



Eula Bertrand Fontenot

February 25, 1929 - February 9, 2022

Eula Bertrand Fontenot, 92, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, of Blacksburg, Virginia, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children, on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

Eula was born February 25, 1929 to the late Orelis and Etis Bertrand in Mamou, Louisiana. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 71 years, Joseph Paul Fontenot. She is survived by her six children, Beatrice (Thommy) Mills of Blacksburg, Karleen Fontenot of Blacksburg, Sue (Tim) Haeberle, of Spring, TX, Debbie (Joe) Pallini of Tomball, TX, Paul (Jeannette) Fontenot of Bel Air, MD, and Linda (Tim) Winder of Glen Allen, VA. Eula is also survived by her 15 grandchildren, Kara Mills (Daniel Pinckney), Elizabeth Guinn (James Thomas), Caroline (Matt) Harbert, Hunter (Jennifer) Haeberle, Heather Haeberle, Kelly (Toug) Tanavin, Michael (Diana) Pallini, Matthew Pallini, Joe (Leathy) Fontenot, Dana Fontenot, Adam Fontenot, Emily Winder, Kevin Winder, Eric Winder, and Katie Winder. She had seven great-grandchildren, Brandon Pinckney, Lauren Pinckney, Rowan Harbert, Gavin Harbert, Hannah Haeberle, Madeline Tanavin, and Jaxon Fontenot. She is also survived by two sisters, Glenda Manuel and Delores Stagg, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She resided in Blacksburg from 1956 until her death, and was a strong supporter of the Hokies and a proud pioneer season ticket holder at Lane

Stadium and Cassell Coliseum. She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where she was involved in many ministries, including Communion Minister, Ladies Guild, Bereavement Food Ministry, and Assistant Director of Religious Education.

Eula had many interests, including cooking some of the best Cajun food, expertly sewing most of the clothes her six children wore, and keeping a bountiful garden. Mom made the best gumbo, which all of her children and many of her grandchildren have learned to make. She also enjoyed traveling the world, having traveled with her beloved husband to four continents as well as extensively around the United States. Above all else she was a devout Catholic, a strong family woman, a great friend to everyone, and she had the most beautiful smile. She looked forward to their annual family beach vacation in North Myrtle Beach where she spent the week enjoying fun times and great food with her grandchildren and children.

The family would like to thank the many special caregivers who provided loving care and companionship to Mom. Also, they would like to thank the nurses and staff at Showalter Center.

A private rosary service and funeral mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Blacksburg, with Reverend John Asare officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley. Out of respect for today's world, there will be no visitation. However, if you would like to view the funeral mass, it will be available on [facebook.com/stmarysblacksburg](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysblacksburg) beginning at 11:00 am on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1205 Old Mill Rd., #3705, Blacksburg, VA 24060 OR The Joseph P. Fontenot

Appreciation Club, American Society of Animal Science, P. O. Box 7410,
Champaign, IL 61826-7410 (217)356-9050, which provides graduate student
travel to the National and Southern Section ASAS meetings.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley

2551 N. MAIN ST.
BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eula Bertrand Fontenot.*



February 15, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *Sure sorry to hear about your mom. I got to know her while working with your dad. Miss seeing them together at Kroger's. Y'all had two fine parents. She will be greatly missed.*
Sincerely Chuck and Joan

Chuck Shorter - February 13, 2022 at 09:07 AM



“ *What a sweet woman she was. I'm glad she's now with her sweetheart. My thoughts and prayers with you all in the days ahead.*

Jessica - February 13, 2022 at 02:49 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eula Bertrand Fontenot.*



February 13, 2022 at 12:39 AM



“ *My mother, Helen Davis, thought the world of this sweet lady. Their served on many committees together at St. Mary's. Good bless here soul.*



Debi McCoy - February 13, 2022 at 12:37 AM

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“ *I remember all the vacations Aunt Eula and Uncle JP took to to Eunice when we we kids and how she let a young nephew and sailor come visit when I was stationed w Virginia Beach. My mom really loved her oldest sister and now they are for sure together again in Heaven. Rest In Peace Aunt Eula knowing your children and grandchildren and great grandchildren will proudly carry on your legacy! Love you!*

Ricky Reed - February 12, 2022 at 08:16 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sherri Birkelbach - February 12, 2022 at 10:12 AM

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*Eula was beautiful inside and out. I am so grateful that I got to be her care giver. Such a lovely lovely person
Love you so much Linda*

Linda Early - February 13, 2022 at 12:04 AM