



## Virginia Ellen Culpepper

April 1, 2026

Virginia Ellen Culpepper, age 96, of Chesapeake, Virginia, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2026. Born in Brockton, Massachusetts, to the late Maude S. May-Shaw and the late Karl P. Shaw. Virginia lived a long and purposeful life marked by generosity, creativity, and an unwavering devotion to those she loved.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin O. Culpepper Jr. She is survived by her three children, Marie Taylor and her husband Alex, Barbara Warren and her husband Howard, Ed Culpepper and his husband Jeff. She was the proud grandmother of April Taylor-Martin and her husband Shayne, Sarah Taylor-Glaser and her husband David, Joel Taylor and his wife Christina, Shari Kirk, and Shawna Nelson. She was a cherished great-grandmother to Seth and wife Gabrielle, Maleah, Jasper, Grace, Asher, Corbin, Alana, Kyla, Liam, Tatum, and Raelyn, as well, a delighted great-great-grandmother to Violet.

Virginia possessed remarkable organizational, financial, and planning skills, gifts she put to use throughout her life with enthusiasm and purpose. She had a particular talent for rallying others to help her accomplish her visions, whether coordinating day trips with her church groups, orchestrating celebrations and events, or even planning a birthday party or two for herself. She lived modestly and gave generously. Among her most cherished

charitable endeavors was shopping for coats to donate through Warm Coats Warm Hearts and One Warm Coat Drives. She was also a faithful contributor to the Westhaven Baptist Church food closet and numerous local food pantries, always mindful of those in need within her community.

Virginia's artistic talents blossomed beautifully in her senior years. She found great joy in classes and exhibitions, engaging with fellow artists and sharing her creative spirit. Many in her community knew Virginia not only for her warmth and vitality but also for her constant and devoted canine companion, a rescued dog named Precious, who was always faithfully by her side.

Virginia treasured her friendships, particularly her bonds with Ann Davis, Paulette Parker, Pauline Satterfield, Agnes Hutsepiller, Wendy Morrison and many others at Westhaven Baptist Church, including her dear TEL class and FIA. These relationships enriched her life immeasurably.

A woman of sincere Christian faith, Virginia found spiritual nourishment and fellowship through her church family at Westhaven Baptist Church. Her faith guided her generosity, shaped her character, and now gives her family comfort in the assurance that she rests in the loving arms of her Heavenly Father.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to any supportive charity in Virginia's memory, continuing the spirit of giving that defined her remarkable life.

A special thanks to Interim Hospice Care for their team of compassionate caregivers and professionals during Virginia's 30 days under their watch.

A memorial service will be held at Westhaven Baptist Church on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 11am.

## Remember When

When the lilac blooms and peonies smell heavenly,  
When the leaves turn golden and shimmer with dew,  
When the house smells of cinnamon and lights are twinkling,  
When the ocean is between our toes and the waves put us to sleep,  
When the mountain air fills our lungs and the views take our breath,  
You, will be remembered when.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westhaven Baptist Church  
4900 Caroline Avenue  
PORTSMOUTH, VA 23707

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ I will always love you, mom. You were always there for us in our growing up years, giving us memories of school trips, performances in band, choir, at church and school, planning vacations and opportunities to see the fall leaves, go on trips with choir and have good memories even in the midst of difficulties, you were there for us. And when it was time to let me go, you allowed those opportunities and experiences that helped develop our character and see the world in a new way. I saw you grow in gifts that you didn't have time for as we grew up and develop a love for art that influenced many of the next generation in a major way. I thank God I got to be with you near the end there and listen to your memories gone by. Living so far away had its own challenges for me, and can only hope that I can have such a blessed influence on my family as you did in Virginia. My yellow roses bloomed big the week of your passing and reminded me of how I loved to send you yellow roses for your mother's day. The day you passed they all blew away in the wind reminding me that your sweet fragrance is now in the hands of God. Take care, and know, you are loved and will be missed.



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**Barbara Warren** - April 20 at 09:24 PM

JG

“ Virginia Culpepper, my Great Grandmother, was a part of every one of her great grandchildren's lives; she loved every one of us. I have fond memories visiting her from when I was young to a grown man now. I was very fortunate to have had my great grandmother in my life for as long as I have, not many people get that opportunity. I am very grateful for her experience in life and facilitating the environment for very strong men and women to exist and prosper in our family. Virginia Culpepper will forever be immortalized in our hearts and minds. We all love you and we all miss you.

Jasper Glaser - April 10 at 10:21 AM

MB

To Ed and Jeff and the rest of Virginia's family my thoughts are with you during this time. I only had a limited time with Virginia, but found that she was a wonderful, courageous, spunky and generous woman.

Mary Blackwell - April 11 at 11:53 AM

BW

I only met Virginia once -- we sat together through Ed's long neck surgery. Even though we were both apprehensive, we were able to carry on pleasant conversations. We soothed each other. Ed and Jeff, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Beth Williams - April 11 at 05:59 PM

SB

I met Mr. and Mrs. Culpepper when I met Marie in nursing school. What a wonderful , caring, quick wit about her. Loved her for her kindness. Our condolences go to Marie, Barbara and Ed and all family. We love and are keeping you all in prayers. Love Susan and Harold Beazley

Susan and Harold Beazley - April 16 at 12:44 PM