



Arnella Whitehead Christian

June 4, 1937 - June 24, 2024

Arnella Christian, 87, affectionally known as Ardie, entered into eternal rest on June 24, 2024 at VCU Health. She was born to the late Cornelius Whitehead Sr and Martha Charity Whitehead in Charles City County, VA. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Herbert S. Christian, Jr., her son Herbert S. Christian, III, siblings, Lois, Hubert, Beauris, Robert, Alma, Fannie, Helen, Clara, James, Neal, and Edward.

Ardie joined Elam Baptist Church at an early age and later became a member of Cedar Grove Baptist where she remained a faithful servant until she became ill, serving in the capacities of Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School, Sunday School Teacher, Chairperson of Hospitality Committee, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Usher, President and member of the Senior Choir, Secretary of the Cemetery Committee, and Secretary of the Mission Board. It gave her great pleasure and comfort to be in the house of the Lord and fellowship with friends and family. She was also a member of the Charles City County Committee on Aging and Young at Heart.

Ardie graduated from Ruthville High School and later married her love, Herbert S. Christian, Jr. From their loving marriage four children were born. Ardie loved children and operated a daycare in her home for over 50 years until her retirement. She was a very loving and passionate person, working throughout the county and beyond to assist and help others in any way that

she could.

Ardie is survived by her loving and caring children, a son, Brent Christian (Kristie); daughters, Sharon Christian and Julie Christian; granddaughter, Tiffany Christian (Joy); grandsons, Miles Christian and Tyler Christian; sister, Angie Parker; sisters-in-law, Rebecca Christian, and Ruth Christian, as well as a host of other devoted relatives and friends.

A funeral service will be held 12 noon, Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Providence Forge, VA. A viewing will be held 2 hours prior to services. The family will be providing a repast in the church fellowship hall, following the service.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

5500 Adkins Rd
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Grove Baptist Church
5500 Adkins Rd.
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Funeral Service

JUN **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Grove Baptist Church
5500 Adkins Rd.
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Tribute Wall

RP

“ *My condolences to the family, Miss Arnella called and checked on My mom almost every day, a very devoted friend to Doris Parker. May they both rest in peace. Rex*



REX PARKER - July 05, 2024 at 03:01 PM

HA

“ *Heath Adkins lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Heath Adkins - July 05, 2024 at 11:06 AM

SM

“ *My condolences to The family of Ms Artie. I met her at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, we sung in the choir together awhile back. She took a liking to me and me to her, She was a sweet lady, and if you crossed her She was going to let you know. We used to talk on the phone sometimes until She got sick and lost her voice, I called to check on her last weekend but didn't get an answer, next few days I found out She was gone. I'm going to really miss her, Rest in Heaven My friend*



Sharon Miffin - June 30, 2024 at 08:52 PM

DJ

“ *Delores Johnson lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Delores Johnson - June 29, 2024 at 10:57 AM

JM

My sincere condolences to her family. Ms Artie had a beautiful caring presence that will be missed by all who were fortunate to know her, including me. 🙏❤️

janet macon - June 29, 2024 at 11:36 AM

PC

“ *My heart felt sympathy to the family. In love Princess Crump*



Princess Crump - June 29, 2024 at 09:58 AM

SJ

“ *Sandra And Lenny Johnson lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Sandra and Lenny Johnson - June 29, 2024 at 12:07 AM

SJ

“ *Sandra & Lenny Johnson lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Sandra & Lenny Johnson - June 29, 2024 at 12:06 AM

EC

“ *To the Christian family we are so sorry for your loss. We are sending our prayers and condolences to you all and may God continue to give you the comfort and strength you need at this time. With our love.*



Eugene and Judy Crump - June 28, 2024 at 11:30 PM

DR

“ *Debbie Robbins lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Debbie Robbins - June 28, 2024 at 07:58 PM

DR

Brent and family so sorry for your loss of your beautiful Mother. Praying for comfort and peace, our thoughts and prayers are with you now and the days to come.

Debbie and Kyle Robbins

Debbie Robbins - June 28, 2024 at 08:01 PM



“ *To Brent Christian and family, In the short time that I've known your beautiful mom, it sounds like she was a true ambassador for Christ. May God grant you all comfort and strength during this time. Amen. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Monica Freeman - June 28, 2024 at 04:51 PM

BB

“ *Brian & Shereen Bradby-Ghee lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Brian & Shereen Bradby-Ghee - June 28, 2024 at 12:46 PM

KT

“ *Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Kenneth Tabb - June 28, 2024 at 11:32 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - June 28, 2024 at 06:31 AM

FB

“ We are praying for your peace and comfort.



Felicia & Bert - June 27, 2024 at 09:04 PM

AB

“ Ms Ardie will be missed by many. What a sweet and kind lady.



Adrienne Crawley Burrell - June 27, 2024 at 08:17 PM

TL

“ Mrs. Christian took care of my Boots and showed so much love and care to the both of us! This world will be missing one of the kindest spirits I have ever known! My family and I have your family in our prayers!

Teresa Lewis - June 27, 2024 at 05:26 PM

GB

So sorry to hear of Ardie's. She was such a lovely person, who was dear to the entire Harris family from Hopewell. My Mom always referred to her as her "foster" daughter. She will be truly missed. Gloria Harris Boone. Stem, NC.

Gloria H. Boone - June 28, 2024 at 03:16 PM

CW

“ Julie, so sorry for the lost of your mom
I use to see Ms Ardie during revival week at
Elam was always a pleasure to see her
Prayers to you and the family.
Cookie&Charles Wallace



Cookie Wallace - June 27, 2024 at 02:24 PM

DD

“ My heart is breaking at the lost of my dear friend from our earliest
childhood days at Elam and Ruthville School. We never lost touch
and enjoyed phone calls every few weeks. In our last calls we
reminisced about our Sunday dinners together with her big family or
my small family. Her many siblings were also lifelong friends. I loved
you and will miss you, Ardie.

daryl dance - June 27, 2024 at 01:10 PM

RF

“ Rev. Alfreda Lewis And Family sent a virtual gift
in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian



Rev. Alfreda Lewis and Family - June 27, 2024 at 10:05 AM

LJ

“ In Memory of our good friend Ardie Christian
From Sheila/Bert Johnson R.I.P



Lyric Johnson - June 27, 2024 at 09:48 AM

GC

“ *Gail Crewe lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Gail Crewe - June 27, 2024 at 09:20 AM

KF

“ *With Love I send my condolences to the family. May your memories be a comfort to you. God Bless and Keep you.*

Kendall, Sonia, James & Family - June 27, 2024 at 08:48 AM

SA

“ *Sharon I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you & your family.*



Susan Stewart Adkins - June 27, 2024 at 08:31 AM

DB

“ *To the Christian Family, We extend our condolences on the lost of your love one. May you find strength and comfort in the Lord and that Heaven continue smiling upon you all. DeVondus & Brenda Booker.*

DeVondus Booker - June 27, 2024 at 08:19 AM

JJ

“ *Joanne Johnson lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Joanne Johnson - June 27, 2024 at 07:42 AM

M&

“ *I first met Ms. Arnella at one of her Committee on Aging Programs. I could hear the chatter and laughter coming into the bldg. Ms. Arnella and the rest of worker bees had arrived to make ready the room. All that happiness these ladies shared with each other was also shown to their guests. Sharing that part of you is what God asks us to do. We're blessed when we're met at the door with love. Please accept my condolences on the passing of Ms. Arnella.*

Marilyn Crump & Family - June 27, 2024 at 01:20 AM

MC

“ *My sincerest condolences to my friend Brent, his sisters n the rest of Mrs. Christian's family n friends*



Mildred B. Crewe - June 26, 2024 at 10:40 PM

BA

“ *Bertram and Sharon Allen*



Bertram and Sharon Allen - June 26, 2024 at 10:19 PM

CR

“ Heartfelt Prayers & Condolences are extended upon the homegoing of a truly sweet lady. May God's peace be with you all during this time of sorrow. 🙏🙏



Chrisant A. Richard - June 26, 2024 at 09:44 PM

TS

“ Tonya Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian



Tonya Smith - June 26, 2024 at 09:42 PM

BB

“ Bonnie Sue Black lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian



Bonnie Sue Black - June 26, 2024 at 09:23 PM

WA

“ Wanda Akrie-Feltus lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian



Wanda Akrie-Feltus - June 26, 2024 at 08:53 PM

MB

“ *Menia Black lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Menia Black - June 26, 2024 at 08:38 PM

DA

“ *Darlene Adkins lit a candle in memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian*



Darlene Adkins - June 26, 2024 at 07:49 PM

DA

Ardie was a close member of our family my entire life. She and my mother, Julia, talked weekly over the phone. I'll miss her phone calls checking in on me to make sure I'm doing ok. Condolences to the entire family.

Darlene Adkins - June 26, 2024 at 07:50 PM

JH

“ *To cousin Artie, I will always remember your beautiful smile. What a lovely and caring person you were. My blessings and condolences to the family.*



Joie Howell - June 26, 2024 at 07:47 PM

AJ

“ Anthony And Ebony Jones lit a candle in
memory of Arnella Whitehead Christian



Anthony and Ebony Jones - June 26, 2024 at 06:55 PM