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“She was ready for her wings to fly home, but our hearts were not ready to let her go. “

Clara Jean Ferguson Farmer passed away peacefully on Thursday August 25, 2022, in Blacksburg, VA after years of declining health.

She was born in Union, West Virginia but raised in Giles County, Virginia. She graduated from Narrows High School and attended Radford Womens' College.

Jean packed a lot of life into her 86 years. For more than 25 years she worked at Virginia Tech. First in the Student Health building then in the Basketball Office as an Administrative Assistant to the basketball coaches and team. She really found her life's calling in that role. She loved her Hokies and treated the team like family, helping them through many of their collegiate careers. She loved traveling to the away games and post season tournaments so she could cheer on her “basketball sons.” She made many friends along the way and cherished every friendship as only she could do. She had a way about her that made everyone she met feel special. She loved sharing a good word and bringing a smile to people's faces. One of her “basketball sons“ described her love as “genuine.” That was definitely Jean.

Her greatest love of all was for her family. Her support for her parents, sisters, brother, husband, sons, daughter and grandchildren never wavered. She met the love of her life Dwight Farmer at a football game when she was in high school and married him the following year. They were married from 1952 until his death in 1989. She always said she was like a Cardinal, she had one life love and it was him. She and “Cracker” raised their children in Fairlawn, Virginia where they were active in their community helping to found the Riverlawn Recreation Association. Their home was always the hub of activity and the

dinner table full of welcomed guests. Jean was truly at home when she was surrounded by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Bill and Maude Ferguson, husband Dwight "Cracker" Farmer and son Doug Farmer, and grandchildren Andy Farmer and Sheila Caudillo.

She is survived by her sons Mike Farmer (Carol) of Chesapeake, Va; Bill "Bebop" Farmer (Karen) of Shelton, Ct; Scott Farmer (Brenda) of Claytor Lake, Va. Her daughter Cindy Farmer Wood (Bill) of Greensboro, NC. Her grandchildren Jerry, Joey and Sonja Caudillo, Matt Farmer, Jon Farmer, Merle and Steve Sprague, Neil and Dwight Farmer, Kylie and Abby Wood and a host of great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Her family was large, as was her heart and love for them all.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Jacqui McDuffie and Matthew Graham of Medi Home Health & Hospice who cared so wonderfully for their mother. Their's was a special relationship gifted by God.

The celebration of Jean's life will be a Hokie affair. It will be held Thursday, September 1, 2022 at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 600 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, Va. The family will greet friends starting at 12:30 pm at the church. Burial will follow at Sunrise Burial Park, 7228 Round House Street, Fairlawn, VA.

The family is asking that you come wearing orange and maroon and your best Hokie fan gear, as they celebrate one of the greatest Hokie fans of all time. T-shirts and casual attire are very welcome.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her name to the Va Tech Hokie Club (earmarked for the VT Basketball Program) PO Box 10307, Blacksburg VA 24062-0307 and Medi Home and Health Hospice 319 N Washington Ave, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Always remember Kindness is never wasted!

Cemetery Details

Sunrise Burial Park

Fairlawn, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 12:30 PM (ET)

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
600 Price's Fork Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Burial

SEP 1.

Sunrise Burial Park
Fairlawn, VA

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *I thought you were my lil sis bru*



Jessica Parker - December 20, 2022 at 12:48 PM

KB

“ *Cindy, we're so very sorry about the loss of your mother. (We just learned the news.) We know you are comforted by your cherished family, special friends and the sweet memories shared with your precious mother. Prayers of comfort for you and your family. 🙏❤️*

~Brian & Kimberli Bullard

Kimberli Bullard - October 11, 2022 at 11:50 PM

JL

“ *My heart is broken for the loss of this beautiful, fun lady!! Jean will be missed! My God wrap you all in his arms and give you the strength, courage, and comfort needed during this difficult time! I love you all dearly!*

Jann Rickett Lockhart

Jann Lockhart - September 01, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Clara Jean Farmer.*



August 31, 2022 at 05:25 PM

JM

“ Dear Cousins, When I think of Jean, Cracker and all of your wonderful family, so many happy memories come flooding back. Most of all I remember the wide open, full on LOVE that filled your family home. We were always laughing about something and during hard times lifting each other up. I was so comfortable with your Mom that she nursed me when I couldn't go to school and I even was in labor on your Mom's couch so that I could be close to Radford Hospital. Your Mom and my Mom taught us so much about love. How blessed we were and are as we share what we learned with everyone we meet. Love all of you so deeply,
Jody

Jody Hale Minnich - August 31, 2022 at 01:19 PM

VW

“ Prayers for the family. I enjoyed taking care of your mother at English meadows. I loved her so much and she gave the best hugs.

Victoria Williams - August 29, 2022 at 05:24 PM

CF

Victoria- Mom loved you so much! She always responded with “I love you!” to you and she meant it!! You were always so kind to her and I can't tell you how much that meant to us. Smile when you think of her, as she smiled when she spoke of you.

Cindy Farmer - August 30, 2022 at 09:21 AM

VW

Thank u. I wished I could have come to the service but I was sick. She will be my guardian angel.

Victoria Williams - August 31, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Jean Farmer.



August 29, 2022 at 11:37 AM

EM

“ Scott we're truly sorry for your loss. Jean was a special lady.

Eric and Diane Matusevich - August 29, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clara Jean Farmer.



August 28, 2022 at 08:50 PM

MH

“ Clara "Jean" Farmer was a special friend to me Marceline and my family. She and her husband and two oldest sons lived next door to us in Radfors for several years. We had a great time with them and our two oldest children. Jean is a special lady. My love to her in heaven and to her family. Marceline Hunter

Marceline Hunter - August 28, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Jean Farmer.



August 28, 2022 at 12:47 PM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Ms. Ferguson's family and hope that they find comfort in what a remarkable person she was! Julie & Ray Shadrick, Reidsville, NC



Julie & Ray Shadrick - August 27, 2022 at 11:35 PM

JB

“ In Rich's early days of broadcasting in Va.. he would always turn to Jean Farmer for guidance. She knew everyone and everything about Tech. He loved and appreciated her so much as he did her daughter Cindy. Prayers and much love to the family.

Judy Brenner - August 27, 2022 at 09:09 PM


Jerome
Caudillo

“ I love you so very much Nan. I can't believe your gone. I know your in good hands and with loved ones who were happy to see you. The memories I have will be with me forever. Words cannot explain what you mean to me and I am forever grateful to have been able to call you my Nana.

Jerome Caudillo - August 27, 2022 at 05:40 PM

KC

“ Cindy your mother is at peace and out of pain. GOD BLESS You & Your Family.



Kathy Coleman - August 27, 2022 at 04:55 PM

SC

“ Sherry Colby lit a candle in memory of Clara Jean Farmer



Sherry Colby - August 27, 2022 at 03:36 PM

SD

so Sorry for your loss. Love and prayers.

Sandy Dowdy - August 27, 2022 at 04:21 PM

SJ

“ Stephanie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Clara Jean Farmer



Stephanie Johnson - August 27, 2022 at 02:53 PM

KW

“ Kimberly White lit a candle in memory of Clara Jean Farmer



Kimberly white - August 27, 2022 at 02:04 PM

BS

“ I don't know you personally but you seems like FAMILY in so many ways. May God bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead. I am very sorry for your loss.



Bonita Schaal - August 27, 2022 at 01:49 PM

WM

“ Prayers for the family



Wanda Martin - August 27, 2022 at 01:46 PM

BG

“ Betty Gerringe lit a candle in memory of Clara Jean Farmer



betty gerringe - August 27, 2022 at 01:20 PM

SS

“ Jean was one of the sweetest ladies I ever got to know and work with in VT athletics! She will always have a special place in my heart! 🤝❤️ Sharon Spradlin

Sharon Spradlin - August 27, 2022 at 01:09 PM

CW

Sharon she loved you so much!! You were always a great friend to her! Love- Cindy

Cindy Farmer Wood - August 27, 2022 at 06:10 PM

SS

Thank you Cindy. You and your precious family are in my prayers. You definitely had a jewel for a mother!

Sharon Spradlin - August 27, 2022 at 06:14 PM

JB

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Judy Brenner - August 27, 2022 at 07:04 PM

CB

“ Charley Buser lit a candle in memory of Clara Jean Farmer



Charley Buser - August 27, 2022 at 01:04 PM

CS

“ Christi Suggs lit a candle in memory of Clara Jean Farmer



Christi Suggs - August 27, 2022 at 01:03 PM

CB

“ With love for family(Cindy)

Charley Buser - August 27, 2022 at 01:02 PM

BM

“ Billie McGee lit a candle in memory of Clara Jean Farmer



Billie McGee - August 27, 2022 at 12:41 PM

BM

Sorry for your loss may she rest in Jesus arms

Billie McGee - August 27, 2022 at 12:44 PM

LG

Cindy and family, I am sorry to hear about your mom. I felt like I knew her but never had the pleasure. You are in my prayers.

Lou Ann Grant - August 27, 2022 at 08:53 PM

KR

Cindy and family. Heaven now holds the love and presence of Ms. Farmer. I have been blessed to solve the world's problems, share laughter and wonderful memories with her and Cracker. She was a wonderful lady. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kimble "Jay" Reynolds - August 28, 2022 at 02:21 PM