



Mrs. Virginia McLendon

December 31, 1951 - December 13, 2014

Virginia Lee Phillips McLendon, 62, of Danielsville, died Saturday, December 13, 2014 at her home, surrounded by family and friends, just as she wanted.

She was the wife of John Wilmer McLendon for 41 years, until his death in 2013.

She is survived by son, Johnny Wayne McLendon (Angie) of Danielsville, and daughters Connie Spruill (David) of Colbert, and Christy Bailey (Terrell) of Hull, along with nine grandchildren: Kyle McLendon, Abigail McLendon, John Wyatt McLendon, Brooke Alexander, Danielle Spruill, Courtney Spruill, Lee Yarbrough, Claire Yarbrough and Layla Bailey; also one brother Joe Phillips, of Danielsville, and a sister Sherry McLendon, of Lexington, along with numerous other relatives and dear long-time friends.

She was the daughter of Jessie Lee and Shirley Vanderburg Phillips. She was first and foremost a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother, and spent her life taking care of those she loved. She also worked as a cafeteria worker at Hull-Sanford Elementary School, as a seamstress and (unofficially) as an organizer of many fun road trips and amazing gatherings at her little home in the woods. Anyone who knew Virginia knew her favorite word was "awesome," which she used with great frequency when describing her children and grandchildren.

The final months of her life she exhibited great strength of character and grace in fighting a diagnosis of Stage IV Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

She never lost her faith in her Lord, her sense of humor and dry wit, or her enjoyment of the simple things in life, like filling her house with family and friends for a home-cooked meal, complete with laughter and fellowship, listening to the rain on her roof, going on road trips that always required getting lost (at least once), a good meal at a restaurant that provided complementary coffee afterwards, and traveling in a circle back home. She never stopped giving, never stopped hoping and she never stopped fighting.

All of these attributes, and more, came back to her as her family and closest friends gathered around her in the final days of her life to care for her and to share stories, to laugh, and to cry, all where she could hear, just as she had requested. Her little house was overflowing. There were no strangers there, only people brought together by her love for them, and theirs for her. One of her last comments was about how much she loved "the party." Healthcare workers commented on how special and rare the positive atmosphere was around her and reassured those present she could hear them, even when she could no longer join in. As Virginia herself would have said, it was "awesome."

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at New Hope Worship Center in Danielsville, GA with Rev. Jerry Bishop and Rev. Wendell Hanley officiating. Interment will follow in the New Hope Worship Center Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at Pruitt Funeral Home, Royston, GA. The family is at the home.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.pruittfhroyston.com.

Pruitt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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“ *Leave a condolence or a memory.*

Mike Boyer - September 10, 2015 at 08:31 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss, Connie. Praying God's comfort for you and your family.*

Rochelle Skelton - September 10, 2015 at 08:31 AM