



## Juanita Morgan Stafford

May 19, 2020

Juanita Morgan Stafford, 93, passed away peacefully in her home on May 19, 2020. She lived a wonderful and active life full of family, friends, and lots of love and laughter.

She was born and raised in Texas as the eldest of four siblings. She moved to Portsmouth at age 15 where she met and married the love of her life, Robert “Pottsie” Stafford.

Juanita and Pottsie were married for 65 years. They were blessed with two children: Bobbi Vogelsang (Kurt), and Morgan Stafford; three grandchildren: Mark Bernstein (Hazel), Jennifer Kolettis, and Joshua Bernstein (Annie), seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

In addition to raising their own children, Juanita and Pottsie fostered infants for many years. She mothered babies as young as two days old until they were adopted, sometimes for as long as 5 months.

She was an expert seamstress with her own label. She had a clientele of customers who were proud to wear her custom crafted clothing.

She enjoyed being a member of Deep Creek Baptist Church, Victory Chapter #16 Order of the Eastern Star, and Scottish Rite Ladies. One of her greatest professional accomplishments was leading the Portsmouth Christian Women’s Club as Chairman.

During this time she gathered a warm following of lovely women who remained her lifelong friends. She traveled up and down the East Coast to share her stories and testimonies of her faith. That was her gift.

Over the past 18 months she was well cared for by loving and professional staff of the Sentara Hospice community and her daughter Bobbi, who was her full-time caregiver and rarely left her side. She had a special relationship with Maryann, who saw her daily and always brought a smile to her face. She had a close group of friends who visited regularly to sit and reminisce with her, read her son’s book to her, sing to her, massage her back, and pray with her. It was always a treat for her to have a visit from her special sister-in-

law, Teeny Stafford.

We take comfort in knowing that she has been reunited with her parents, siblings, and beloved Pottsie.

A graveside service will be held at 10 am Saturday at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends in the funeral home Friday from 2-4 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospitals.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Greenlawn Memorial Gardens**

3920 Airline Blvd.

Chesapeake, VA, 23321

**MAY**

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**Visitation**

02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel

3225 Academy Ave., Portsmouth, VA, US, 23703

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**Committal Service**

10:00AM

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Graveside - Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd., Chesapeake, VA, US, 23321

# Comments

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**Barbara Stafford Vogelsang** - May 25 at 02:40 PM



“ Mom & siblings - Gary, Patsy Jane, Billie Jean, Juanita

**Barbara Stafford Vogelsang** - May 25 at 02:41 PM

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**Barbara Stafford Vogelsang** - May 23 at 04:04 PM

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Jennifer Kolettis - May 23 at 03:21 PM

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“ Juanita and Pottsie were close friends of my late husband, Bob Moore and I. We had fond memories of fund, laughter, and times together! She had sewn me several outfits for Christmas one year and made me so happy for the time she shared showing her love! She will be missed and was a generous person. Carolyn Moore and family.

Carolyn Moore - May 23 at 10:07 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Juanita Morgan Stafford.



May 22 at 12:08 PM

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“ Bobbi and all Juanita's family:  
I will never, ever forget Juanita. She and I became friends through Christian Woman's Club. I remember the first time I met her. I went to her home so I could talk about being Chairman of the Portsmouth Christian Woman's Club. It was from that meeting that we became best friends. I was in awe of her beauty and charm, as well as her unconditional love. She was a mentor to me, teaching me so many things about life and family. She loved my family, especially my son Steve. She always teased him about being so ugly, when in fact she thought of him as her handsome "grandson." They had a special bond. When my Granddaughter, Savannah, and I visited her in the rehab center in Charlottesville, she immediately made Savannah feel comfortable - which was always her way. Juanita and Pottsie would come to my extended family Christmas gatherings, and everyone loved them, and loved having them celebrate with us. Even though years and miles separated us, nothing could remove the love and admiration I had for Juanita. Our loss is definitely heaven's gain. Juanita, I will always love you and will see you again.

Grace Keel Ripley-Jones - May 22 at 10:41 AM

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“ She was the most kind, funny and compassionate lady I have ever known. She was loved by every one in our medical office and I will miss her.

I am sorry for your loss.

Dr. Kathy McEntee

Kathy McEntee - May 22 at 10:17 AM

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“ Growing up with Morgan I spent a lot of time at Juanita and Pottsie's house. It was my first exposure to someones else's family other than my own. Juanita always made me feel welcome and treated me like family. As the years went by that never changed. Every time I would see her even years in between it was like time disappeared. She was a kind and loving person I will surely miss her.

Chester

chester forehead - May 22 at 09:54 AM

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“ Granny Juanita left us today. all us kids were always very excited to go to granny's house. My Granny i love you so much. you taught us how to make our beds. you made us hot milk with honey at bed time. the first time we saw a microwave was at your house (amana radarrange). you added the disney channel to the cable for us every summer. reruns of the monkees, the partridges; gomer pyle; andy griffith; you made sure we had tv to watch. Juanita was the best cook ive ever known. Every Christmas; Easter; Thanksgiving we always looked forward to going to granny's house. fried chicken, turkey, ham, collard greens, mashed potatoes, BLT's with the best tomatoes. thanksgiving at granny's was the best thing that ever happened in our lives every year.granny would make me ham and butter roll sandwiches when no one was looking. she always told me that i was her pet.we sat for ours doing word search puzzles and reading peanuts comics. she let me go out with granddaddy to catch crabs in chesapeake bay and made awesome crab salad. Juanita you were so good to us. hunting for easter eggs in the backyard; throwing horseshoes with granddaddy in the bermuda grass. you would let us walk to hardees once in a while for ham and cheese. Juanita was a seamstress. she made us clothes and pajamas; she even got tags for them that said made with love by granny. once when i was little i cut up a dress on the dining room table she was making for some one. she wasnt too mad at me i dont think. i dont know what else to say. granny loved us all so much. I love you granny. you were so very good to me.

Stephen Mark Bernstein - May 22 at 12:30 AM

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“ Morgan Stafford purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Juanita Stafford.



