



Connie Shumate

August 30, 1942 - November 21, 2015

Constance Lynn Shumate age 73 of East Ridge died early Saturday, November 21, 2015 at Saint Thomas West Medical Center in Nashville. She was born in Richmond, VA on August 30, 1942 the daughter of the late George and June (Clevenger) Stapleton. She was also preceded in death by her infant son Timmy Shumate and her brother Scott Stapleton.

Connie was a graduate of the Lord Botetourt High School in Troutville, VA. She was a long time resident of East Ridge and had been employed by Bi-Lo/Food City for the past 30 years. She loved gardening, flowers, talking, family, coffee and Alabama football and was of the Presbyterian faith.

She is survived by her four children, Todd (Virginia) Shumate of Orlando, FL, Shannon (Dan) Perkins of Chattanooga, Tammy (Vince) Martinez of Spring City and Tony Shumate of Chattanooga, her brother, Jon (Margie) Stapleton of Clifton Forge, VA, two sisters, Karen Posten of Lexington, VA and Kathy ((John) Turner of Buckhannon, WV, her sister-in-law, Kathy Stapleton of Covington, VA and six grandchildren, Jacqueline (Alex Rivera) Martinez, Victoria (fiancée Andy Vanderwall) Martinez, Mark Shumate, Sammy Shumate, Kyle Perkins and Trayson Martinez.

Funeral services for Connie will be held Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 1:00pm in the funeral home chapel with Rev. John Fields officiating.

Connie had tremendous love for her grandchild who had autism. If friends wish to express their sympathy, contributions may be made to the Chattanooga Autism Center in honor of Connie Shumate. Donations can be

made online at www.chattanoogaautismcenter.org. or mailed to 1400 McCallie Avenue, Suite 100, Chattanooga, TN 37404.

Please share your memories of Connie on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc.
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Dayton, TN 37321
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Tribute Wall



“ 43 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - September 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ 15 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Dan Perkins - December 03, 2015 at 11:06 AM

DP

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Dan Perkins - December 03, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Connie Shumate*.



December 02, 2015 at 09:19 PM

AT

“ *Connie had a heart of gold, always giving without expecting anything in return. She always had an interesting story to tell, and never stopped talking about her wonderful family and especially her grandchildren who were her world. No one can ever take her place; it's not the same coming to work and her not being there. She is greatly missed by her work community, and our hearts go out to her family and friends.*

Alvin and Megan Toups - December 02, 2015 at 08:35 AM

TM

“ Tammy Martinez sent a virtual gift in memory of
Connie Shumate



Tammy Martinez - December 01, 2015 at 09:04 AM

TM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tammy Martinez - December 01, 2015 at 09:03 AM

TM

*Beautiful, strong, honest, independent, giving. Maybe just maybe I hope
that I was instilled with those characteristics from her.*

Tammy Martinez - December 01, 2015 at 09:09 AM

TM

“ Tammy Martinez lit a candle in memory of
Connie Shumate



Tammy Martinez - December 01, 2015 at 08:58 AM

DB

“ *The families who are served by the Chattanooga Autism Center are very sorry to hear of the passing of Connie. We are also deeply grateful to the Shumate Family and humbled by how they have honored Connie Shumate's life with their support for our organization.*

Dave Buck - November 30, 2015 at 09:50 AM

SF

“ *In addition to or in lieu of flowers, Connie would have wished for donations to go to www.chattanoogaautismcenter.org or mailed to: c/o Dave Buck, Chattanooga Autism Center, 1400 McCallie Avenue, Suite 100, Chattanooga, TN 37404 in memory of Connie Shumate. Any amount is appreciated. Her grandson, whom she loved dearly, is afflicted with autism. Thank you.*

THE SHUMATE FAMILY

Shumate Family - November 27, 2015 at 01:20 PM

TM

“ *So missing you. I want to thank you for being the best Nanny to my girls. My heart breaks for Trayson he will only hear stories about you.*

Tammy Martinez - November 26, 2015 at 06:42 PM

TM

“ *Tammy Martinez sent a virtual gift in memory of Connie Shumate*



Tammy Martinez - November 26, 2015 at 06:38 PM

TF

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Todd Shumate family - November 25, 2015 at 05:41 PM

TS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Todd Shumate - November 25, 2015 at 12:34 PM

EC

“ Connie will be greatly missed by all of us in the Food City receiving department. I enjoyed working with her. People in the vendor community will have tales to tell for years to come. She was admired and loved by us all. Connie I am gonna miss picking up the phone.

Emilie Cavin - November 24, 2015 at 02:38 AM

TS

Rest In Peace Mom

Todd Shumate - November 25, 2015 at 12:17 PM

JS

Connie, or Nanny as she is fondly known by all her beloved grandchildren, including my two sons, Mark and Sammy, was a good and kind, hard-working woman. Thank you, Connie, for all the love and support, cards, letters, hugs, kisses, phone calls, trinkets, candies, money, prayers and boxes of goodies you have given to my boys. You were a wonderful mother in law and friend and a dear grandmother to Mark and Sammy. I so wanted to see you a bit over the summer, but our Lord had something better in mind. See you in paradise, dear Connie.

Jenny Shumate - November 25, 2015 at 02:59 PM

TM

So missing you

Tammy Martinez - November 26, 2015 at 06:30 PM

KP

To my sister who was so loved by her family and friends, may you rest in peace....until we meet again.

Karen Posten - November 30, 2015 at 08:14 PM

TM

Thank you

Tammy Martinez - December 01, 2015 at 06:13 PM

DP

I usually have no trouble putting my thoughts into written words, but as I think about Connie and the profound impact she made on my life and the lives of people around her, I'm struggling, because there's so much to say. She was gifted with a wonderful combination of humor, intelligence and caring, traits that she's passed down to her children and grandchildren over the years. She accepted me into her family and always made sure I knew she was there for me when I needed help or even just to talk. When you see someone on a daily or even a weekly basis its easy to start picturing them as a permanent person in your life, someone that's there whenever you need them. It's only after they've passed into the next life that you realize just how big of a void they filled in your heart and life. The loss of this woman has left a hole in my life that I will try to fill with memories of her. Thank you so much Connie, see you on the other side.

Love, Dan

Dan Perkins - December 03, 2015 at 09:04 AM