



Evangeline Stewart

August 24, 1949 - November 15, 2015

As we look to the hills from which cometh our help, we are reminded of memories of our beloved Evangeline J. Stewart, affectionately known as “Punkin.” Evangeline was a dear mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, niece and friend.

Evangeline was born on August 24, 1949 in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late Silas and Virginia Lee Woods. Evangeline grew up under the love and guidance of a large extended family that included her grandmother, aunts and uncles as well as her brothers and sisters.

She attended I.C. Norcom where she enjoyed English and Art. At I.C. Norcom she met the love of her life, Eddie Stewart Sr., who would eventually become her husband. They were married on August 11, 1971 and through this union came five children. A devoted wife, she continued to honor the memory of her late husband after his untimely death in 1987.

Evangeline was a committed mother who demonstrated the fruits of the spirit – love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. In short, her friends and family would describe her as a giver and a faithful servant of God. She demonstrated a quiet but courageous inner strength daily as she raised her children, cared for her extended family and served her community.

A lifelong learner, Evangeline demonstrated that a dream deferred was not a dream forgotten. On May 17, 2015, she achieved one of her biggest goals. After years of perseverance she earned her Bachelor of Interdisciplinary

Studies with Distinction from the University of Virginia. Her tenacity was an inspiration to all who knew her.

She went to be with the Lord peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, November 15, 2015. Surviving to share and celebrate precious memories are her children: Yolanda (Dr. Michael N'Tari Darville), Eddie Jr., Anthony (Janet), Felencia, and Makena; four grandchildren (Jayson, Maya, Mariah and Anthony Jr.). She is also survived by her sisters Shirlene Woods, Evelyn Joyner (Bruce), Angela Wilkins (Raymond) and her brother Gregory Williams (Patricia); and sister-in-law Elsie Bess, Shirley Stewart- Coates (Matthew) and Georgia Williams. She also leaves numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Evangeline was preceded in death by her brother Michael Williams and her aunt and best friend Barbara Jean Norvell.

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Chesapeake, VA 23323
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Visitation

NOV **21**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Church No. 1
3611 Thorne Avenue
Portsmouth, VA

Service

NOV **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



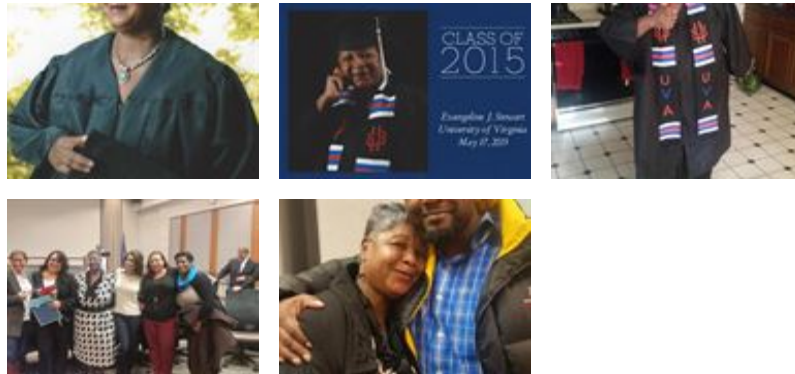
“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Evangeline Stewart



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 23, 2015 at 10:15 AM



“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 20, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ Ken Doris and the Bailey/Burton Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Evangeline Stewart.



Ken Doris and the Bailey/Burton Family - November 20, 2015 at 12:23 PM

LV

“ Love, The Lee Family of Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee, and VA purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Evangeline Stewart.



Love, The Lee Family of Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee, and VA - November 20, 2015 at 11:46 AM

Y(

“ Your children (EJS5BC) purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Evangeline Stewart.



Your children (EJS5BC) - November 20, 2015 at 10:20 AM

SF

“ Sherilyn Crawley, Your Sister and Friend and the PBG Family purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Evangeline Stewart.



Sherilyn Crawley, Your Sister and Friend and the PBG Family - November 20, 2015 at 08:20 AM

AE

“ Sister Evangeline Stewart volunteered over two years with Samaritan Outreach Center, Inc. when we were in the London Oaks Apartments. She came with a caring, loving spirit for the children. She was willing to spend and be spent so that the children that were considered at risk could move forward. She taught the children, prayed for the children, and when necessary corrected the children. I appreciate her support in helping me and the other volunteers which included her daughter, Fe-Fe at Samaritan Outreach Center. My prayers and love remain with the family. Sister Adrienne Etheridge



Adrienne Etheridge - November 19, 2015 at 05:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evangeline Stewart.



November 19, 2015 at 02:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evangeline Stewart.



November 19, 2015 at 08:03 AM

LF

“ Love Always, Lanee & Kerlin Blaise and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Evangeline Stewart.



Love Always, Lanee & Kerlin Blaise and Family - November 19, 2015 at 07:45 AM

CS

“ CAROLYN SMITH lit a candle in memory of Evangeline Stewart



CAROLYN SMITH - November 18, 2015 at 07:13 PM

CS

“ We always loved her smile and way of talking. We admired her tenacity and determination. Praying for consolation and peace for the family. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Carolyn, John and Ashley Smith

CAROLYN SMITH - November 18, 2015 at 07:12 PM

JF

“ To: Evelyn and Family my prayers and condolences go out to you all sorry to here of the lost of your beloved sister. may god be with you during the difficult time . remember me your best of friend growing up. Mrs. Joann Beale (Beava) Felton



joann felton - November 18, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ *Dara Daughtry sent a virtual gift in memory of Evangeline Stewart*



Dara Daughtry - November 18, 2015 at 03:33 PM



“ *Nicole Copeland lit a candle in memory of Evangeline Stewart*



Nicole Copeland - November 18, 2015 at 03:08 PM



“ *Lanee Blaise lit a candle in memory of Evangeline Stewart*



Lanee Blaise - November 18, 2015 at 02:36 PM



“ *Lisa Sedlak lit a candle in memory of Evangeline Stewart*



Lisa Sedlak - November 18, 2015 at 02:33 PM

CB

“ CAROLYN L. BOWE lit a candle in memory of
Evangeline Stewart



CAROLYN L. BOWE - November 18, 2015 at 01:45 PM

TM

“ Tiffany Morant lit a candle in memory of
Evangeline Stewart



tiffany morant - November 18, 2015 at 12:35 PM

TS

“ My condolences to you and your family Soror Yolanda. Losing a
love one is not easy especially that of a mother. Always remember
her smile, her words of wisdom her tender touch, her hugs of
comfort and the meals she made. These things we treasure most
and pass onto our own children. My prayers are for you and the
family that the hand of God will be there to hold you up when you
need him most.

Terah Sweeting - November 18, 2015 at 12:17 PM

TS

“ Terah Sweeting lit a candle in memory of
Evangeline Stewart



Terah Sweeting - November 18, 2015 at 12:14 PM

CY

“ Claude Youngs lit a candle in memory of
Evangeline Stewart



Claude Youngs - November 18, 2015 at 10:11 AM

CY

Claude and Laura Youngs and Family wanted to express our Deepest Sympathy for this Great Lost. Mrs Stewart was one of the most strongest person we have ever known. She raise great family and gave so much. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Claude Youngs - November 18, 2015 at 10:19 AM

ES

“ E'Thegra Symonette lit a candle in memory of
Evangeline Stewart



E'Thegra Symonette - November 18, 2015 at 08:59 AM

KM

“ Kate Mills lit a candle in memory of
Evangeline Stewart



Kate Mills - November 18, 2015 at 08:55 AM

KM

Thought and prayers are with you during this time. May God strengthen you and your family....Blessings!!!

Kate Mills - November 18, 2015 at 08:56 AM

PP

“ A beautiful, gracious and intelligent woman of GOD has left us. I was in awe of her because she was such a strong woman after the death of her husband, Eddie Stewart. She did what a true woman would do and raised her children to become productive members of society. She was blessed to take care of them and see them all become adults. I thank GOD for that. After being the best wife and mother you wanted to see she occupied herself with education. She donated her precious time to goodwill causes. She will be sorely missed but she has gone on to her reward.

TAKE HEART HER CHILDREN BECAUSE YOU HAD THE BEST MOTHER GOD COULD GIVE YOU.

PHYLLIS LEE PORTER

Phyllis Lee Porter - November 17, 2015 at 08:23 PM

CB

“ I couldn't believe it when I heard yesterday of the passing of Evangeline. I just spoke with her a week ago after writing her a reference letter after she was accepted into ODU. What can I say about her? So smart, sweet, lovable, patient, strong. She was always overflowing with emotion when she spoke of her beloved family, husband and children, and for UVA. She had her dream come true upon her recent graduation and that is a comfort to me. I was very proud of her as she delivered her capstone which was about African-American women's roles in WWII. My Woman and Science class hit a nerve with her as we discussed things like guilt, loss, and sacrifice. I just can't believe it! I do know that she is at peace and knowing her, she is hoping we are not too sad. I'm sure she is gloriously happy. Love and hugs my friend. Clair Berube

Clair Berube - November 17, 2015 at 05:19 PM

CS

“ Words cannot express how sad I feel that we have lost a true angel here on earth. I will always remember Evangeline on her first day of classes with me in BIS. She told me she was "so excited to finally pursue her degree after raising all of her babies!!" She would show me pictures of her children and grandbabies every week and keep me abreast of all they were doing in their lives. She was so very proud of her family and rightfully so. She did an amazing job of raising them!! My husband, John, and I were so happy and honored to have been able to guide Evangeline during her Capstone semesters. She came to our house and shared her friendship, her wisdom, her beautiful stories of her life and family with us and in turn became a special member of our family. John and I were so proud as she presented her Capstone beaming and confident from behind the podium knowing that graduation was finally just around the corner. Evangeline did not want to stop there. I wrote her a letter of recommendation two weeks ago and she was so excited about graduate school and this new chapter in her life. I am heartbroken at the loss of a very dear friend. However, in my heart, I find comfort in knowing that she is now in Heaven with her sweetie, Eddie, who has been waiting with open arms for a very long time. When Evangeline entered a room the entire place would light up. I will always remember her radiant smile, her warm hugs and forever hold them close. I was truly blessed to have Evangeline touch my life.



Christie Mendoza McCall and John Sanford - November 17, 2015 at 02:51 PM

JH

“ Love you with all my hart



Juanita hodges - November 17, 2015 at 01:26 PM

BS

“ *Evangeline had a quiet but powerful presence in class and was sweet, nurturing, and wise. I feel blessed to have had her in my classes and am so sorry to learn she is gone. She exemplifies the best of BIS.*



Beverly Supler - November 17, 2015 at 01:07 PM

NV

“ *What I will remember about Miss Evangeline was her beautiful smile. I miss her terribly.*



Nancy VanCamp - November 17, 2015 at 12:27 PM

RT

“ *Roger Trask lit a candle in memory of Evangeline Stewart*



Roger Trask - November 17, 2015 at 12:13 PM

MC

“ *Mrs. Lenora D. Carr lit a candle in memory of Evangeline Stewart*



Mrs. Lenora D. Carr - November 17, 2015 at 10:43 AM

MC

My prayers are with you and the family for strength doing this time.

Mrs. Lenora Carr - November 17, 2015 at 10:45 AM

MS

“ *Melissa Sivells lit a candle in memory of Evangeline Stewart*



Melissa Sivells - November 17, 2015 at 10:17 AM

Mary Norton

“ *Evangeline was just an amazing person. She was sweet, kind, and extremely intelligent. I will miss her smile and her laugh, but mostly I will miss her telling everyone I was her "adopted" daughter, and the laugh she would laugh when they looked at the two of us. She was very much our school mom :) She cared for everyone she met like they were family, and she was absolutely as giving as any person could be. She was someone I admired, and that will never change. I am thankful I was able to meet her and her family, whom she loved more than anything!! She was always beaming with pride talking about her children and grandchildren. <3 Until we meet again Ms. Evangeline <3 Love always, Mary Norton*

Mary Norton - November 17, 2015 at 10:13 AM

SS

“ I am so very sorry -- Evangeline will be sorely missed. I recall with great fondness the in-depth discussions we had in classes with our cohort (Fall of 2011). Evangeline offered perspective, on many issues, that was unique and powerful. We took a number of trips together to Charlottesville for research at Alderman library or writing workshops. Her stories made the trips go by quickly, and her ready supply of mints was her signature! I am so proud to have known her, and to have seen her achieve her goal to graduate from UVa!

Steven Samotis - November 17, 2015 at 10:07 AM