



Gretchen Aulbach Flynn

February 3, 1945 - August 28, 2021

With profound sadness we announce the passing of Gretchen Aulbach Flynn, 76, our loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and friend to all whose lives she touched, on August 28, 2021.

She was the beloved wife of Jim Flynn, devoted mother of Gretchen Flynn Morris (Michael) and Jamie Flynn, proud grandmother to Claire, Spencer, Keagan, Colton and Amelia. She was sister to Susan Aulbach and John Aulbach (Lisa). She also leaves many other family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

Born in Chambersburg, Pa, to John and Jane Aulbach, she grew up in Blacksburg, VA where her father was a professor at Virginia Tech. She is a graduate of Penn Hall Jr. College and Old Dominion University. Having lived all over the country, she and Jim came full circle back to Blacksburg to enjoy their retirement years which were filled wonderful times with her family and dear friends and quite a few Virginia Tech football and basketball games. She was very involved in the Blacksburg community through PEO, Virginia Tech Women's Club and Christ Episcopal Church. She was especially proud of her work with these organizations to promote educational scholarship opportunities for women.

Her love for her family and friends and was displayed in her well-known

hospitality and the unfailing help that she gave without regard to the time involved. Her friends and family will miss her calm guidance, sharp wit, and her incredibly warm spirit.

Visitation will be held at 12pm Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg with the funeral service starting at 1pm. The burial service will follow at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the PEO, Program for Continuing Education, <https://donations.peointernational.org> American Cancer Society, www.donate3.cancer.org

Cemetery Details

Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery

5550 Bagging Plant Road
Dublin, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church
120 Church Street NE
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Service

SEP 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ We are so saddened to hear that Gretchen passed away. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to Jim and Gretchen's family during this difficult time. We will miss our annual get together in Myrtle Beach when Jim and Gretchen came each year for a mini vacation. Ken and Bernadette Beaton



Kenneth Beaton - September 06, 2021 at 09:57 AM

KS

Jim and family, I was so sorry to hear of Gretchen's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.
Kay Staylor Simons

Kay Staylor Simons - September 08, 2021 at 07:03 PM

VH

“ So sorry about Gretchen, she was a lovely lady. Sister Hayes, Class of 1959

virginia “sister” Hayes - September 05, 2021 at 07:55 PM

DM

I'm so sorry to learn of Gretchens passing , I'm happy I got to see her in May , she was a nice lady , my heart goes out to the family 🙏

dottie McDetmott - September 05, 2021 at 09:07 PM

DM

My heart goes out to Jim and family , she was so nice , I enjoyed her company very much last May, God bless her and keep her safe at home with Him 🙏

dottie McDetmott - September 05, 2021 at 09:10 PM

HL

“ So sorry to read of Gretchen's passing away. Wow! We sat next to her and Jim at the Memorial Day reunion in Suffolk.
Holt and Judy Livesay

Holt Livesay - September 05, 2021 at 04:00 PM

KB

We are so sad to learn of Gretchen's passing. We always looked forward to our annual get together with Jim and Gretchen when they came to Myrtle BEACH, SC for an annual vacation. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to Jim and Gretchen's family during this difficult time. *Ken and Bernadette Beaton*

Kenneth Beaton - September 06, 2021 at 09:46 AM

GD

“ Oh Jim, so sorry and so shocked... What a wonderful, sweet Lady and friend❤️ So enjoyed seeing you both, chatting and having a chance to be together at our SHS reunion in May... You were blessed🙏😭. Sending love and tears to you and your family. Gretchen will be missed and always be remembered with LOVE and a SMILE ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Glenda Daughtrey - September 05, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ Gretchen was a dear friend and will be sorely missed. She was a very kind and gracious lady and we will always remember her fine hospitality at the “Flynn Inn” and VTCC homecoming weekends. We share in the deep sorrow of her family and friends. *Jess and Donna Fowler.*



Donna Fowler - September 01, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gretchen Aulbach Flynn.*



August 31, 2021 at 03:08 PM