



## Mary Katherine Combs

November 6, 1938 - April 21, 2020

Mary Katherine Combs also affectionately called “Luellen” of Chesapeake, Virginia, reunited with Our Heavenly Father on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Mary was born on November 6, 1938, in Plymouth, North Carolina, the daughter of Joseph Johnson and Iona Rouson Johnson.

Mary was a loving wife, a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Things you may not know about Mary. She loved to garden and cooked everything she grew. She loved to watch Life Time movies on Sunday afternoons. She also loved to read, VC Andrews was one of her favorite authors. She helped the elderly, and the sick and shut-in by running their errands and she also visited the elderly in nursing homes. While living in Babenhausen, Germany she was on the committee that helped Americans prepare for an evacuation if there was an invasion, volunteered at the orphanage, and helped feed the homeless. She received numerous awards in recognition for her volunteer service and dedication to the US Army. She was married for sixty-three years and has twenty-one great-grandchildren!

She was preceded in death by her parents Joseph Johnson and Iona Rouson Johnson of Roper, NC and her siblings: Alberta House of Akron, OH, Peal King of Mt. Vernon, NY, Evelyn Webb of Mt. Vernon, NY, Jeraldine Davenport of Roper, NC, Joseph Johnson of Roper, NC, Carnegie Johnson of Yonkers, NY, Artis Johnson of Roper, NC, Rudolph Johnson of Roper, NC, and Wade

Johnson of Lexington, NC.

She is survived by her loving husband, Retired Command Sergeant Major Robert Lee Combs, Jr. and seven loving children: Reginold Devon Combs of Atlanta, GA, Shirley Combs of Chesapeake, VA, Dr. Delores Ann Barnes (Mervin Barnes) of Houshton, GA, Cynthia Smith (James Smith) of Portsmouth, VA, Pamela Boone (Freddie Boone) of Portsmouth, VA, Dr. Vera Campbell (Chande Campbell) of Suffolk, VA, and Robert Combs III of Chesapeake, VA. Her grandchildren Tameeka Combs-Smith, Raeshanda Wilson, Regina Combs, Reginold Devon Combs, Jr., Ashley Barnes, John Gray (Michelle Gray), Sharonda Gray, Ronald Gray, Freddie Boone, Devon Boone, Chande Campbell, and Morgan Campbell. Her great-grandchildren Davion Smith, Dimetrick Smith, Jaelynn Perry, Nicholas High, Gabrielle Combs, Naomi Neal, Cedric Scott, Jr., John Gray, Jamari Gray, Jamiya Gray, Jayla Gray, Jordyn Gray, Madison Thomas, Trezure Rountree, Eilam Rountree, Zye Rountree, Corey Riddick, Jr., Royal Hurdle, Remi Hurdle, Makenzie Boone, and Devon Boone. Her memories will be cherished by two siblings, Vera Johnson of Mt. Vernon, NY and O'Conel Johnson of Roper, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

\*\*\*The Funeral Home is following the CDC guidelines and are only allowing 10 persons at the funeral and only 10 persons at a time in the building for the visitation.

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Branch Cemetery

2 Cpl J M Williams Ave  
Portsmouth, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
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<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

APR **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Mary Katherine Combs*

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - April 24, 2020 at 03:24 PM

**RB**

*You have been called home. There is peace in knowing you are now safe in the Father's hands. Thank you for being so loving and kind. May you rest in peace.*

*- Sending our heartfelt condolences,  
The Brooks Family*

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**Renee Brooks** - April 24, 2020 at 05:30 PM

**WA**

*Mrs Comb was a joy to meet. I'm thankful that as able to meet her. I'm also thankful for her daughters . Willa Akins*

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**Willa Akibs** - April 24, 2020 at 06:23 PM



*The Lavender Reflections Flowers are from beloved nieces and nephews: Sharon Lewis, Albert Lewis Jr., Edward Fountain Jr., Bridget Pendarvis and JoAnn Harris*

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**JoAnn Harris** - April 26, 2020 at 09:24 AM

**CF**

*This is Chevelle the service was nice and I was glad to be a part of my Aunt funeral services.*

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**Chevelle Fields** - April 27, 2020 at 08:28 AM

SH

“ Missing you so much grandma I LOVE YOU SO MUCH RIP

Sharonda - April 27, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ The Lavender Reflections Flowers are from Aunt Luellen’s beloved nieces and nephews:

Sharon Lewis, Albert Lewis, Jr., Bridget Pendarvis, Edward Fountain Jr., and JoAnn Harris

JoAnn Harris - April 26, 2020 at 09:34 AM

JH

“ The service was beautiful. I wish I could give each of you a physical hug. I love you all!

I have many memories of aunt Luellen; her sense of humor, being a pleasure to just be around and her cooking skills. She had a beautiful spirit. I will miss her. We will miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with uncle Robert and the family at this difficult time. Please remember there is no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Predeceased beloved sister Eva Pearl King and family: JoAnn, Maurice, Jason, Sharina, Justice, Megan and Khali.

JoAnn Harris - April 25, 2020 at 08:56 PM

VF

“ Victoria Fields lit a candle in memory of Mary Katherine Combs



Victoria Fields - April 25, 2020 at 02:28 PM

AJ

“ I am really going to miss my Aunt. I know the LORD was with her and I will see her on the other side.

Love,

*Albert Lewis, Jr.*



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**Albert Lewis Jr.** - April 25, 2020 at 01:12 PM

AL

“ Albert "JUNIOR " Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mary Katherine Combs



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**Albert "JUNIOR " Lewis** - April 25, 2020 at 12:48 PM

SL

“ Sharon lewis



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**sharon lewis** - April 25, 2020 at 12:45 PM

DU

“ Duke lit a candle in memory of Mary Katherine Combs



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**Duke** - April 25, 2020 at 12:44 PM

BP

“ *Bridget Pendarvis lit a candle in memory of Mary Katherine Combs*



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**Bridget Pendarvis** - April 25, 2020 at 12:01 PM

JH

“ *JoAnn Harris lit a candle in memory of Mary Katherine Combs*



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**JoAnn Harris** - April 24, 2020 at 07:25 PM

CF

“ *We were saddened to hear of the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you*



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**Coley Moore Family** - April 24, 2020 at 06:38 PM

RB

“ *Renee Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Katherine Combs*



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**Renee Brooks** - April 24, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.*



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April 24, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ *We will miss u* 🥺🥰



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**brittany stephenson** - April 24, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ *Our Mother*



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**Cynthia Smith** - April 24, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.*



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April 24, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *My Aunt Lullen, what can I say that would do her justice. A beautiful lady inside and outside. By way this is Chevelle Fields. I remember when my uncle left for basic training she cried all day long that day. She loved uncle Robert. I didn't understand but as I got older I did. I have memories that will last me a lifetime. My aunt coming come and all of us laughing, cooking, and staying up half of the night. She would be sitting in the recliner and just laughing and talking about the good old days and sometimes asking me to go get her something. She called me Vell and sometimes bump just to get everyone laughing. We were raised like sisters. She always reminded me of the time that I was peeping through the keyhole at her. "She would say, I see you, I see you, and she would just laugh." Good old times, good memories, good eating, good fun, good cooking, nothing like her German Chocolate Cake, we would all be waiting for that cake. I will miss you but God knew what was best so he took her home to live with him. Rest Aunt Lullen and enjoy your new home.*



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**Chevelle Fields** - April 24, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.* ”



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April 24, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ *So many memories and holidays. You were such a beautiful woman, so sweet and welcoming to everyone. Loved to feed people. No matter when I stopped by we had to catch up. Gonna miss our chats. And hearing you say “Tee you so pretty”. And where are your beautiful babies. May you rest in eternal peace. Love you Mrs. Combs. JR & Tee Merritt* ”

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**Tenesha Merritt** - April 23, 2020 at 11:34 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.* ”



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April 23, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ *Joann H. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.* ”



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**Joann H.** - April 23, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.* ”



April 23, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes* ”



**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - April 23, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.* ”



April 23, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.*



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April 23, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *The Austin Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.*



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**The Austin Family** - April 23, 2020 at 08:01 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.*



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April 22, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Combs.*



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April 22, 2020 at 09:38 PM

CR

“ *Combs family know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in this most difficult time. Mom Combs was a mother figure to all of the children in the Babenhausen community. She always offered wisdom and love and for that we are forever grateful. God bless the family and remember to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Our deepest sympathy. Love Cynide & Regina Robey*

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**Cyndie Robey** - April 22, 2020 at 09:15 PM

PR

“ *Patricia Richards-Spruill lit a candle in memory of Mary Katherine Combs*



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**Patricia Richards-Spruill** - April 22, 2020 at 09:05 PM