



Wanda Aery Walton

October 14, 1932 - September 2, 2017

Wanda Aery Walton was born in the holler of Stotesbury, WVA (near Beckley) into a coal mining/farming family, in 1932. Wanda is one of nine children, seven of whom survived toddler-hood. The family came from and lived primarily in Appalachia (Southwest Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia).

Mom, along with many of her siblings, eventually moved to Richmond, Virginia. Mom worked at Sam's Diner for a while and eventually went to work for Reynolds Metals Company @ the Bellwood Printing Plant. She retired after 30 plus years as a factory worker/leadperson.

Her first husband, Larry Aery, passed away from cancer. She had her only daughter, Darlene, and they lived with extended family for a long time in south Richmond. She moved to Chesterfield County when her daughter was in elementary school. Wanda eventually met Dick Walton whom she dated for more than 20 years before they married in 1994. The family moved to Charles City County in 1984. Wanda retired from Reynolds Metals.

Possessing only an 8th grade education, Wanda was driven to see that her daughter attended college so she would not have to struggle as Wanda had for so many years. Through years of hard work and sacrifice, she was able to see that goal to success.

Wanda and Dick, both retired, enjoyed many activities. They took pride in keeping their property nicely done, a frequent site would be to see both Wanda and Dick riding lawn mowers cutting approximately three acres of

grass every two weeks. A big vegetable garden was done every summer. They loved to travel to meet friends (Florida) and would go on cruises with the stepdaughters (Sandy, Francis, and Peggy). They also loved to go fishing; before getting older both liked to go salt water fishing (even though mom always had to take motion sickness pills because she sure would get sea sick). In their dating years, they would go dancing frequently and loved to spend time with friends. She loved the family reunions and seeing her brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

Wanda also loved her daughter's dogs (several throughout the years). Since Darlene had no children, the dogs became the "four legged" grandchildren. She would walk them and feed them special treats (like tuna fish). A favorite site in later years was to see Chloe and Dixie high tailing it to her house because they loved tuna fish. Chloe's long legs and Dixie's floppy ears would be a blur!

Once Darlene (finally) married Donnie in 2009, Wanda warmly welcomed his children Brandon, Brooke, and Donnie Jr. as her own family. Since Brandon and Brooke lived next door, they brought her much joy as grandchildren, helping her around the house and yard.

Dick's health began to deteriorate in 2006; she took care of him at home since that is what he wanted. He passed away at home in August 2008.

Wanda resumed some of her normal activities. She enjoyed talking with her neighbors and spending time with her daughter, Darlene, her sister-in-law, Nancy, and her nephew Emmet and his wife Rachel. She loved to laugh and when paired with Aunt Nancy, you couldn't get them to stop laughing (just ask Nancy about their Baltimore adventure).

The most important thing to Wanda throughout her life was her family. Many times, extended family all lived together and took care of one another.

Her laughter and love will be greatly missed.

Wanda was preceded in death by her husband, Wilburn (Dick) Walton. She is survived by her daughter, Darlene Little (Donnie) of Charles City; sisters-in-law, Nancy Barker (Donald) of Chesterfield and Pat Barker (H.L.);

step-daughters, Sarah Briles of Reidsville, NC, Peggy of England and Frances Kibler (Kibby) of Richmond, VA; grandchildren, Brandon, Brooke and Donnie, Jr; as well as Corey, Bear and Johnny; and many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

A funeral service will be held Noon, Friday, September 8th at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140. Interment will follow in Washington Memorial Park, Sandston, VA. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Aery Walton.*



September 06, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ *Wanda was a wonderful step-mom and a great partner to my father. Darlene, I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. I'm sure she is celebrating in heaven with our Dad, now. With sympathy, Peggy and Nigel Hambro*



Peggy Hambro - September 05, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *Wanda was a wonderful friend to me for 50+ years and was a devoted wife to my father, W. G. Walton, Jr. until his death in August 2008. We celebrated many family gatherings at my sister's house in Richmond, VA through the years, as well as several fun "just women" trips visiting Pigeon Forge, TN and Myrtle Beach, SC. She had very strong opinions and could be quite feisty at times, but mostly was just a fun loving person who always wore a beautiful smile. She and my Aunt Margaret could keep us laughing all day long with their stories and antics during our many visits together. She was a doting mother to her daughter, Darlene, and a loving grandmother to her grandchildren. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. My prayers go out to Darlene and her family during this very sad time.*

Sandy Briles - September 05, 2017 at 09:21 AM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Wanda Aery Walton.*



September 04, 2017 at 08:19 PM



“ *Nancy , Judy&Bob ,Flo&George,Ricky&Carol purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Wanda Aery Walton.*



Nancy , Judy&Bob ,Flo&George,Ricky&Carol - September 04, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ *I did not really know Wanda, but I feel like I did. Darlene and I have been friends ever since middle school. The kind of person and mom Wanda must have been is clearly reflected in her daughter..Love for family, caring for others and an enjoyment of life. I know all of you will miss her, but especially you, Darlene. But she'll always be with you and you'll always be her proudest accomplishment! Y'all are in my prayers.*

Joe Greene

Joe Greene - September 04, 2017 at 06:30 PM