



Verda Ann Matthews Potts

May 5, 1941 - November 13, 2019

Verda Ann Matthews Potts, 78, died peacefully on November 13, 2019, after a lengthy illness. Born May 5, 1941, she is the daughter of the late Candler Grady and Verda Mae Etheredge Matthews.

Upon graduating from Saluda High School in 1959, she attended Lander University and Columbia College, graduating in 1963 with a BA in Elementary Education. After many years of teaching, Verda obtained a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina in 1993; an achievement of which she was immensely proud.

Verda was a longtime member of the Garden Club of Saluda and a devoted member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church. She sang in the choir and served on church council and other church committees. Her passion for literacy led her to serve on the Saluda County Library Board where she drew on her past experience to support and promote literacy in the community of Saluda.

While attending Columbia College, Verda met Paul Potts, a Citadel cadet, on a blind date and, in 1964, were married at Saluda Presbyterian Church. They spent their early years of marriage living and traveling abroad while making wonderful family memories that are still shared today.

Known for her smile, Verda loved playing bridge with friends, cooking and sharing recipes, and working in her flowerbeds. Lovingly referred to as "Birdie" by her family, she especially loved having her grandchildren visit. A big kid at heart, Birdie indulged her grandchildren by playing puzzles, reading,

swimming, and even making fig preserves and canning tomatoes together. They always looked forward to their visits at "Camp Saluda" during the summer months and other times.

Verda is predeceased by her parents and sister, Lucy Jeanette Matthews Shealy. Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Paul Jones Potts, Jr.; daughters, Katrina Ann Potts Scabery (Matt) of Loris, SC, Carey Andrea Potts Renz (Rick) of Mount Kisco, NY; grandchildren, Maxon Paul Scabery, Carter Benjamin Scabery, Tyler Mathews Renz, Sara Jeanette Renz; sister, Amelia Raymel Matthews Herlong (Frank); brother, Candler Grady Matthews, Jr. (Renee); brother-in-law, Dr. Wyman Lester Shealy, and beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

No formal visitation. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, 101 N. Calhoun Street, Saluda, SC.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church or to the Saluda County Library Building Fund, 101 S. Main Street, Saluda, SC 29138.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church
101 N. Calhoun Street
Saluda, SC

Tribute Wall

SD

“ I will miss her at our Board Meetings! She had such a lovely spirit and so brave during her illness. Her beautiful smile and warm personality will linger in my heart for a very long time.

Sincerely,

Sadie L. Davis



Sadie Davis - November 19, 2019 at 03:43 PM

SB

“ Was so sorry to hear of Verda's passing. I remember her family well from having grown up in the wonderful town of Saluda.

Selma Smith Bettis - November 18, 2019 at 08:06 PM

GF

“ Our hearts are broken for you, She was such a compassionate lady with so much talent. Mama and all of us thought the world of her and ALL of you. You are in our prayers. Can you imagine the floral arrangements she and Mrs. Jeanette have designed in heaven!! God Bless You All! Gina, Trey, Reagan, LeeAnna and Ryan Fingerlin and Anne Thompson

Gina Fingerlin - November 16, 2019 at 01:42 PM

JE

“ Your Family Are In Our Thoughts and Prayers.

Your FRIENDS At The Hardware Store.

Jerry - November 16, 2019 at 10:17 AM

SH

“ *Sethalene Huff lit a candle in memory of Verda Ann Matthews Potts*



Sethalene Huff - November 15, 2019 at 04:40 PM



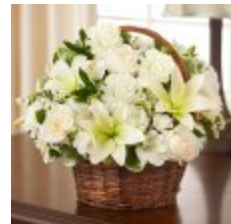
“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Verda Ann Matthews Potts.*



November 15, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Verda Ann Matthews Potts.*



November 15, 2019 at 02:03 PM

RS

“ *My heart is broken I just knew she was going to make it. She gave of herself so much and will be so missed.love Richard and Billie*

Richard Starling - November 15, 2019 at 01:46 PM

LB

“ *Mr. Paul, Katrina and Carey, Ms. Verda was a wonderful lady I have so many memories of us I was Trina and Carey babysitter and traveled so many places with you all I name my daughter after you Trina . Love you all Linda Kay Minick Burton.*

Linda Kay Minck Burton - November 15, 2019 at 11:06 AM