



Peggy Lee Younkins

January 9, 2026

Peggy Lee Lauten Younkins, age 86, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2026, with her devoted husband, Lester, by her side. She was born in Madison, North Carolina, the daughter of the late John Lee Lauten and Quincey Ledbetter Lauten.

Peggy was a woman of grace, intelligence, and deep love for her family. A dedicated student, she was the Valedictorian of her Madison-Mayodan High School class and graduated from Wake Forest University (with high honors). On January 13, 1962, she married the love of her life, Lester Allen Younkins. Their marriage, spanning 64 years, was a true partnership built on devotion and the joy of raising their three sons.

She dedicated ten years of her professional life to Norfolk General Hospital, where she served as a Med Tech in Pathology. Beyond her career, Peggy was deeply involved in her community. She was a proud, long-time member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, where she famously led the annual pecan sales drive as a top fundraiser and formed cherished, lifelong friendships. She also looked forward to her regular card club gatherings at Gianna's in Harborview. She and Les were avid Lady Monarch women's basketball fans, holding season tickets as far back as the Marianne Stanley tenure. In addition, volunteered on various committees as a long-time Green Acres Presbyterian parishioner until she was no longer able.

Peggy was a constant presence in her sons' lives, serving as an enthusiastic supporter of Churchland Little League and the Band Parents Auxiliary. She was known for her remarkable memory—never forgetting a name or a face—and for her innate ability to make everyone she met feel seen and valued.

Peggy was predeceased by her parents and her beloved great-granddaughter, Layne Marie Younkins.

She is survived by her husband, Lester Allen Younkins; her three sons, David (Dawn), Randy, and Van; four grandsons, Nicholas, Jeffrey (Ashlyn), Austin (Mackenzie), and Landon; and two great-grandchildren, Jace and Jordan, who brought her immense joy.

The family will receive visitors at Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel 3225 Academy Avenue. Portsmouth, VA 23703 on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 5:00 – 6:30 PM.

A funeral service will be held at Green Acres Presbyterian Church 3135 Hanley Avenue. Portsmouth, VA 23703 on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Peggy's memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the Green Acres Presbyterian General Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Green Acres Prebyterian Church
3135 Hanley Ave
Portsmouth, VA

Visitation 10:30 am in the church.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Maggie Radford lit a candle in memory of Peggy Lee Younkins



Maggie Radford - January 22 at 02:10 PM

MR

“ I will miss Peg playing bridge with us at Gianna’s so very much. She never gave up and always had a sharp and quick mind at bridge. You always wanted her for your partner. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Maggie Radford - January 22 at 02:09 PM

CP

“ Cara P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peggy Lee Younkins.

Cara P. - January 21 at 12:54 PM

VM

“ Valerie and Bob Muth purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Peggy Lee Younkins.



Valerie and Bob Muth - January 21 at 09:09 AM

JE

“ Jerry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peggy Lee Younkins.

Jerry - January 20 at 01:25 PM

JE

“ Jerry purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Peggy Lee Younkins.



Jerry - January 20 at 01:25 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Peggy Lee Younkins.



January 19 at 10:29 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Lee Younkins.



January 19 at 05:54 PM

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“ from JoEllen, Richard & Karin (Younkins) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peggy Lee Younkins.

from JoEllen, Richard & Karin (Younkins) - January 19 at 08:44 AM

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“ from JoEllen, Richard & Karin (Younkins) purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Peggy Lee Younkins.



from JoEllen, Richard & Karin (Younkins) - January 19 at 08:44 AM

RF

“ Ray Younkins Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Peggy Lee Younkins.



Ray Younkins Family - January 18 at 05:24 PM

Person icon

“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Peggy Lee Younkins.



January 18 at 11:09 AM

AP

“ Anita Plawinska purchased the Yellow Sunflowers (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Peggy Lee Younkins.



Anita Plawinska - January 17 at 03:35 PM

KG

“ I have known Peggy since I was 10 years old and my Mom joined Beta Sigma Phi sorority (I am now 74). She has always been so always been so sweet and kind. Over the past few years I would see her at the hairdresser. She always gave me such a great smile. I will miss her so much
Kathy Hancock Grillo

Kathy Hancock Grillo - January 17 at 11:10 AM

SG

“ My husband & I met Peggy at the beauty parlor and looked forward to seeing her each week. She was a friendly person and enjoyed her time catching up with everyone. She will be missed. Sandra and Ralph Geabhart.

Sandera Geabhart - January 17 at 09:58 AM

GG

“ David and Dawn, we offer our condolences to you and your extended Family and Friends at this time of great loss. May Peace be with you.

Gabbo & Suzanne Galbreath - January 16 at 06:16 AM

CF

“ *Miss Peg was my neighbor for 23 years. Whenever I'd see her, she would ask me how the kids are doing. She was always very kind and sweet to me. I'll miss seeing her around the neighborhood. Our deepest sympathies for the family. Cheryl Flowers and family*

Cheryl Flowers - January 15 at 05:34 PM