



## Amanda Lee Jefferson

February 2, 1927 - January 21, 2026

Amanda Lee (Charity) Jefferson, age 98, of Charles City, Virginia, peacefully entered eternal rest on January 21, 2026. She was the beloved last surviving child of Zachariah and Susie Mable Charity. Amanda was affectionately known as “Granny” or “Ponnie”—the latter a nickname from her teenage years, inspired by her fondness for sitting on her cousin’s Pontiac automobile.

Amanda attended Wayside Elementary School and Ruthville High School. She was baptized at Gilfield Baptist Church as a child and remained a devoted member, faithfully attending services each week until her health declined. Amanda’s youthful spirit shone through her love of music and dancing, especially big band tunes by Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, and Benny Goodman. She cherished nature—gardening, fishing, and tending to her magnolia, apple, cherry, and crepe myrtle trees. Amanda was also a talented knitter, creating blankets, scarves, and headbands for family and friends. In her later years, she found joy in assembling puzzles with her great-granddaughter, “Moe” (Amaurie), completing many color by number, word finds, and dot to dot books.

Amanda’s love for her family was evident in her passion for cooking, baking, and canning. Her culinary talents brought loved ones together, especially during holidays and Sunday gatherings after church. Renowned for her cookies, Amanda was honored by her sister Joan’s children with the title “The

Best Cookie Baker in the World”—a distinction she cherished deeply.

Amanda was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Sherman Jefferson, whom she missed very much; her parents, Zachariah and Susie Mable Charity; seven siblings, Lorenzo, Richetta, Lewis, Margie, Lucille, Geraldine, and Joan; and her granddaughter, Michelle Crewe.

Amanda’s legacy lives on through her five loving children: Shirley Crewe, Gilbert Smith, Rita Lynch (George), Elvira Jefferson Clegg, and Julie Jefferson (devoted); nine grandchildren, Dalton Crewe Jr., Kevin Crewe (Taletha), Gregory Johnson (Marie), Tonya Smith, Reginald Jones, Jr. (Francisca), Todd Smith (Tressy), Tracie Upshaw, Rendell Jones (Donna), and a devoted granddaughter, Shana Smith (Adrian); twenty great-grandchildren; thirteen great-great-grandchildren; her devoted granddaughter-in-love, Crystal Bullock; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever cherish her memory. Her unwavering faith, boundless love, and joyful spirit touched all who knew her.

A funeral service will be held 12noon Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Gilfield Baptist Church, 6640 Church Ln, Charles City, VA 23030. A viewing will be held one hour prior to services.

# Cemetery Details

## Gilfield Baptist Church Cemetery

6640 Church Ln.  
Charles City, VA 23030

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gilfield Baptist Church  
6640 Church Ln.  
Charles City, VA 23030

## Funeral Service

FEB 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Gilfield Baptist Church  
6640 Church Ln.  
Charles City, VA 23030

# Tribute Wall

FB

“ Prayers to our family. Cousin Ponnie lived a great life and left us with many memories. Hold on to them and each other.

*Felicia*



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**Felicia P Brown** - February 03 at 03:39 PM

BJ

“ Bob Jones lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson



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**Bob Jones** - February 03 at 11:14 AM



“ Prayers and condolences to the family.



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**Renee Jones** - February 03 at 10:09 AM

LB

“ My sincere condolences to the family on the passing of a sweet soul, the Matriarch of your family.

May you continue to share all your wonderful memories with smiles and laughter and of course there will be tears as well, that is to be expected. My continual prayers for each of you



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**Lorna Braxton** - February 03 at 09:58 AM

TO

“ Sending my love and prayers to the family today and always. It is a true blessing to be here for as long as “granny” was here so just hold those memories near and trust that God will carry you through. I love you all!

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**Toya** - February 03 at 09:35 AM

DB

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the entire Jefferson and Crewe family. Granny was a dear sweet person who loved to laugh and bake. I can almost smell the aroma of homemade cookies or homemade bread whenever I think of her. I will miss her and how she always made me feel special 🙏 Rest easy Granny you’ve earned your well deserved wings ☐ Peace Be Still. I love you!



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**Dr. Crystal (Crewe) Bullock** - February 03 at 08:26 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Aunt  
Ponnie will always be in our hearts. She was  
one of a kind. Sleep forever in Heavenly Peace* ”



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**Elwin Black** - February 02 at 07:31 PM

SC

“ *Steve Crawley lit a candle in memory of  
Amanda Lee Jefferson* ”



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**Steve Crawley** - February 01 at 12:02 PM

JB

“ *With deepest sympathy on your loss of Mom  
🌸 Love, Thomas and Jeanie Jones Brown* ”



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**Jean Brown** - February 01 at 10:29 AM

MB

“ *Marlon And Cecelia Bradby sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson* ”



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**Marlon and Cecelia Bradby** - January 31 at 05:32 AM

KB

“ *Kathy C Baker lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson*



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**Kathy C Baker** - January 29 at 04:55 AM

CF

“ *Miss you so much Aunt Ponnice! You are the last of the Charity siblings to get your wings and join the family . R.I.P My deepest condolences to the Smiths and the Jeffersons.*



*Love you  
Corlisse aka Cokie Corky*

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**corlisse El Fakhri** - January 28 at 08:16 AM

MK

“ *To the Family, Look to God for strength and have faith that He will bring you the love and comfort you need at a time like this. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God’s grace and love be with you always.*

*“So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.” John 16:22*

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**Missionary Kitchen** - January 27 at 12:01 PM

MC

“ *Marcia Crawley lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson*



Marcia crawley - January 27 at 06:59 AM

MC

*The family Jefferson and I am sorry blossom your mother . We in our through and prayers 🙏❤️.. we are miss her so much and always smile and beautiful personal . We never forget good memories years. We love you always ❤️.  
She is in heaven and peaceful..  
Love you 🥹  
Marcia crawley*

Marcia crawley - January 27 at 07:05 AM

AJ

“ *Anthony And Ebony Jones lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson*



Anthony and Ebony Jones - January 26 at 04:57 PM

WB

“ *Sending sincere condolences to the family. May God bless, keep and comfort you during this trying time. May precious memories keep your loved one forever in your hearts.*



Warren and JoAnne Bell - January 26 at 02:07 PM

EC

“ To the family we are sending our condolences and prayers to you all may God give each of you what you need at this time and the days to follow. We love you all and continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers.



Eugene and Judy Crump - January 26 at 12:51 PM

CC

Condolences to the family. Stay strong in the Lord.

carolyn crewe - January 26 at 01:33 PM

BJ

God bless the family Bob jones 🙏

Bob jones - February 01 at 10:56 AM

MC

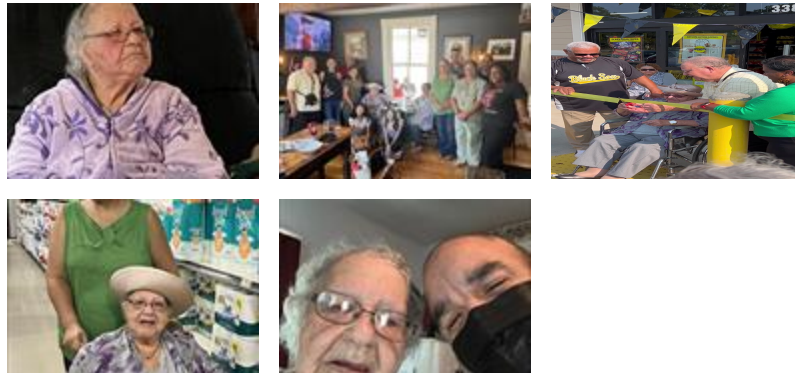
“ Such a sweet person. So sorry for your loss.



Marilyn Brown Crump - January 25 at 11:15 PM

RJ

“ 5 files added to the album Pictures



Rendell L. Jones - January 25 at 03:19 PM

YB

“ My sincere condolences to the family; I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.



Yvonne Bradby - January 25 at 03:00 PM

DC

“ My Condolences to Gilbert Smith and Shana Smith and Family. We all are saddened of the passing of Granny she was one of the members of Senior Connection Cafe, that was her Joy for a many of years, The look of Joy, fun, love and happiness everyone she completed a craft. She loved using her hands making them, Granny also became a member of my family and became our Granny too. I love her with all of my being. Gonna miss her. RIP GRANNY

Dale Crawley - January 25 at 02:10 PM

LG

“ *Linda Ghee sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Amanda Lee Jefferson*



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**Linda Ghee** - January 25 at 10:53 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



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**Thomas Widgeon** - January 25 at 09:58 AM

CW

“ *Christina Winfrey lit a candle in memory of  
Amanda Lee Jefferson*



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**Christina Winfrey** - January 25 at 07:37 AM



*Thank you friend! ❤️*

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**Shana Smith** - January 25 at 02:06 PM

BM

“ *Brittany Miles lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson*



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**Brittany Miles** - January 24 at 09:10 PM

DC

*My Condolences to Gilbert Smith and Shana Smith, I'm so sorry for the lost of Granny. I spent years with her at my program Senior Connection Cafe, She was not only my friend but my Granny, the fun at her home and at the cafe, Granny enjoyed doing crafts with the group. Prayers for her family, Amanda (Granny) Love you / A-Broken Heart*

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**Dale Crawley** - January 24 at 10:31 PM

MF

“ *Mr & Mrs. Devin Crewe Sr. & Family lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson*



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**Mr & Mrs. Devin Crewe Sr. & Family** - January 24 at 08:38 PM

DC

*Condolences to my favorite family Gilbert Smith and Shana Jefferson Smith for my Granny, I remember all the times we did those crafts at the Senior Connection Cafe, to see the look on her face when she made her crafts always said she couldn't do it, the look on her face after she finish one project, made my heart smile. Love you Granny always*

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**Dale Crawley** - January 24 at 09:17 PM



*Thank you so much Dale! ❤️ She really enjoyed her Senior Connection days with you. I have a box full of her crafts she made. 🥰 Granny loved you very much! ❤️*

**Shana Smith** - January 24 at 10:22 PM

PJ

*Sending love and condolences to the family of Mrs. Jefferson. A beautiful and sweet lady 🌸❤️*

**Paula Johnson** - January 25 at 08:57 AM

DE

*“ Sweet beautiful Granny. I will miss your sweet smile. Fly High Sweet Lady. You earned your wings. RIP.*

**Deb** - January 24 at 06:23 PM

JA

*“ My condolences goes out to my family 😞 rest 😭 in Paradise 💕.*

**Joyce Artis** - January 24 at 04:53 PM

HC

*“ H Hugo Charity lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson*



**H Hugo Charity** - January 24 at 02:54 PM

AJ

“ *Annette Bailey Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson*



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**Annette Bailey Jacobs** - January 24 at 02:49 PM

WM

“ *William Miles lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson*



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**William Miles** - January 24 at 12:35 PM

CP

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family.*



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**Charlotte Peterson** - January 24 at 11:11 AM

GC

“ *Gail Bailey Crewe lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson*



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**Gail Bailey Crewe** - January 24 at 10:12 AM

AB

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family 🙏❤️



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**Adrienne Crawley Burrell** - January 23 at 07:20 PM



“ Lois Jones lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson



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**Lois Jones** - January 23 at 07:10 PM

SS

“ Sweething And Stewart lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson



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**Sweething and Stewart** - January 23 at 06:18 PM

VG

“ Valerie Bowman Gardner lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson



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**Valerie Bowman Gardner** - January 23 at 06:12 PM

TS

“Granny you lived a beautiful life I love ❤️ you and may you R.I.P 🙏❤️😊💋🌹☹️



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**Tonya Smith** - January 23 at 05:54 PM

JW

“Jessica Bowman White lit a candle in memory of Amanda Lee Jefferson



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**Jessica Bowman White** - January 23 at 04:24 PM

MC

*The family Jefferson and I am sorry loss your mother . I am in my prayers 🙏🙏❤️.  
We love you all and good memories 😞.  
My thought and we prayers 🙏. We are miss her so much and she is always smile 😊.  
She is peace 🕊️ and arrive in heaven .  
Love you 😞  
Marcia crawley*

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**Marcia crawley** - January 27 at 06:57 AM