



Elma Joyce Martin King

July 20, 1946 - May 23, 2014

Elma Joyce Martin King, 67 of Ashland, VA went to join her parents Lloyd and Lucille Martin on May 23, 2014.

She is survived by her husband Kenneth King; a daughter and her husband Shannon and Jim O'Connor; two grandsons Elliott and Ethan O'Connor; a step-daughter Karen Ann Morgan; a step-son Kenneth King, Jr; a brother Lloyd A. Martin; and a sister Barbara Gray Robinson.

A memorial service will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. The family will receive friends 6 to 7 p.m. before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Ashland Volunteer Rescue Squad, PO Box 667, Ashland, VA 23005.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 29. 7:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Tribute Wall

CB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Elma Joyce. I was sorry to hear of their loss. I remember her as such a sweet caring lady with always a smile. She will be missed with love, Claudia Boggs Bridges



Claudia Boggs Bridges - June 04, 2014 at 07:55 PM



“ Hi Shannon, and Kenny, I don't know if you remember me or not it has been such a long time ago, this is Mike Rutledge I spend many a year with Joyce at the Hanover Pharmacy. Those were tough but fun times for me. We had such a wonderful relationship and we enjoyed each others company taking care of all the crazy customers in the Pharmacy. I am truly sorry to hear of her passing. She will be missed by many people. I will always have a special place in my heart for her. After I remarried and moved to Midlothian I kind of drifted away from my favorite little "Center of the Universe" Ashland.

sincerely
Mike Rutledge and Family

Mike Rutledge - June 01, 2014 at 09:59 AM

JL

“ Sending sincere sympathy to Elma Joyce's husband and children, and to Lloyd, Jr. and Barbara Gray. Love, Joan Barnett Link

Joan Barnett Link - May 31, 2014 at 03:30 PM



“ Shannon, Kenny, friends, and family,

Joyce was like a big sister to me and many of my Randolph-Macon friends. We first met when Shannon was a baby and from that initial babysitting relationship, she became so much more to me. She allowed me to live with her when my initial graduate school plans fell through, and whisked me to her beloved University of Georgia in the Fall of 1976 for a trip that altered the course of my life . . .not only by me subsequently attending UGA, but also meeting my husband of 35 years there.

Joyce was filled with vitality and love, a winning smile, and a wonderful laugh which was infectious. I have many memories of playing pool in her living room, parties outdoors with friends, hanging out with her at RMC fraternity parties, and spending time with her family. Most importantly, I remember being in Ashland with her from 1972 until 1977 and watching Shannon grow up. Joyce felt so lucky to have met Kenny, completely adored her daughter, and loved being a grandma. Although our relationship changed over the years to one of occasional chats and Christmas cards, she was a force to be reckoned with, always ready with words of praise and funny stories to share.

I cannot believe she is gone, and at such a young age. She will be missed by me and my RMC family of friends. I can just imagine her singing an Eagles or Jimmy Buffet song with the angels as her chorus.

My deepest sympathy to all of you for the loss of a truly wonderful woman.

*With Love,
Debra Miller Tucker and family*

Debra Tucker - May 29, 2014 at 02:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elma Joyce Martin King.*



May 29, 2014 at 11:15 AM



“ *What do you say at a time like this, Joyce was a special, kind, and loving person. So sorry for your loss Kenny and the family. Our thoughts and prayers...The Gibson family*

Gibby Gibson - May 29, 2014 at 10:40 AM



“ *Our family met Joyce at Hanover Health and Rehab. My dad, Tom Wright, was a patient there, also. He is 90 years old and almost blind and almost deaf. When your mom was at the dinner table with him one day and realized he needed a little help, she took him under her wing and would look for him at mealtimes and was always so helpful to him until our family arrived. She was so sweet to my 2 year old grandson and he would blow kisses to her. We were all so shocked and saddened to hear of her passing. She was a special person, and we are glad we got to meet her. Sending many prayers to the King family.*

Judy Clements and the Wright family

Judy Clements - May 29, 2014 at 07:23 AM

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“ Dear Family of Mrs. King,

You don't know me, but in recent weeks I came to know Mrs. King fairly well. We shared many things from the first day we met, from stories of our pups to our Virginia Tech connection to sharing favorite recipes and family memories to even picking on each other once in awhile. I know there were many things she was looking forward to once she was home.

Elma Joyce was truly a remarkable person; someone who was truly beautiful inside and out. She helped to motivate me and told me that I had done the same for her. I can honestly say that we became friends; I dubbed her my "ladybug" as she always put a smile on my face and could always be counted on as a spot of happiness during the day; in return she called me many things, from her "sunshine with the dazzling smile", to her "pumpkin", before finally settling on her "pumpernickel." (I love this nickname btw). We exchanged contact information and were planning on, at the very least, writing to each other. I am still so proud of her motivation and how she always pushed herself to be better. She was an inspiration and a shining light for myself and others as well, as she helped other people in anyway she could; she was always willing to at least talk to someone for awhile to bring them comfort. I am very shocked and deeply saddened to hear about her passing. She was somebody that I was very happy to work with, and even more happy to call a friend. I was looking forward to hearing from her soon and sharing our updates. I am very sorry for your loss, but know that heaven has truly gained another angel and she will always be looking out for you. Sending many prayers for peace and love your way - Laura Vogt

Laura Vogt - May 28, 2014 at 06:14 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Elma Joyce Martin King.*



May 28, 2014 at 02:37 PM



“ *I just recently met your Mom at Hanover Health and Rehab and spent a great deal of time with her during her stay. I am so shocked as she left us walking with her cane and in great spirits and we were looking forward to having lunch together in a few weeks. She had a wonderful laugh and caring heart and was so appreciative of the therapists and care she received. She loved Jesus and prayed for me and my family. We shared many conversations over the last month and she was one of my favorites. It was a blessing to have known her if even for a short time but I know where she is now - in the arms of our Savior. My deepest sympathy to your family. She was a gem.*

*-Barbara Wilkins
Admissions Coordinator*

Barbara Wilkins - May 28, 2014 at 09:12 AM

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“ Shannon, I still remember to this day how much fun your mom was when we were growing up. You had the coolest mom ever! She had no problem though being strict. She acted like a mom and a friend. She taught me to use ma'am and sir after answering yes or no. She taught me all the words to 'Cheeseburger in Paradise'. She taught me how to make cinnamon toast. Kenny and Joyce also tried to teach me how to ski, unsuccessfully though. My big fat bottom kept me weighed down. LOL!! I loved hanging out with you and your family and though we grew apart I still remember those years very fondly and treasure the memories. I'm so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine. Please give my love to Kenny.

Betsy Dabney (Conway) - May 26, 2014 at 08:31 AM

BH

“ Shannon I will truly miss my beloved friend I only have great memories of all the laughter she brought into my life one of the sweetest and funniest person I had the pleasure of calling my friend she will truly be missed

billie jones hockaday - May 26, 2014 at 08:30 AM