



Melvina Ann Gooch

August 26, 1944 - June 22, 2019

Melvina “Mellie” Ann Gooch, born August 26, 1944 in Richmond, VA passed away Saturday, June 22, 2019 from complications of Alzheimer’s disease that spanned over 8 years. She was predeceased by her parents, Mary Allred Gooch and Melvin Anthony Gooch. She is survived by her sister, Edna Elizabeth Trudeau (Virginia Rogers and son Lucas); her children, Marianna Hicks (Charles), George Stamper, III (Rachel), Martha Jackson (Mark); her grandchildren, Katie, Gabrielle, Reese, Sam, and Quinton; great-grandchildren, Chloe, Dixie, and Waylon.

Mellie attended the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart School. During these years, her passion centered around dance. She received dance instruction by Eleanor Grey School of Dance, Marjorie Fay Underhill School of Dance (aka Richmond School of Ballet). While there she also taught the younger students to dance to her delight. She performed annually in the production of the Richmond Nutcracker. In addition, she delighted audiences with regular performances at the Barksdale Theatre, Barter Theater, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and the Carillon. After her Richmond theatre career, she moved to the Big Apple, to continue her passion. She was successful dancing and singing in NY including the Peppermint Lounge and would have been a Rocket if not for her lack of height.

After returning to Virginia, she enjoyed careers at Miller & Roads, the Va. Game and Inland Fisheries, Milhiser Mfg., Consumat Systems, Inc. and Target.

Her sister, Edna Trudeau was her biggest fan, best friend and lifelong confidant. Edna comments that “She was a strikingly beautiful woman with piercing blue eyes. She was a graceful dancer, a happy tap dancer, a professional computer analyst, wonderful mother, fun-loving grandmother and the best sister one could have.”

Mellie’s lifelong partner Wayne Hill, is to be especially recognized for his unending care he provided our mother and love he showed her throughout her long battle with Alzheimer’s disease.

The family will receive friends at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140 from 5-8 PM Thursday, June 27th. A Catholic Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 3570 King William Ave., West Point, VA 23181 on Friday, June 28th at 11 AM.

The burial will follow at the St. Theresa’s Catholic Cemetery in West Point.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America (www.alzfdn.org) or the Alzheimer’s Association (www.alz.org).

Thank you.

Cemetery Details

St. Theresa's Cemetery

2400 King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
3570 King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

JR

“ John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Melvina Ann Gooch



john and vickie roane - June 28, 2019 at 08:07 AM

KG

“ I remember how, 7 years ago , Mellie and Edna drove all the way from Virginia to attend our daughter's, Ashton Gay', wedding! We live in the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. They said it was their "road trip"...laughing and smiling the whole time while telling us about it. How young and lively these two gals were that week end! It meant so much to us all that they came.

Kathie Gay - June 27, 2019 at 09:29 AM

LC

“ I am so very sorry, for your, loss. I worked, with Mellie, at Millhiser Bag Co. many years ago. She was such a nice person, with a great sense, of humor. May God grant the entire family comfort & peace, in Jesus' name. Linda Chenault

Linda D Chenault - June 26, 2019 at 01:42 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Diane DiGangi - June 25, 2019 at 09:04 AM

JK

“ *I'm so sad to hear of Mellie's passing. I worked with Mellie many, many years at Target. I wanted to share a photo of her with our Admin team, probably from 20 years ago. We were in Memphis for a meeting and volunteered at St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Mellie's front and center in that beautiful blue jacket - so typical! She was a sprite, funny, smart and beautiful lady who's presence lightened up a room. You always knew she was nearby because of the laughter. She was a delight to know, warm and kind, with a sharp wit, a big attitude and an even bigger heart. I'm sure she's dancing away in heaven now - you go Mellie. Sending thoughts and prayers to Wayne, Mellie's children and the rest of her family and friends.*

Jennifer King



Jennifer King - June 25, 2019 at 07:33 AM

JK

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Jennifer King - June 25, 2019 at 06:59 AM

CN

“ Martha, We are deeply saddened to hear about Mellie's passing. She was always very nice and kind to us and we thought of her as a friend. We know this is a very difficult time but we want you to remember that you are a part of your mom. She will always be with you wherever you go in your heart. Please know that you and your family are always in our prayers. Charles and Eva

Charles and Eva Nunnally - June 24, 2019 at 08:47 PM

JN

We enjoyed playing bridge with Mellie and watching her knit beautiful blankets. We're sorry she was taken away so early. Her family is in our prayers.
Love Jenny Nelson and Bill Leitch

Jenny Nelson - June 25, 2019 at 05:35 PM

BJ

Martha, so sorry for the loss of your mother. May you feel the peace as only God can give. She was a fun person to be around and I know you have missed her.
Quinton and Brenda Jackson

Brenda Jackson - June 26, 2019 at 03:02 PM

LR

Edna and Family.....I was so sorry to hear of Melvina's passing. Please find comfort in the thoughts and prayers of family and friends and know that she is finally at peace without pain and fear in the loving arms of our Father.

Lee Reynolds - June 26, 2019 at 09:28 PM