



Maxiene Clarke Wilson

July 23, 2023

Maxiene Gray Baker Clarke Wilson died July 23, 2023. She was 99 years old. Maxiene was born in Brookneal, Virginia and moved to Portsmouth, Virginia as an infant. She was a 1940 graduate of Cradock High School, a 1941 graduate of Keyes Coastal Business College and upon graduation, went to work as a secretary. During World War II, she worked in civil service for the Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Norfolk, and then at various other locations during the war, including Newport, Rhode Island.

Maxiene met Bill Clarke in Portsmouth during the war, and they were married in November of 1943. They had four children; three boys and one girl, and lived in Portsmouth, Virginia; Raleigh, North Carolina and Columbia, South Carolina. They were eventually divorced and after several years, Maxiene was married a second time to Charles Henry Wilson. Maxiene and Charlie made their home in Portsmouth. Maxiene was a long-time member of Highland Baptist Church in Portsmouth, a past Matron of Esther Chapter #37, Order of the Eastern Star and a Portsmouth Board Member of the American Heart Association. She was very active in the community and spent time in travels, including Elderhostel and Painting Trips.

Maxiene retired from civil service in 1984 and began college at Old Dominion University. She obtained her degree in Fine Arts in 1988, at the age of 64. After graduation, she taught Art at Tidewater Community College. She spent

many hours in artistic endeavors including painting and sculpture and produced many beautiful paintings in different genres and mediums, including oil and watercolors. She was an accomplished sculptor. She belonged to several Art Clubs in the Tidewater area and enjoyed painting with the various groups. She also enjoyed Arts and Crafts and Sewing. She had a wonderful green thumb and could grow anything. Her orchids were superb.

Maxiene was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Pauline Baker of Portsmouth; her sister, Ruby Baker Doleman of Portsmouth; her son William Randolph Clarke, Jr., of Gatesville, North Carolina and her daughter, Dana Maxiene Clarke, of Portsmouth. Her survivors include her two sons, Gray Baker Clarke and wife, Teresa, Timothy Robert Clarke and wife, Susan all of Virginia Beach; her daughter-in-law, Joan Clarke of Gatesville, North Carolina; nine grandchildren, Tammy, Billy, Patrick, Quinton, Ann, Mandy, Alex, Dana, and Tina; and eighteen great-grandchildren, Thomas, Kendall, Wesley, Alexis, Cody, Will, Alyssa, Morgan, Mollie, Brianna, Trevor, Landon, Owen, Brooklyn, Jordan, Samuel, Henry and great-granddaughter-to-be, Colette.

Services will begin at 5:00 pm on Monday, July 31, 2023, with the viewing held at Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Avenue in Churchland, Portsmouth, Virginia 23703. The funeral service will be held at Loving Funeral Home at 6:00 pm on Monday, July 31, 2023 with Pastor Kevin Wilson of Highland Baptist Church officiating. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 5:55 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 31. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ *My comrade and my friend. She and I got to know each other at Harmony at Independence. I was the Lead Concierge for many years. Thankfully she always trusted me and knew that I would help her in any way that I could....finding keys, bingo money and such in the apartment. Rest in Peace my friend. Prayers for the family. I wish that I had known sooner so that I could have seen her one more time.*
Christi

Christi - August 03, 2023 at 02:23 PM

JJ

“ *Joan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Maxiene Clarke Wilson*



Joan Johnson - July 31, 2023 at 04:12 PM

JJ

Our deepest condolences to you and your family! Our thoughts are with you!

Joan Johnson - July 31, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Maxiene Clarke Wilson.*



July 31, 2023 at 02:40 PM

LP

“ Love, Stephen & Phyllis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maxiene Clarke Wilson.



Love, Stephen & Phyllis - July 29, 2023 at 05:43 PM

TL

“ Terry and Nancy Legg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxiene Clarke Wilson.

Terry and Nancy Legg - July 29, 2023 at 10:32 AM

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“ Terry and Nancy Legg purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Maxiene Clarke Wilson.



Terry and Nancy Legg - July 29, 2023 at 10:32 AM

TH

“ My wife and I were blessed to have known Maxine in her later years, having lunch occasionally at Home Town Diner with her son Gray. We will certainly miss her but knowing she is with the Lord.

Tom & Susan Hunter - July 28, 2023 at 11:40 PM

MQ

“ *Many Blessings, "Francie" Matthews Queen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Maxiene Clarke Wilson.*



Many Blessings, "Francie" Matthews Queen - July 26, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Maxiene Clarke Wilson.*



July 26, 2023 at 04:04 PM