



Wanda Lavette Mills

April 24, 1971 - March 19, 2026

Wanda LaVette Mills, 54, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at her home.

She was born in Suffolk, Virginia, and was a proud graduate of Forest Glen High School, Class of 1989.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larry D. Williams, Sr., and her mother, Cynthia L. Williams.

Left to cherish her precious memories is her loving and devoted husband of 30 years, Matthew F. Mills; her mother-in-law, Elnora Motley of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; two brothers, Larry Williams, Jr. (Vanessa) and Donnell Williams (Phyllis), both of Suffolk, Virginia; four sisters, Angel Hill (Mitchell) of Norfolk, Virginia, Tracay Williams of Portsmouth, Virginia, and Crystal Williams and Cynthia Williams, both of Chesapeake,

Virginia; two brothers-in-law, Ervin Mills (Jennifer) of Greenville, North Carolina, and Jeffery Mills (Johnnell) of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; one sister-in-law, Karla Brown of Maple Grove, Minnesota; a bonus sister and longtime friend, Elaine Murphy of Chesapeake, Virginia; and a host of loving nephews, nieces, cousins, and dear friends.

Wanda was a dedicated employee of Huntington Ingalls Industries, Newport News Shipbuilding Division, where she faithfully served for 31 years. She was a proud graduate of The Apprentice School, where she trained as an outside machinist. Throughout her career, she also worked as a production controller and in the finance department. During her time at the Apprentice School, she excelled in athletics, running track, and cheerleading. She competed in the United States Corporate Athletic Association in the Regional and National Championship representing Newport News Shipbuilding and Tenneco.

In addition to her professional career, Wanda was a successful entrepreneur. Alongside her husband, she co-owned and operated Three Dimensional Installation Company for 26 years. She was also a licensed realtor with Exit Realty, serving both Virginia and North Carolina, and the proprietor of Event Planagement Design.

Wanda had a deep love for cooking, hospitality, and creating meaningful

moments with family
and friends. Above all, she was a woman of strong faith and a true believer in
our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ.

Her warmth, strength, and love will forever remain in the hearts of all who
knew and loved
her

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Meadowbrook Memorial & Cremation Gardens
4569 Shoulders Hill Rd
Suffolk, VA 23435
(757) 488-4971

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Wanda Lavette Mills*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - April 08 at 01:05 PM

PB

*Matthew, just hearing about the passing of you beautiful wife. May God bless and all of you in this moment of time
Your Classmate Stacey Jarrell Sister (Phyllis & Thomas Burgess) n Family*

Phyllis n Thomas Burgess - April 11 at 12:26 PM

SJ

“ *My dearest Classmate Matthew,
I am deeply sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family at this time in need. You are in my thoughts love always!
Your classmate,
Stacey Jarrell*

Stacey Jarrell - April 11 at 06:20 PM

MB

“ My love, thoughts and prayers to Wanda Mills family. I met Wanda during our time in the Apprentice School running track and representing Tenneco together. Wanda was a beautiful person.

Love,

Melody Byrd



Melody Byrd - April 03 at 01:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wanda Lavette Mills.



April 02 at 03:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wanda Lavette Mills.

April 02 at 03:26 PM

TT

“ To the Mills and Williams family,

Sending my heartfelt condolences and prayers to you all during this difficult time. My heart is heavy, as Wanda and I were childhood friends, and I will always cherish those memories.

*With sympathy,
Tara Porter-Tucker*

Tara Tucker - April 01 at 02:01 PM



“ 34 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 31 at 11:09 PM

LM

I'm sending my sincere condolences to the Mills and Williams family. As a childhood friend of both hers and Elaine I'm deeply saddened to hear of your loss of such a beautiful jewel. Love always LaVern. Rest easy my Friend. 💔

LaVern McMillan - April 03 at 09:48 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wanda Lavette Mills.



March 31 at 05:41 PM



“ Mills and Williams Family, you have my empathy and prayers. Wanda was a sweet, giving, caring, sharing & easy to love person. We met in middle school cafeteria and she offered to share her tasty cake with me and we've been friends ever since, and we enjoyed chatting about GOD's goodness. I will miss her sweet spirit-kind energy and beautiful smile! RIP my friend.



Love,
Bre Parker (FGH 89')

Bre - March 31 at 10:56 AM



“ My condolences to Wanda Mills' family. I met Wanda during our years running track in high school. (She was at Glen and I was at JFK). She was a sweet and kind person. Although we competed in the track, she was ALWAYS a dear friend.

Rest in peace Wanda!

Katrina Rountree- Price - March 31 at 08:01 AM

FR

“ We are sending love, prayers and condolences to Mrs. Angela Hill and her family on the passing of her sister Mrs. Wanda Mills. May God continue to bless and strength you!!

Apostle Gary and Sister Faultine Rodgers

Faultine Rodgers - March 30 at 05:14 PM

EC

“ EXIT REALTY CENTRAL purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wanda Lavette Mills.



EXIT REALTY CENTRAL - March 30 at 09:44 AM

GH

“ My sincerest condolences to Matthew and the family of Wanda Mills. She was one of most precious people I met while in VA and I had the pleasure of working with her as we both served in the Ministry of Helps. The best person I could have had as a team member, I could always count on her to make our programs excellent every time. Accurate, thorough, and definitely polished... Wanda never missed. Earth is short of a blessing but Heaven has gained a beautiful angel.

George Doc Holiday - March 29 at 12:01 PM

DW

“ To the Entire Mills and Williams Families:
I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts
and prayers. 🙏

Deborah (Dee) Evans Williams

Deborah E Williams - March 26 at 08:14 PM

JJ

“ Sorry for ya'll loss Wanda will be missed
childhood friends always .



J. monique johnson - March 25 at 08:34 PM

CS

“ I want to express my deepest condolences to
my cousin, Matthew Mills, and the family of
Wanda Mills. Wanda was a loving, caring, and
joyful person who brought happiness to
everyone around her. Being in her presence
was truly a blessing. She always welcomed you with a warm hug
and a loving smile. She will be deeply missed, and the memories we
have of her will forever remain in our hearts. May God wrap His
loving arms around you and provide you with comfort and peace
that surpasses all understanding.



Sending Love,

Crissy Stewart

Crissy Stewart - March 25 at 09:46 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family Wanda was my classmate c/o 89 FGH we did McDonald's every morning on the way to school RIP my friend*

Alton Knight - March 23 at 09:27 PM



“ *Hello Mr. Mack, this is Annette I am so sorry for your loss I'm here if y'all need me.....* 🌷🌷🌷🌷🌷🌷

Annette White - March 23 at 04:38 PM