



Vernelle Norman Fletcher

November 4, 1925 - April 30, 2014

Vernelle Norman Fletcher, 88, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 30, 2014. She lived the early part of her life in West Point and most of her adult life in Eltham of New Kent County, Virginia. Vernelle was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred Findell Norman and Mary Mahaley Norman Norman, her sister Daisy Norman Milby and husband Schuyler Milby and her sister Ella Mae Norman.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Wilbur Franklin Fletcher, her daughter Gwendolyn Fletcher Duncan and husband Dr. Gregory Duncan of Greenville, NC, her daughter Virginia Fletcher Page and husband Stacey Page of Mechanicsville, her daughter Melinda Fletcher Bond of Henrico, and her grandson Shawn Valentine and wife Michelle of Ashland and a great-grandson Tyler Michael Valentine.

Mrs. Fletcher worked for six years at the Virginia Department of Highway and raised her three daughters in New Kent County. Mrs. Fletcher was a member of West Point First Baptist Church for 80 years where in her later adult years she was active in the Convention Bible Class, in the Women's Missionary Unit and taught in the Primary Sunday School Department and in Nursery. Vernelle also volunteered at the Saluda Home for ten years and spent twenty years as a volunteer at Riverside Convalescent Center.

Flowers are appreciated. However, the family has requested that donations in her memory be made to American Cancer Society or West Point First Baptist Church, PO Box N, West Point, VA 23181.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Monday, May 5th at West Point First Baptist Church, 414 Main Street, West Point, VA. Interment will follow in Sunny Slope Cemetery. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 4th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181.

Cemetery Details

Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptsit Church of West Point
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

NB

“ I'll never forget the first time that Bob, our two little boys and I went to the Fletchers' home for dinner. It was Easter Sunday, 1956. How could I have known what dear friends they would become?

We had come to West Point the previous year and we moved away in less than two years. But what memories I have of the fun times on the river where we lived in one of Mr. Whaley's houses, all eight of us riding to Va. Bch. in one car, laughing at the funny things that Margaret and Dorothy Mayo told us at W.M.U. meeting, shopping in Richmond with all four children, working together on the clothes we made, and on and on.

The Fletchers have stayed in New Kent since then, but we moved seven more times, and both families added another daughter. But through those years our families enjoyed visiting each other, and later just the two couples meeting several times near Mentone, Al., where Vernelle and I "shopped" while Wilbur and Bob rode all over the mountain.

After Bob passed away I married another fine man and the Fletchers embraced him, and Allen immediately took a liking to them, saying that they were "his kind of people."

I think that the thing which brought us so close together was our interest in spiritual things. Vernelle was truly a "virtuous woman" and an encouragement to me. Even during her illness she was always cheerful when we talked on the phone.

I have truly been blessed to have such a friend as Vernelle and I cherish all the wonderful memories. And love to you -- Wilbur, Gwen, Ginny and Mindy.

Nancy Wagner Brown

Nancy Brown - May 12, 2014 at 11:19 AM

MS

“ Vernelle will be a name and heart long remembered by the family of First Baptist Church. I looked up her records and, if they are correct, she was baptized on October 28, 1935. She was one of service and commitment that will shine on as we reflect on her contributions. Being a lifelong member, myself, I haven't known a time that she wasn't a very major part. Her presence will be greatly missed as we move forward to keep God's light glowing in the West Point area. My family and I are grateful for her involvement in our lives as neighbors, as mentor, friend and support. Our love to Wilbur and all of you as you adjust during this time of loss. Gwen, Ginny and Melinda, I find myself remembering the "friendship bread" your mom shared with me when we lived back to back. The bread was meant to be fed, allowed to grow and shared! This so much speaks to me right now as the life your mother lived in Christ :) She was a humble person and as the Word speaks, "if you must boast, boast only in the Lord, Jesus! I thank God for her life well lived before us. Michele and family

Michele Smith - May 06, 2014 at 08:29 AM

GD

Michele,

Thank you so much for that inspiring word from your tribute. I have always known Mom was special and your words make my heart swell with great gratitude for her and what she represented to others. These words warm my saddened heart. Gwen

Gwen Duncan - May 06, 2014 at 08:20 PM

GD

“ 2 files added to the album Christmas 2013



Gwen Duncan - May 05, 2014 at 09:58 PM

CN

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Carol Anderson Norman - May 05, 2014 at 08:11 PM

GD

Thanks for posting Mom's earlier picture you had. This is special. Special thanks for supporting us today during the service and afterwards. Gwen Duncan

Gwen Duncan - May 05, 2014 at 09:38 PM

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Davis lit a candle in memory of Vernelle Norman Fletcher*



Mary Ellen Davis - May 05, 2014 at 01:47 PM

TN

“ *Tim L. Norman lit a candle in memory of Vernelle Norman Fletcher*



Tim L. Norman - May 03, 2014 at 09:36 AM

SW

“ *Our prayers are with the family at this sad time; however, there is no doubt she is with our Lord. For the thirty years we lived in West Point and worshiped at First Baptist, she was a dear friend and sister in the Lord. A great lady.*

Sue and Bill Wynn (Chesapeake, VA)

Sue Wynn - May 03, 2014 at 08:13 AM

TH

“ *Wilbur and girls, Mama and I are recalling delightful days and delightful neighbors from oh so long ago. Every day I am made aware of the good fortune of having pleasant childhood memories. You all have always been a part of that. Our sympathy and love to each of you. Temple and Frances Wilson*

temple heggie - May 02, 2014 at 09:02 PM

GD

Temple and Frances, Thank you so much for your posting which means the most to us. I will share with Dad. Your relative Nannie Mae Wilson came by to see us tonight at the funeral home and we had a nice visit. Sorry we haven't seen you in so many years. May God bless you richly.

Gwen Fletcher Duncan, Greenville, NC

Gwen Duncan - May 04, 2014 at 08:47 PM

OT

“ *Our warmest condolences, Olga, Donna, Pat, Tracy purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Vernelle Norman Fletcher.*



Our warmest condolences, Olga, Donna, Pat, Tracy - May 02, 2014 at 01:32 PM

RB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ruthie Norman Burks - May 02, 2014 at 10:28 AM

RB

6th grade....West Point Elementary School

Ruthie Norman Burks - May 02, 2014 at 10:30 AM

GD

*Ruthie, what great reminders of both your Mom and ours. Can see the Marie I remember in her much earlier photo and Mom looks like someone I know.
Thanks for this!*

Gwen Duncan

Gwen Duncan - May 03, 2014 at 02:57 PM

VG

“ *In memory of Vernelle Fletcher, my sympathies to the family, Vickie Rowe Grimes*



vickie rowe grimes - May 02, 2014 at 08:18 AM

MD

“ *I am thinking of you and praying for peace and comfort. I so loved Vernelle!. Please let me know how I can help! Love, Mary Davis*

Mary Davis - May 02, 2014 at 08:12 AM

RS

“ *Ricky Sears lit a candle in memory of Vernelle Norman Fletcher*



Ricky Sears - May 01, 2014 at 10:24 PM

RB

“ *Ruthie Norman Burks lit a candle in memory of Vernelle Norman Fletcher*



Ruthie Norman Burks - May 01, 2014 at 09:20 PM

BE

“ Beverly lit a candle in memory of Vernelle Norman Fletcher



Beverly - May 01, 2014 at 08:22 PM

BE

“ Blessings and Comfort to the family at this most difficult time. Mrs. Fletcher was definitely a Disciple to Her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Love,
Beverly & Jim Ross

Beverly - May 01, 2014 at 08:21 PM

GC

“ Vernelle was a very special Lady and she will be greatly missed by many. With heartfelt sympathy. Gloria Couch, New Kent.

Gloria Couch - May 01, 2014 at 08:00 PM