



## Evelyn Elizabeth Saunders

January 20, 2018

Evelyn Elizabeth Collins Saunders, 92, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away on Jan. 20, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was a long time resident of Portsmouth, growing up in Scotts Creek before moving to Westhaven after her marriage and finally to Churchland. She was a former member of Cottage Place U.M.C.

Evelyn was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Leven Joseph Saunders, Sr. her parents, Sunie McCoy and Robert R. Collins Sr. and her siblings: Bertha, Howard, Aubrey Lee and Curtis.

Evelyn is survived by her children Leven Joseph Saunders, Jr. and his wife Mary of Suffolk, and Sandra Leigh Rawls and her companion Danny Merritt of Portsmouth. She was the loving and fun grandmother of JoAnne Mantz (Peter) of Newport, RI, Kristan Kovach (Robert) of Seffner, FL, Natalie DeShazo (Maurice) of Chesapeake, Chris Rawls (Susan) and Stacy Rawls (Chris Maher) both of Virginia Beach. She was also the great grandmother to Malia and Elizabeth Mantz, Kayla, Robert, and Grace Kovach, Levi and Stella DeShazo and Parker Rawls. Also surviving are brothers Robert R. (Porkchop) Collins of Portsmouth and James Elwood (Feetsie) Collins (Jean) of Chesapeake.

Many will remember Evelyn as an accomplished duck pin bowler. She was

also an avid sports fan and despite a family rift with Virginia Tech supporters was a lifelong University of Virginia fan.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, January 27 at 11 am in Loving Funeral Home, Portsmouth, Virginia with interment to follow in Olive Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday January 26 from 6-7pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave  
Portsmouth, VA 23703

## Service

JAN **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave.  
Portsmouth, VA 23703  
(757) 484-3373

# Tribute Wall



“ *So sorry for your loss and our deepest sympathies.*

*Cindy & Jim Merritt*

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**Cindy Merritt** - January 27, 2018 at 12:30 PM