



Wanda Rowley

September 9, 2024

Wanda Louise Pope Rowley, 89, of Chesapeake, died September 9, 2024 in a local assisted living facility.

Mrs. Rowley, the daughter of the late Velda Baker Pope and Charles A. Pope, Sr. and was born in Statesville, NC. She was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, William R. Rowley, Jr., her son-in-law Marty Williams, and her siblings, Jane Elizabeth Long, Charles A. Pope, Jr., Kathleen Pope, and Aleen Pope. She spent most of her life in Portsmouth and Chesapeake and was a graduate of Cradock High School. From her teenage years, she was active in her church and accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She was a charter member of New Creation United Methodist Church (formerly Aldersgate), where she was an active participant in the Golden Rule class and served in many capacities including church Lay Leader. She and her husband Bill were well known throughout Virginia and North Carolina for their involvement in Lay Witness Missions. Mrs. Rowley is especially remembered for having directed for 30 years the church's annual presentation of The Living Dramatization of Leonardo DaVinci's The Last Supper. She was particularly fond of butterflies, a symbol of the Resurrection, and had a large collection of butterfly pins which she enjoyed wearing.

Mrs. Rowley is survived by a daughter Kathy R. Williams; three sons, Rev. Ralph W. Rowley and his wife Marcia, CDR Charles E. Rowley, Chaplain USN, Ret. and his wife Denise, Rev. Raymond E.G. Rowley and his wife Bobbi; seven grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved

dearly and prayed for daily.

A Celebration of Life officiated by the Rev. Randy Duncan and the Rev. Robert F. Cofield Jr. will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14 at New Creation United Methodist Church. A private service of interment will be held at Olive Branch Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the Choir Fund or Caring Fund of New Creation United Methodist Church, 4320 Bruce Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM (ET)

New Creation United Methodist Church
4320 Bruce Road
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Wanda and Bill were such special people. Wonderful, faithful servants of God at Aldersgate UMC. I was the Associate Pastor many years ago and have many fond memories of them. Wanda gave wonderful warm hugs that assured you that you belonged. I loved to visit her at her home and just chat. She was a pillar of the church, always there, and always ready to jump in when asked. Wanda loved to direct and lead the Lord's Supper play that was written by Ernest Emurian. She was proud of her children and loved they were also involved and active in the church. Wanda - you will be missed. You are a precious and beloved child of God and I know that you are resting in the arms of your Savior and your loving husband again. Rest in Peace my friend. Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Well done. Love to your family.

Dawn-Marie Singleton - September 11, 2024 at 12:09 PM

DH

“ Wanda was a truly great woman. Very Godly, kind and caring. I know she will be missed by many!. Sorry to see her leave us, but happy that she is with the Lord! Praying for the family to be at peace during this dark chapter in their lives

Donald Hundley - September 10, 2024 at 10:24 AM

PS

“ Sending our deepest condolences and expressions of sympathy to the Rowley family. Mrs. Rowley was such a wonderful person and the epitome of a Christian lady. It was a joy to see her smiling face each Sunday in Church. She will be truly missed. Praying for comfort that only God can provide for her family.
Patsy and Bob Southard

Patricia Southard - September 09, 2024 at 10:13 PM

RU

“ Our deepest condolences to the Rowley Family. May you find peace, comfort and understanding during this difficult time .
Keelyn & Ruth Underwood

Ruth Underwood - September 09, 2024 at 08:40 PM

SW

“ Wanda was a beautiful woman..... a devoted Christian and loving Mother. I will always remember the wonderful vacation we shared in the Outer Banks where she and I were roomies. I had a wonderful time with her and her loving, generous family. My brother Marty and Wanda's daughter Kathy, my wonderful sister-in-law, took extra special care of Wanda in her later years. I know Marty is welcoming her to Heaven.

sally Williams - September 09, 2024 at 07:38 PM

LC

“ Love, Sally, Jonathan, Sam, and Chris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wanda Rowley.



Love, Sally, Jonathan, Sam, and Chris - September 09, 2024 at 07:31 PM

WM

“ Prayers and Sympathy for the Rowley Family.
Wendy and Josephine McCarthy and Josephine Johnson.

Wendy McCarthy - September 09, 2024 at 07:12 PM

CJ

“ Ms Wanda was so nice. I remember her from when I went to Aldersgate UMC. She always had a smile on her face and was an advocate for doing what was right. Prayers for the entire family.

Craig Jackson - September 09, 2024 at 07:12 PM

BW

“ Sorry to hear about Wanda..always present at church and community events. It was always a pleasure to see how she could pull together The Last Supper play...and our choir would sing some background pieces.

Love and condolences to the family. God bless...❤️

(Betty Hayslett Whitener)

Betty Whitener - September 09, 2024 at 06:38 PM

ER

“ Wanda was a dear friend to my mother, Mollie Britt, and always took the time to call and inquire about her over these past five years since the onset of my mom's illness. She was a devout, God-Loving woman and she will be missed. The passing of an icon and leader within her church family. Heaven is celebrating today!

Emma Rawls - September 09, 2024 at 04:21 PM

DM

Dear Chuck...our sincere prayers go out to you and your family on the death of your Mother. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dan and Barbara Mull - September 09, 2024 at 06:15 PM

RQ

Condolences on your loss from the Quinn Family.

Robert Quinn - September 09, 2024 at 07:16 PM

JE

I'm so very sorry to learn of Wanda's death, but I know she is reunited with Bill. They were both very kind to Bob when he was in the Navy, and the friendship has lasted all these 70 years. My condolences to all the family. I know there is an empty space in your lives. God bless and comfort you all.

Jennifer Evans

Jennifer Evans - September 09, 2024 at 07:24 PM

GG

Kathy, Chuck, Ray, and Ralph, I offer my condolences to you and your extended Family and Friends at this time of great loss. May Peace be with you. I have fond memories of your Mom from my days at the 'hardware'. She will be remembered for her kindness. May she rest in Peace.

Gabbo Galbreath - September 11, 2024 at 06:51 AM

ET

Mrs. Rowley was a beautiful lady inside and out and will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Evelyn Thomas - September 29, 2024 at 10:23 AM