



Winnifred R. McCaskill

May 12, 1939 - June 25, 2020

Winnifred Rotena McCaskill (Sparks), 81, of Virginia Beach peacefully passed away surrounded by her loving family on June 25, 2020 at the Beth Shalom Village, in Virginia Beach, VA. She was born to the late Everett and Rose Sparks in Lake Loon, Nova Scotia, Canada. She later moved with her then husband, Ralph Randall Clayton, to Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She raised five children, of whom she was immensely proud. She then resumed her studies at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, where she received her B.A., B.Ed., and B.S.W. degrees before moving to Virginia. In Virginia, she worked diligently as an educator and social worker for various school systems, the Urban League, and JobCorps over 40 years. She was also a faithful servant at the New Saint John AME Church in Virginia Beach, VA, where she served as a stewardess, until her health prevented her from doing so. For as much pride she took in her education and community work, her family was her life. She was an encouraging and devoted mother and grandmother. Her greatest delight was spending time with her friends and family, as she was truly a "people person." She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her adoring family, daughters; Myra Stephens (Phil), Colette Clayton, Sharon Clayton, all of Virginia Beach, and son Randall Clayton of Toronto, Canada.

She also leaves behind 10 loving grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; sisters, Pauletta Lorincz (Gyula), of Quebec, Canada, Irma Pope (Rick - Deceased); brothers, Elroy (Mona) Sparks, Arnold (Maxine) Sparks, all of Nova Scotia, Canada, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Other than her parents, Everett and Rose Sparks, she was predeceased by daughter, Alanna Turner, and brothers, Eric Sparks and Allison Sparks.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Beth Shalom Village for their compassion and loving care given to our Mother and Nanny during her last years.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Gardens

6329 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Norfolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Winnifred R. McCaskill*

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 03, 2020 at 09:45 AM

RH

To Myra, Sharon, and Collette and to our extended family!! We just wanted you to know that we were with you in spirit and the service for Nannie was absolutely beautiful!! It was nice to see everyone again.

*Masses of love and hugs
Robin and Brooke Holley*

Robin Holley - July 03, 2020 at 12:16 PM

DS

Aunt Poppy and Uncle Elroy send you much love. The service was beautiful. Like our beautiful sister Winnie! May she Rests in Peace! God Bless!

Deanna Sparks - July 03, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Winnifred R. McCaskill



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 02, 2020 at 07:09 PM

JG

My sincere condolences, to the Sparks and Clayton Family at this time. May God give you strength in your body and faith in your heart to endure your grief at this time. God Bless.

Janice Grant

Janice Grant - July 02, 2020 at 07:43 PM

VI

To my fam love you all auntie may you rest in paradise

ViolaClayton - July 02, 2020 at 11:57 PM

JM

seeing those pictures of winnie brings back so many memories

Joyce Johnson marsman - July 03, 2020 at 08:06 PM

GB

“ *My condolences to all the family may God bless and keep you in the days to come*

Garry and Carla Bernard and family

GARRY BERNARD - July 05, 2020 at 12:07 PM

AB

“ *Condolences to the family at this time*

Anthony Bernard - July 04, 2020 at 11:19 AM

DS

“ *My Beautiful Aunt Winnie. The Auntie always added me when the family came to visit. Wherever she took the family she always added me. I hold such beautiful memories. Spending summers in Montreal. Yes, you were truly someone special to me. I will always love you. God has received another Angel! Rest in Peace, my beautiful Aunt. God Bless!
Sending much love to my family. I love you! God Bless!*

Deanna Sparks - July 03, 2020 at 08:20 PM

CR

“ *Sending condolences to my beautiful cousins, Sharon, Myra, Colette and Randall. Love you guys sending a big hug from Canada. May you all treasure those memories your mom left you.
xo Cynthia and Family*

Cynthia Rains - July 03, 2020 at 11:03 AM

LA

“ *Myra, Colette, Sharon and Randall, I am so sorry for your loss. This week, I was flooded with memories of Auntie Winnie from when we all lived in Montreal. She was the rock of the family and had, at one time or another, mothered so many of us (including me). She was special and I will miss her, too. Love, Leah ❤️*



Leah Allen - July 03, 2020 at 09:37 AM

PB

Heavenly Father, I thank you for allowing me to meet Ms. Winnifred R. McCaskill. She was the mother of five Myra, Collette, Sharon and Randall. She was predeceased by daughter, Alanna Turner. My fondness memory was being invited to a Thanksgiving dinner at the building were she lived at. Her family put out the red carpet and had a beautiful spread of food and desserts galore. It's like we hit the jackpot. She even invited me and my husband upstairs to see her apartment afterwards. We laughed and talked for hours. She truly loved all of her family especially her grandchildren. During our talks she would stress how important it is to get a college education. She was so happy that her grandchildren were pursuing to further their schooling. I pray that all of them don't give up and complete their degrees. Thank you for raising a beautiful family. I am so glad I met your daughter Collette and her baby sister Sharon who is in my Chapter. I had the pleasure of working together with Myra. That was my partner and she always had my back when I couldn't go into work. May our bond never be broken. Father God as we rely on your promises to us. We turn to you in trust that Winnifred is with you and that she is enjoying your loving embrace. You alone know how she loved the best she could and how she faithfully endured the struggles that she faced. You know the graces you gave her and you know the grace she was for her family and so many. No one was a stranger. Lord. May she enjoy the communion of her daughter Alanna and all her family and friends who are with you. We are so grateful that you allowed her to be in our lives. Until we see her again. To God be the Glory.

Pamela Bishop - July 03, 2020 at 04:51 PM

ST

*My deepest sympathy to the Sparks & Clayton families on the passing of dear Winnie....May she RIP...🙏
Sybil Tabb, Montreal, Canada.*

Sybil Tabb - July 04, 2020 at 06:21 PM

BR

To Myra, Sharon and Collette:

I was sadden to hear about Aunt Winnie's passing. I remember the times that you would all visit from Montreal in the summer. We would have a lot of fun together. Even though she wasn't my blood Aunt, she made me feel like I was her niece. She was a very special lady. May her soul rest with Jesus because now she is one of heaven's angels. We lost our angel here on Earth. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Love cousin Brenda

Brenda Riley - July 05, 2020 at 07:13 PM

JC

“ *Sincere Condolences to the family on the passing of your loved one Mother
May it give you comfort at this time knowing that she's resting in the arms of the LORD
May she rest in Peace*

Judi Clayton - July 02, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 02, 2020 at 06:47 PM

JS

“ Collette, Sharon, Myra, Randall & grandchildren, my heart goes out to you at this difficult time, I will miss my conversations with Winnie, whenever I visited her when in Virginia, she was a wonderful lady, love to talk and socialize with people and loved to dress, she will be missed, my condolences and prayers are with you. just remember that our god is a awesome god, he holds you all in his unchanging hands. love your cousin Judy Sparks Nova Scotia Canada.

judy Sparks - July 02, 2020 at 03:49 PM

NB

“ NSTJAMEC Stewardess Board purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Winnifred R. McCaskill.



NSTJAMEC Stewardess Board - July 01, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Winnifred R. McCaskill.



July 01, 2020 at 12:09 PM