



Nina Rea Singleton Holmes

October 17, 2025

Nina Holmes, born in Conway, SC, left this world peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones. She was a devoted wife to Leo Holmes for 70 wonderful years, and together they built a life with love and faith.

Nina was the cherished daughter of Joseph and Versia Singleton and a beloved sister to her brothers, Dwayne Singleton and his wife, Carolyn, and James Singleton and his wife, Perlita. She was a mother to five beautiful children: Joseph L. Holmes, Leo Holmes Jr, Frank Holmes and his wife, Vangie, and Christopher Smead. She is predeceased by her daughter, Viola Jane Smead, "Janie." Four brothers and three sisters also predeceased Nina. She has numerous nieces and nephews throughout South Carolina, Texas, Pennsylvania, Florida, New Jersey, and New York.

Nina was a proud grandmother. Her six grandchildren survive her: Lori Smead Rhoads, Leo J. Holmes III, Catherine Rea Holmes, Stephanie Quesenberry, Tanya Schetter, and Reanna Holmes. She also leaves behind a legacy of love through her thirteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Nina's life was a testament to her Christian faith, which she shared with her family and community. She will be remembered for her kindness, wisdom, and unwavering love. She started her career at Eagle's Five and Dime in Conway, SC. She moved to Virginia with her sister, Laura Bell, where she met her

loving husband of 70 years, Leo. She worked as a bookkeeper at Zayers on Airline Blvd. Portsmouth, VA. She retired from Morse-Parker in Portsmouth, VA.

A celebration of Nina's life will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel, Portsmouth, Virginia, with a Visitation at 2:00 pm. The service conducted by Pastor Pete Knickerbocker will be held at 2:30 pm. After the service, family and friends are invited to gather at her son Joey's home in Grandy, North Carolina, to honor her memory and the profound impact she had on those who knew her.

Previous Events

A Visitation Celebrating Her Life

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 2:25 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life Service

OCT **24**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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The Family will receive friends 30 minutes prior to the service.

Tribute Wall

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“ Joseph H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nina Rae Singleton Holmes.

Joseph H. - October 22, 2025 at 01:27 PM

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“ Grammie was always very loving and very supportive of all who came into her life, a very bright light that will never dim, a shine so bright that she could never be forgotten and one that will shine for eternity. The distance between Heaven and Earth will never change the love we all have for you. Your absence will be profoundly felt. Until we meet again. We love you Grammie 💜



Stephanie - October 21, 2025 at 04:39 PM