



Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith

February 27, 1953 - December 21, 2022

It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Angela Smith Edwards announces the death of her beloved mother, Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith, 69.

Mrs. Smith entered into rest on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 4 o'clock on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, in The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The Rev. Brad Griese will officiate, and the family will receive friends immediately following the service. Memorials may be made in her honor to Pee Dee Coalition, PO Box 1351 Florence, SC 29503.

Born in Big Spring, TX, she was the daughter of the late James Odell Bullard and Norma Jean Wright Bullard.

To everyone, Virginia Kay was just Kay. That was the name her family and friends have called her since birth. Kay suited her. She was never pretentious, but she was earnest, straightforward, and smart. School and book learning was always very easy for her. She had a gift for language that eluded the rest of her extended family, and a mind for esoteric facts and trivia that bordered on genius. She loved to read, and to her, grammar was the order in the

universe. There was never a word in a sentence that did not get spelled out correctly.

And that was a good thing, because four and half years ago, due to the side effects of radiation for cancer, her larynx had to be removed. She lost her voice, but not her ability to communicate and communicate well with her iPad. She embodied the rock-solid stoic Spartan. She lived simply but went through such extraordinary lengths to try to heal her body and become as well and strong as she could. She once said of her health challenges that it was not the life she wanted, planned for, or felt suited for. Yet she bore her challenges and significant setbacks with humble dignity, honor, grace, and stoic humor. She was a force to be reckoned with, and a person to be admired for her strength and love of life.

All throughout her life, Kay was never one to stand on ceremony or allow anyone to define her role and place. She always chose, not the easiest path, but the path of greatest challenge and the one most likely to offer boundary-breaking possibilities. The traditional women's jobs never appealed to her. She was an adept car mechanic and worked at Duke Power as a locksmith for many years.

She was determined to have a life she could enjoy despite her health challenges. To sit quietly and read with her mother, to play bridge with friends, and to visit with family. She crocheted caps to give to hospitals and was generous with both her time and resources. She loved the beach. She loved shopping. And she loved her family and friends with a quiet passion and went to extraordinary lengths to keep in touch.

Preceded in death by parents James and Norma Bullard, Kay leaves behind her daughter and primary caretaker Angela Edwards (Chad), her grandchildren Patrick (Alyce), Michael, and Griffin, and seven great-

grandchildren, and she recently reconnected estranged daughter Katrice and two additional grandchildren. Always close with her brothers and sisters, she leaves behind families of Deborah Eittreim (Joel), James Bullard (Dianne), Randall Bullard (Debbie), Kenneth Bullard (Sharon), and Catherine Herold (Steve) and nine nephews and nieces, and three great-nephews and nieces.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." -- Psalm 73:26

She is survived by her loving daughters, Angela (Chad) Edwards of Hartsville, SC, Katrice (Ahmyn Masci) Shuler of Rice Lake, WI; brothers, Jimmy (Diane) Bullard of Houston, TX, Randy (Debbie) Bullard Charlotte, NC, Kenny (Sharon) Bullard of Charlotte Hall, MD; sisters, Debby (Joel) Eittreim of Show Low, AZ, Cathy (Steve) Herold of New Bern, NC; grandchildren, Patrick (Alyse) Bailey, Mike Bailey III, Griffin (Jordan) Tyner, Kylie (Cameron) Edwards, Seryahna Shuler Masci, Djanko Shuler Masci; great-grandchildren, Teagan, Stella, Norah, Charlie, Ellie, Elliott, Spencer, and Ari.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 4:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - December 26, 2022 at 01:38 PM

CB

Rest in Peace, my Dear.

Candy Bullard - December 26, 2022 at 11:39 PM



“ *Michael Herold lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Michael Herold - December 27, 2022 at 04:07 PM

RH

“ *Very nice person. I knew Kay from the plant.*

Rick Harrold - December 27, 2022 at 02:57 PM

MC

“ *Mark Clouse lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Mark Clouse - December 27, 2022 at 12:50 PM

CB

“ *Candy Bullard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Candy Bullard - December 26, 2022 at 11:22 PM

BM

“ *Very sorry on the loss of Kay. She was a wonderful person. Praying for her family*

Brendan Mulligan - December 26, 2022 at 08:29 PM

GW

“ *Gail Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Gail Wilkes - December 25, 2022 at 10:02 AM

DL

“ *Dewitt Lisenby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Dewitt Lisenby - December 25, 2022 at 12:43 AM

RG

“ *Worked many years with Kay. Prayers for the family during these times.*



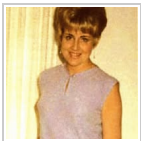
Robert Garner - December 24, 2022 at 08:30 PM

BM

“ *Boyce & Teresa McLester lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Boyce & Teresa McLester - December 24, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ *A strong woman who walked her own path. Though sometimes not parallel to all, we achieved the desired result together. RIP Kay and condolences to the family.*



Richard Morgan - December 24, 2022 at 07:57 AM

WP

“ Wendy Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith



Wendy Perkins - December 23, 2022 at 04:38 PM

AC

“ Ann Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith



Ann Crowley - December 23, 2022 at 10:36 AM

RH

“ Ray And Pansy Howell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith



Ray and Pansy Howell - December 23, 2022 at 09:48 AM

G(

“ Gail Crosby (Bowen) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith



Gail Crosby (Bowen) - December 23, 2022 at 05:57 AM

WY

“ *Wilma Gainey Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Wilma Gainey Yarborough - December 23, 2022 at 02:44 AM

DC

“ *David Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



David Carter - December 22, 2022 at 11:18 PM

JS

“ *Jean Stratton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Jean Stratton - December 22, 2022 at 10:01 PM

CG

“ *Cw And Lynn Grant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Cw and Lynn Grant - December 22, 2022 at 08:52 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Kathy Dixon - December 22, 2022 at 06:38 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - December 22, 2022 at 04:38 PM

JP

“ *Jim Paul lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Jim Paul - December 22, 2022 at 04:37 PM

CC

“ *Christel Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Christel Copeland - December 22, 2022 at 04:16 PM

JC

“ *Rest in Peace our friend. Your family will be in our prayers.*



Jim and Jeri Cox - December 22, 2022 at 03:55 PM

DG

“ *Debbie Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Debbie Gainey - December 22, 2022 at 03:53 PM

JO

“ *Worked with Kay at RNP. Prayers for family.*



Joe Ogburn - December 22, 2022 at 03:33 PM

CC

“ *Cookie Covington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Cookie Covington - December 22, 2022 at 01:53 PM

CM

“ *Catherine Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Catherine Moore - December 22, 2022 at 01:50 PM

RY

“ *Rex Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Rex Yarborough - December 22, 2022 at 12:17 PM

MG

“ *Milton Grooms lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



Milton Grooms - December 22, 2022 at 11:48 AM

LW

“ *Worked with Kay for many years while she was in the maintenance dept. Kay always was smiling and very easy to get along with. Prayers for the family.*



Leroy Watts - December 22, 2022 at 09:58 AM

JE

“ *Judy&Sam Elgin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith*



judy&Sam Elgin - December 22, 2022 at 07:16 AM

DC

“ *So very sorry for your loss prayers for y'all*



Dessie m Crowley - December 21, 2022 at 10:11 PM

SB

“ *So sorry for your loss. We are Praying for you and the family.
Susan, Brooksie and family,*



Susan Brown - December 21, 2022 at 09:42 PM

BB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Kay, we will be praying for you and your family.



Brenda and Robert Bailey - December 21, 2022 at 09:11 PM

PI

“ Pat And Jean Inderberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Kay Bullard Smith



Pat and Jean Inderberg - December 21, 2022 at 07:51 PM

JR

“ So very SORRY for your lost. May God wrap you all in his Cloak of Comfort today and the days coming .



Jan Stephens Ruple - December 21, 2022 at 07:34 PM

GK

“ Smith Family - Very sorry for your loss - We worked with Kay for a number of years. Prayers and thoughts are with you. Keith and Gail Kirven



Gail Kirven - December 21, 2022 at 04:01 PM