



Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth Bradford

March 23, 1921 - February 2, 2017

Virginia Elizabeth Bradford, 95, of Asheville passed away on February 2, 2017 at Brooks Howell Home in Asheville.

Virginia was born March 23, 1921 in West Columbia, South Carolina. She was the sixth and youngest child of Virginia Shealy and James William Smith. The family moved to Asheville when she was seven years old.

Virginia graduated from Lee H. Edwards High School in 1938 and was married to Norman C. Bradford in February, 1942 in Tampa, Florida, where Norman was serving in the Army Air Force.

After the end of World War II, Norman and Virginia returned to Asheville. They were married for 68 years, until his death in 2009.

Virginia can best be remembered as a kind and caring person who often gave more than she received. She considered raising her four children to be her most important job in life. She enjoyed working in her yard and had flowers that bloomed from early Spring until late Fall. When asked how she got them to grow to be so beautiful she would say, "You have to love them." She and her family were members of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Asheville, where she attended from the age of fourteen until advancing age prevented her.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, and son, John. Surviving are son, Charles Bradford (Wanda) of Asheville; daughter, Susan Bradford of Asheville; daughter, Jeanne Pingel of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren Christina Guthrie (Josh) of Weaverville, NC; Evan Bradford of Los Angeles,

CA; James Pingel (Shelly)of Atlanta, GA; Jonathan Pingel of Atlanta, GA; and great-granddaughters Isabella Guthrie and Caitlin Pingel.

Services will be held in the chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue, at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 11, 2017, with the Reverend Eddie Morgan officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service, beginning at 1:00 PM. Burial will be at Lewis Memorial Park, Beaverdam Road, North Asheville, immediately following the service.

Cemetery Details

Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care
304 Merrimon Ave.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth Bradford*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



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Susan Bradford - February 12, 2017 at 09:35 AM



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Susan Bradford - February 11, 2017 at 09:31 AM



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Susan Bradford - February 11, 2017 at 09:10 AM

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Jeanne Pingel - February 10, 2017 at 09:50 AM

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Jeanne Pingel - February 10, 2017 at 09:49 AM

PE

“ *Peter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth Bradford*



Peter - February 09, 2017 at 04:23 PM

PE

“ *Dear Susan
With Loving thoughts and memories of your dear Mother Virginia.
Much Love to you and your family
Peter R.*

Peter - February 09, 2017 at 04:22 PM

SB

“ *Susan Bradford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth Bradford*



Susan Bradford - February 09, 2017 at 12:59 PM

KH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Bradford were such a sweet couple that I fondly remember worshiping with at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church. May your memories give you comfort and peace and God hold you close till you see them again in heaven.*

Karen Cook Harwood

Karen Cook Harwood - February 09, 2017 at 12:05 PM

KK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

karen klutz - February 09, 2017 at 07:53 AM

AH

“ *I am thinking about your loss. My sympathies are with you. Alice Hart*

Alice Hart - February 09, 2017 at 07:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth Bradford.*



February 09, 2017 at 12:55 AM



“ *What a kind and lovely lady she was. Susan, I know that you have always been proud of her. Now it is time for you to be her best representative in the world. Love her through your continued kindness and good deeds. I am very happy that I had a chance to visit with your Mom and to know her for a bit. My thoughts and prayers will always be with you.*

Jeremy Lytle - February 08, 2017 at 10:55 PM

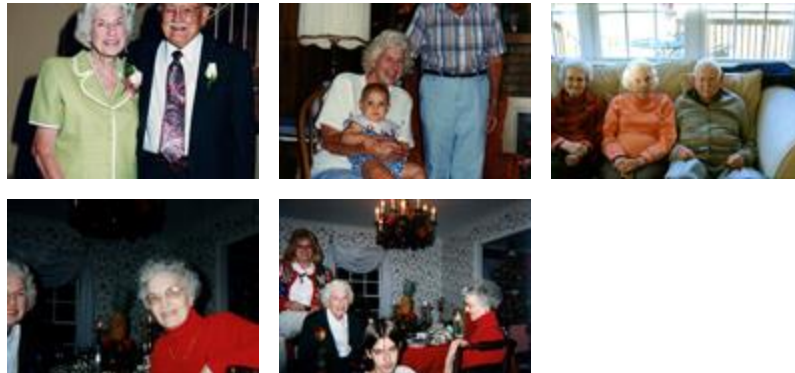


“ *I pray God will hold you and comfort you at this time. May your treasured memories bring a smile.*
S. Showers

Sheila Showers - February 08, 2017 at 09:45 PM



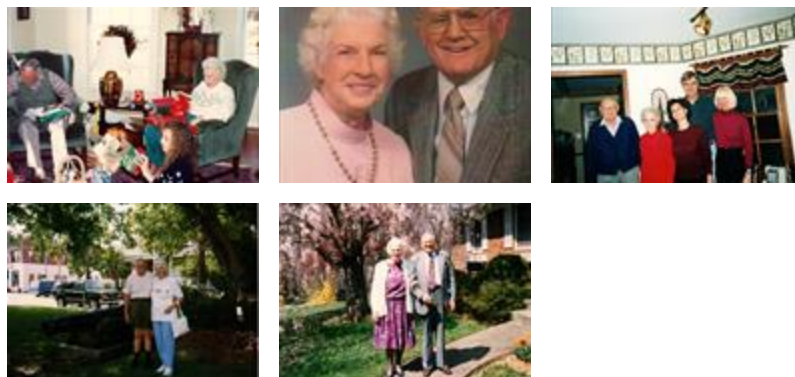
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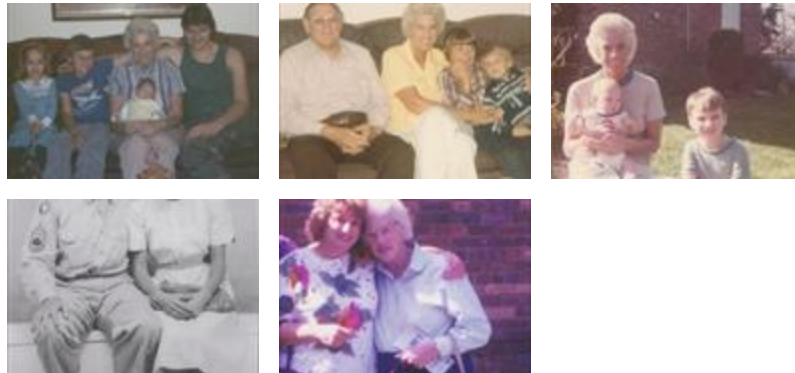
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Susan Bradford - February 06, 2017 at 05:02 PM

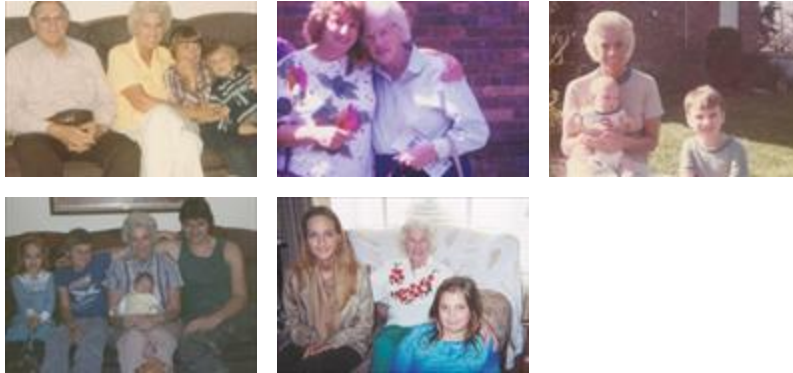
GP

“ *I wish to send my love and condolences to everyone in the family! My mom & dad, Everette & Julia Payne, were close friends with Virginia & Norm from the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Asheville. I grew to love and cherish them as always being so sweet and caring. She would always have one of the sweetest smiles I've ever seen! Virginia and I shared the same birthdate, and it was rare that she would miss sending me a birthday card with the sweetest message written inside. I'm going to miss those cards, but I have the ones from the past to keep me smiling!! Much love to everyone in the family!! My prayers are with you. Gene Payne*

Gene Payne - February 06, 2017 at 12:50 AM

JP

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Jeanne Pingel - February 05, 2017 at 05:34 PM

MR

“ *IT was a great joy to worship and know Norm and Virginia for many years. They were a great blessing to all that knew them. Rest in His loving arms.*

Mike Randall

Michael Randall - February 05, 2017 at 03:43 PM

NB

“ *I went to high school with Christina. I never met Mrs. Virginia, but she sounds like she was a very sweet and caring lady. I'm so sorry for all your guys' pain from losing her here on earth. May you all grieve the way you need to and think on all your memories you made with her to bring some comfort or laughs. I also gotta say... Christina really looks like her! Great pictures and nicely written obituary. Take care- Naomi Brooks*

naomi brooks - February 05, 2017 at 01:22 AM