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**Catherine Beverly Acord**  
Fishersville, VA  
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**Victor Aderton**  
Lynchburg, VA  
December 23, 2017



**Neville Keith Adkinson, Jr.**  
Lynchburg, VA  
December 26, 2017



**James Clyde Allen**  
Forest, VA  
January 18, 2018



**Melvin Ray Allen**  
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January 12, 2018



**Rev. Charles P. Anderson Jr.**  
Madison Heights, VA  
December 19, 1932 -  
January 7, 2018  
Whitten Monelison Chapel



**Carey Lynch Arthur**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 9, 2018  
Whitten Timberlake Chapel



**Dwight David Asbury**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 12, 2018



**Jessie James Ashby Jr.**  
Campbell County, VA  
January 3, 2018



**Melford Wray Bomar**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 6, 2018



**Alvin "Andy" Benjamin**



**William Oscar Bowyer**  
Bedford, VA  
January 24, 2018



**Michael W. Brawley Sr.**  
Bedford, VA  
January 21, 2018



**John Powell Brockman Sr**  
Amherst, VA  
January 26, 2018



**Emmett "Sparky" Brooks**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 5, 2018



**Ray Bennett Brooks**  
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Whitten Park Avenue



**Mae Ethel Brown**  
Lynch Station, VA  
January 25, 2018



**Lawrence "Rita" Bryant**  
Lynchburg, VA  
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**Pearl Cornelia Fitzgerald Bryant**  
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January 17, 2018



**Alice Bragg Campbell**  
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**Elisha Darcel Campbell**  
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**Eunice Marie Campbell**  
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**Josephine T. Campbell**  
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**Ronald Everett Carey**  
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**Ann Fowlkes Carter**  
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**Anthony Curtis Carter**  
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**Preston Wilmer Carwile**  
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**Gracie Shumate Cash**  
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**Thomas Edward Cash Sr.**  
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**John Spencer Chandler, Jr.**  
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**Raymond Everett "Joe" Chase**  
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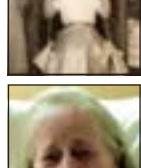
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January 17, 2018



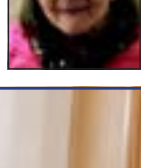
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January 27, 2018



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January 8, 2018



**Ernest Roger Cobb Sr.**  
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**Lecy "Elda" Coffey (Reed)**  
Tyro, VA  
January 8, 2018



**Roger Woody Coleman**  
Madison Heights, VA  
January 8, 2018



**Linda Norberg Collins**  
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January 29, 2018



**Gazel Patricia Cook**  
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**Tommy Lynn Cox**  
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**Robert Neal "Bobby"**



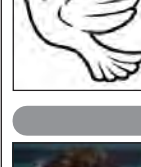
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**Garry Lee Croner**  
Concord, VA  
December 31, 2017



**Sandra Allietta Peters Cross**  
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**Donald O. Cudworth Sr.**  
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B



**Sallie Bagby, 83**  
Lynchburg, VA  
May 26, 1934 -  
December 30, 2017



**Helen Jenkins Baldwin, 91**  
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July 6, 1926 -  
January 20, 2018  
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**Steve Bennett**  
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**William Franklin Bennett**  
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**Oma Harrah Berry**  
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**Mabel Estelle Childress Bersch**  
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**Audrey Blair**  
Roanoke, VA  
January 14, 2018



**Dennie Ann Blanks**  
Hurt, VA  
January 14, 2018



**Larry Elbert Bullion**  
Bedford, VA  
January 13, 2018



**Richard Andrews Bunch**  
Lynchburg, VA  
December 28, 2017



**Tiffany S. Burdette**  
Lynchburg, VA  
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**Anna Garrett Burford**  
Lynchburg, VA  
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**Wesley R. Burford**  
Appomattox, VA  
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C



**Sherwood M. Caldwell**  
Kingsport, TN  
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**Willie Jennings Callahan**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 17, 2018



**William "Bryann" Camp**  
Appomattox, VA  
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D



**Debra Lynn Danieley, 65**  
Bedford, VA  
September 25, 1952 -  
January 3, 2018



**James Robert "Bob"**



**Betty Ann Kurtz David**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 12, 2018  
Finch & Finch, Inc



**Audrey Davis**  
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January 9, 2018



**Carrie Agnes Terry Davis**  
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**Lona Frances Brooks Davis**  
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**Lula Calloway Blake Dawson**  
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**Richard Darrell Dearing**  
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Nathalie, VA  
January 5, 2018



**Beatrice Dews, 88**  
Lynchburg, VA  
February 28, 1929 -  
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**Rebecca M. "Becky" Dickerson, 93**  
Appomattox, VA  
September 11, 1924 -  
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**Marvin Lee Dillard**  
Phenix, VA  
January 7, 2018



**Diane Dodd**  
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January 6, 2018




**Thomas Walter Dowling Jr.**  
Springfield, KY  
January 7, 2018




**JoAnn Marie Druin**  
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**E**




**Constance "Connie" Eckert**  
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**Mildred C. Edwards**  
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January 6, 2018



**Billy Dean Emmett**  
Appomattox, VA  
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**Joan Patricia Evans**  
Bedford County, VA  
January 6, 2018



**Rae Evans**  
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**F**




**John "Jack" Newton Faris**  
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January 16, 2018




**Carlton Rucker Farley**  
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January 17, 2018




**Christine Faulconer**  
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**Samuel Lewis Ferguson III, 85**  
Appomattox, VA  
September 13, 1932 -  
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**Robert Willard Fitzgerald Jr.**  
Richmond, VA  
January 11, 2018




**Leroy Floyd**  
Madison Heights, VA  
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**Steve Wayne Floyd Sr.**  
Richmond, VA  
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**Frances Brown Foster**  
Amherst, VA  
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**Mary Easley Franklin**  
Gretna, VA  
January 16, 2018



**Edith Kelly Frazier**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 13, 2018

**G**




**Stephen Thomas Gallaher**  
Evington, VA  
January 12, 2018



**Kaylynn Nicole Gardner, 18**  
Amherst, VA  
February 7, 1999 -  
January 22, 2018




**Clyde Cleo Garland**  
Danville, VA  
January 22, 2018



**Edgar Dortch Garrard**  
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January 15, 2018




**Clarence Knight Garrard Jr.**  
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**Donald Moore Giles**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 20, 2018



**Mattie Lane Lawhorn Mays Gillispie**  
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December 30, 2017



**Connie Marcell Bullion Goff**  
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January 20, 2018




**Sallie Virginia Goff**  
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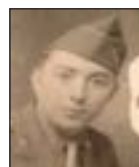
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Lynchburg, VA  
January 17, 2018



**Preston Thomas Hamlet Sr.**  
Phenix, VA  
January 27, 2018



**Harry Grady Hammock Sr.**  
Lynchburg, VA  
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**Clarence Edward Harris**  
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January 6, 2018




**Doris Cawthorne Harris, 89**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
September 12, 1928 -  
January 1, 2018



**Raymond Roy Harris**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 15, 2018




**Peggy Marie Hartless**  
Amherst, VA  
December 27, 2017



**Gerry McCraw Harvey**  
Lowesville, VA  
December 29, 2017




**Curtis Wilson Haskins**  
Rustburg, VA  
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**Linnie Lee Hawley**  
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**Juanita D. Haynes**  
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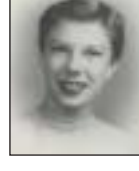
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Lynchburg, VA  
January 7, 2018




**Epoch Carol Higginbotham**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 10, 2018




**Epoch C. Higginbotham Jr.**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 8, 2018




**Lois Ann Hogan Everette**  
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January 10, 2018



**George Melvin Horsley**  
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**Dr. Joseph Kemp Houck**  
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**Marie Breeding Hudson**  
Appomattox, VA  
January 7, 2018




**Charlotte Elliott Irby**  
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**J**




**Laura Ann Jamerson**  
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**Joseph Donald Jefferson "Joe"**  
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**Gloria Snipes Jester**  
Martinsville, VA  
January 24, 2018




**Kenneth Hylton Johnston Sr.**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 23, 2018



**Haywood Jones**  
Madison Heights, VA  
January 3, 2018



**Tony Rochester Jones**  
Pottersville, NY  
January 6, 2018



**Victor John Henry Jones Jr.**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 3, 2018




**Joseph Jordan**  
Nelson, VA  
December 26, 2017


**K**



**Vera Sue Miller Keenan**  
Bedford, VA  
January 11, 2018




**Vivian Burks Kidd**  
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**Carol Ann Davidson King**  
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**Cynthia Ilene Kirby**  
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**Charles Ray Knowles**  
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**John Alfred Langford**  
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January 22, 2018

**Anna Mae Davis Lipscomb**  
Campbell County, VA  
January 1, 2018

**Dorothy Lorine Silby Logwood**  
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January 1, 2018

**Eugene Loving Jr.**  
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January 19, 2018

**Billie Lowe**  
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**Eva Jean Lowe**  
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January 22, 2018

**Larry Wayne Lowe**  
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**Peggy West Lowman**  
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**Martha Mason Malloy**  
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**Phyllis Beard Martin**  
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**Violet Daniel Mason**  
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**Elizabeth Joyce May**  
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**Alfreda Elliott Mondrey**  
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**Rebecca Hackett Moore**  
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**Roger Bain "R.B." Moore**  
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**Nanette W. Moorman**  
Pontiac, MI  
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**Shirley Smith Moorman**  
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**Myrtle Neighbors, 89**  
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**Norman Keith Nicholas**  
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**Evelyn Denson North**  
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**Tamika Gabrielle Pannell**  
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**Zayden Dale Pollard**  
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**Rick Albert Price, 67**  
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**Steven Caleb Purcell**  
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**Tammy Gail Ragland, 58**  
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**Adelaide Beck Ray**  
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**Patricia Ann Reekie**  
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**Belle Reynolds Megginson**  
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Hillcrest, MD  
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**Linda Seamster, 61**  
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**Margaret Sheene**  
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June 16, 1930 -

**Gracie Bray Shelton**  
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January 28, 2018

**Danny Arthur Slayton**  
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January 14, 2018

**Mary Marie Smith**  
Hyattsville, MD  
December 30, 2017

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January 23, 2018

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Lynchburg, VA  
January 1, 2018



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**Mary Harris Stinnett**  
Lynchburg, VA  
January 2, 2018



**Jared L. Sumner**  
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T



**Ora Jane Tardy**  
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**Mary Ann Oliver Moss Turman**  
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**Leighton Land Turner**  
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**Charles Allen Tweedy**  
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**Wesley Ray Tweedy**  
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**Dwayne Preston Tyree**  
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V



**Carlton "Tiny" Vassal, 66**  
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February 21, 1951 -  
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**Charlie Coleman Via**  
Charlottesville, VA  
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**Mary Lou Viar**  
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**Ruby Wray Viar**  
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**Timothy Vincent Minter**  
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**Jill Violet Wainwright**  
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**Betty Waller**  
Nathalie, VA  
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**Cathy Loretta Ward**  
Madison Heights, VA  
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**Rosalie J. West**  
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**Merriam "Mimi" Round Wheeler**  
Lynchburg, VA  
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**Odell Evans Wheeler, 97**  
Fairfax, VA  
January 31, 1920 -  
January 22, 2018  
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**Todd Whorley**  
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January 1, 2018



**Fannie Bell Williams**  
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**Louis Ligon Wilson**  
Monroe, VA  
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**Robert Homer Wilson**  
Lynchburg, VA  
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**Shirley Mae Wilson**  
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**Elizabeth "Libby" Duncan Wingfield**  
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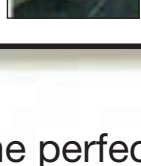
**Hazel Gray Camden Wood**  
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**Stafford Ray Woodall**  
Springfield, VA  
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**Mary Catherine Wright**  
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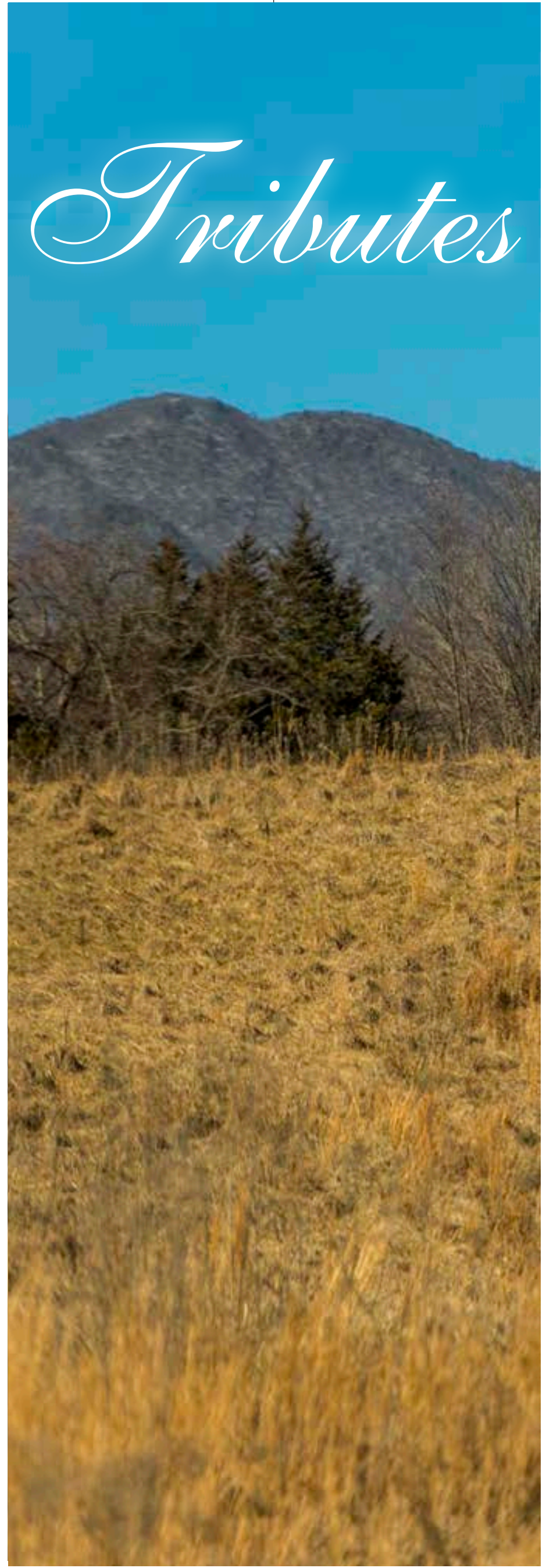


**Josephine H. Young**  
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**Ricky Younger, 53**  
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# Comfort and Concern

## How to support someone who is grieving

By Susan Carvell Richmond Times-Dispatch



**F**ew experiences rival the pain and anguish of losing a person we cherish. Whether a family member, close confidant or long-time work colleague, the death of a loved one brings on overwhelming feelings of grief and loss.

It is often difficult to know just what to say to a person who is grieving. While our natural inclination is to offer expressions of condolence and comfort, many of us struggle to find the right words to convey our feelings. Oftentimes, we may feel at such a loss for words that we fail to reach out to someone at a time when a compassionate gesture would be most appreciated.

Even though it may be uncomfortable, our own unease should not prevent us from reaching out to someone. There are things we can say and do that will convey our care and concern to a grieving relative, friend or coworker.

### How to approach someone who is grieving

It is always important to acknowledge a person's feelings of loss and express a gesture of caring for him or her. One of the best ways to let a person know you care is simply by showing that you are aware of their situation and feelings. The expression needn't be elaborate or complicated, it can be as simple as stating "I'm thinking of you" or "I'm sorry for your loss."

Often, a well-meaning person may shy away from mentioning the death of a loved one, but it's important to acknowledge that a loss has taken place. When words fail, writing a sympathetic note or giving a hug to someone we're close to can be gently comforting and helpful.

### Be present

Asking if it is OK to sit in silence with a grieving person, perhaps holding a hand, can be one of the most compassionate gestures we can offer. If you are close to

the person who is grieving, sharing a favorite poem, a reading from a faith tradition or a well-known or loved piece of music can be particularly meaningful and a source of comfort. It can also strengthen the bond between the two of you, helping the bereaved feel cared for and supported.

### Be ready to listen

Many grief counselors emphasize that it is important not to shy away from allowing a grieving person to talk about the experience of loss. Often simply stating that you are sorry for someone's loss allows them the freedom to open up and begin to talk about how they are feeling. A person who has just suffered the death of a loved one is in a state of shock and needs to relive the moment as a means of processing his or her grief. This process helps the grief-stricken to reach a new reality where their loved one is no longer physically present.

### Share your memories

If you also knew the person who has died, sharing a story or memory about him or her can be very meaningful to loved ones. Begin by using phrases such as "One thing I appreciated about her was . . . or We always had such fun doing . . . or I remember the time we . . ." Bringing up warm memories about the deceased can help lighten darker moments.

### Mean what you say

Many times the first words to pop out of our mouths are things we later wish we could take back. It's important to consider your words carefully when speaking with a grieving person – not just in offering condolences, but also in offering assistance. For instance, if you say you'll call, be sure to follow up in a timely manner. Failing to do so, you place yourself outside that person's circle of trust. And no one likes the feeling of being abandoned, particularly after suffering a great loss.

## Words and phrases to avoid

Even when our instincts to offer sympathy are genuine, at times the things we say may not have the intended effect. Here are several examples of words and phrases to avoid when speaking with a grieving person.

### "You have other children."

Parents who have lost a child face a void unlike any other. While it may seem helpful to point to the remaining children, it doesn't help to lessen the pain of so great a loss.

### "You'll be happy later."

The instinct to point to a more hopeful future may be natural, but it's important to give a grieving person the opportunity to feel and process pain. Trying to push a person past pain too swiftly can sometimes lead to the denial of the pain in order to present a "happy" face.

### "It will be OK."

While it's true that people will adapt to the circumstances of loss, the days immediately following the death of a loved one are a time of drastic readjustment. Eventually, those feeling loss

will reach a new "normal" but their lives will be forever altered.

### "She is in a better place."

A family who has lost a beloved member feels that the best place for that person is still with them.

