter. She poured her energy into raising her children and volunteered at their school often. She was a dedicated mother who instilled Christian virtues of honesty, humility, and kindness into her children. Her hobbies included sewing, quilting, biking, bowling, reading, refinishing furniture, and canning vegetables from her garden. She had an exceptionally giving heart and helped those in need and often delivered home-cooked meals to friends and family. She decorated Christmas trees and gifted nearly 100 to those she loved.

Bernice and Ron retired to Radford, Virginia in 2002. She enjoyed playing cards, walking, shopping, and reconnecting with relatives and friends on Facebook. She adored her grandchildren and loved visits from family. She was a cancer survivor and thanked God for blessing her with a lengthy retirement. She lived the last 3 years with Alzheimer's, and the family wishes to thank her caregivers, Amy Rhodes and Ginny Brookman, for providing unwavering support and love.

Farewell services will be at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, VA. Visitation will be Thursday (January 15) 5-7 p.m. and Friday (January 16) 1-2 p.m. The funeral will be Friday (January 16) at 2 p.m. with burial immediately following at Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg, VA. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Bernice's memory to Belview Helping Hands Pantry or Samaritan's Purse.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

LS

“ I loved getting to know Bernice through Facebook. She gave me a lot of information on the Bolling & Sturgill family history. May your memories give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Lesli Bolling Shaver

Lesli Bolling Shaver - January 16 at 07:56 AM

BD

“ Bobby Davis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charlotte Bernice Burke.



Bobby Davis - January 14 at 06:02 PM

BD

“ Bobby Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlotte Bernice Burke.

Bobby Davis - January 14 at 06:02 PM

CB

“ Cindy B. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charlotte Bernice Burke.



Cindy B. - January 14 at 04:48 PM

AF

“ *Angelius anf Fortmans purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charlotte Bernice Burke.*



Angelius anf Fortmans - January 14 at 01:47 PM

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TW

“ *So sorry to hear about Bernice's passing. I loved spending time with her and my grandma. She gave me one of those Christmas trees and I put it out every year. She will be missed*

Taylor Woolwine - January 13 at 04:47 PM

JH

“ *Jack & Margaret (Ilene) Heaven purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charlotte Bernice Burke.*



Jack & Margaret (Ilene) Heaven - January 13 at 04:05 PM

DB

“ Dawson Burke purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charlotte Bernice Burke.



Dawson Burke - January 13 at 09:32 AM

DB

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Dawson Burke - January 13 at 09:32 AM

TB

“ Teddy Blevins lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Bernice Burke



Teddy Blevins - January 13 at 06:09 AM

DE

“ We loved Bernice very much and love all of you. We pray that God will bless and comfort you at this time of great loss and in the future.
Dennis and Nelvia Elkins

Dennis Elkins - January 12 at 07:31 PM

LC

“ Love Dotty Looney and Betty Cassady purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Charlotte Bernice Burke.



Love Dotty Looney and Betty Cassady - January 12 at 04:54 PM

MB

“ Aunt Bernice was a very special aunt to me. She always treated me nice when we went and visited with her at Michigan her uncle Ronald, and even when we went down to Virginia when they moved down there always a joy to be around she will be missed.

Mark Burke - January 12 at 03:29 PM

TB

“ Aunt Bernice was a very special person always enjoyed the times we were able to visit with her and Uncle Ronald she was always pleasant and made us feel welcomed we are going miss her but I know she is in a better place and she is not going to feel like a burden to anyone anymore I will always love you for being Aunt Bernice I am a better person because was who she was 🙏😭

Timothy E Burke - January 12 at 02:14 PM