



Martha Jane Gunsten

November 8, 1924 - July 18, 2021

Martha Jane Gunsten, age 96, of Blacksburg, Virginia, died the 18th day of July, 2021. Martha was born in Mullens, WV, on November 8, 1924, to the late William G. and Jane Kinzer Callaway. She is preceded in death by her first husband, Charles T. Brammer, her second husband, Paul H. Gunsten, stepson Chip Gunsten, and a sister, Lucy Duncan. She was a longtime member of the Blacksburg United Methodist Church, the Montgomery County Humane Society, and volunteered at Montgomery Regional Hospital for over 35 years until as recently as 2 years ago. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Charles W. and Sylvia Brammer of Amelia Island, FL; Daughters Linda Kay Brammer of Port Richey, FL and Rebecca A. Brammer of Louisville, KY; Daughter-in-law Kristen Gunsten of Canon City, CO; Step-daughters Pam Gunsten and Claujia Richey of Cherokee Village, AR. Grandchildren: Chad and Hayley Brammer, Scarlet & Mike Dial, Angela Brammer, Derek & Elisabeth Brammer, Amanda Shirley, Trevor and Elizabeth Park, Sarah Krell, Anna Payne, Codi Heieren, Jeffrey Fuller Great-grandchildren: Will, Cameron and Cooper Brammer, Alexa and Luke Dial, Dylan, Emma and Elisa Brammer, and Kanaan Shirley Devoted friends: Ray and Norma Decker of Blacksburg The family will receive friends from 5-7:00 p.m. Friday evening, July 23, 2021, at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Blacksburg United Methodist Church with the Reverend Rick Geoghegan, and

Pastor Gary McCoy of Blacksburg Christian Church, presiding. Interment will follow in the Westview Cemetery, Blacksburg. The Funeral Service will be on live stream at https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wo7379XO_Zw&feature=youtu.be

for those unable to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Montgomery County, Blacksburg Rescue Squad, or Blacksburg United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street
Blacksburg, VA

Previous Events

Service

JUL 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Blacksburg United Methodist Church
111 Church St SE, Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Your Mom was always a favorite of the Clark kids. There were houses as a kid where we knew we would get a warm reception and your Mom’s was at the top of the list. She was truly one of the nicest people I have known. So sorry for your loss.
Mark Clark

mark clark - August 18, 2021 at 07:20 AM

KC

“ Dear Charles William, Linda Kay and Becky, I just received a letter back today that I sent your dear Momma. I tried calling her prior the note and then I found out that Martha Jane had left us. I loved that very sweet lady from WV. She was like a second Mom to me and my life was so enriched as a young girl having your Mom as an integral part of my childhood. She made the world a better place. Sending love to all of you and keeping your Mom in my cherished memories of very special people. Kathi Clark

Kathryn Clark - August 17, 2021 at 10:02 PM

EH

“ I want to send my deepest sympathy to the family of Martha. She was one if the sweetest people I have ever met. Always had a smile and a sincere “hello” to anyone she ever met. She will truly be missed 🥺❤️



Evelyn Hannett - August 12, 2021 at 12:02 PM

JD

“ On behalf of Animal Hope Alliance, I express our sincere condolences to you on the loss of your sweet mother, Martha Gunsten. Martha attended the monthly meetings of AHA frequently, and as you know, really loved cats, and desired to help them. I hope that her own 4 cats are well and in a good situation. I trust they are in good homes. Martha spoke of them every time I saw her. Again, sympathy and prayers. Judy Dickerson and Animal Hope Alliance.

Judy Dickerson - July 28, 2021 at 09:29 PM

SM

“ I will miss seeing Martha's happy face at English Meadows where my mother had also lived. Martha and I spoke every time we saw each other. We also shared a good friend Alicia Houchins. Martha seemed delighted that I had known her second husband Paul through VA Tech and would comment on it often. I chuckled to myself as Martha frequently would ask "Now where did you say you lived?" I will miss Martha.
You are in my thoughts.
Sandra Muse

Sandra Muse - July 28, 2021 at 09:53 AM

JT

“ Martha Jane was quite a lady. She loved all of us, but especially my son Isaac and grandsons Brendan and Tennyson. At the Humane Society store she would always give them a hug. Years ago I caught her parking almost sideways in a parking spot at church. We laughed about it and told her from then on I would be inspecting her parking. Each time we saw each other we would laugh about it. She eventually caught me parking poorly - and never let me forget it. We all will miss this wonderful, kind, loving lady

Joe Trice - July 24, 2021 at 07:30 AM



“ Please know your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Martha was a very special lady to me and my family. I am so sorry I won't be in town for the service! I loved it when she brought her mail to my State Farm office to be checked!! She was sooooo special to look out for Kirk's Mom at EM. She will be missed by so many!!! Thanks for sharing your special Mom!
Janice Dove Hodge

Janice Hodge - July 22, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martha Jane Gunsten.



July 21, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ As a volunteer at the hospital for many years, I have known Martha for a long time and every time we met she would say, "Hello Martha" and I would reply "Hello Martha". We have shared many good times through the hospital celebrations and just knowing each other for many years. Just want to say the desk at Lewis Gale Hospital, Montgomery will be missing a great SMILE and friendly face! She was surely an angel here on earth!

Martha McMahan

Martha McMahan - July 20, 2021 at 10:04 AM

GM

“ You and your mom were a part of my life from a young age. You loved my two daughter and then always asking to see pictures of my grandkids, hard to believe you are gone, going to be a big void our life!

May God comfort your sweet family

Geraldine Barnett Mohler - July 20, 2021 at 02:00 AM

GH

“ Sweet Martha, I will always remember volunteering with you and delores when I was in high school. You taught me that it was ok to not know something but to always remember to learn something. You and your family are in my prayers.



Ginny Hardy - July 19, 2021 at 09:57 PM