



Virginia Phyllis Brooks Fugate

September 5, 1937 - March 1, 2026

Virginia Phyllis Brooks Fugate, a lifelong resident of Ewing, VA, passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

She was born in Ewing, VA on September 5, 1937, to the late Hoy Lee Brooks and Bess Marie Brooks.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Harry M. Fugate, Sr; sister, Vivian B. Patterson; sons, Joseph B. Fugate and Harry M. Fugate, Jr.

She is survived by her sons, Robert Jeffrey Moore (Suzanne) and Crawford Alan Fugate; daughters, Denise Moore Carter, Arabella F. Cline, Rosanna F. Dooley (William) and Deborah Sue Fugate; two brothers, Hoy Michael Brooks (Sue) and Mark Lee Brooks (Diane); twelve grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren, Jonathan Moore (Erin), Everett, Emily Moore Williams (Zachary), James Dalton Carter (Brittany), Adalynn, Emerson, Maeve, Virginia ("Ginny") Carter, Ashley Rasnake (Javan), Alex, Vivian, Rebecca Rice (Jared), Ruby, Glenn, Kelly Virginia Cline, Jacob Cline, Sarah Bachman (Bill), Cora, Rose, Celeste, Erin Glode (Jeremy), Franklin, Max, Julian, Caitlin Sutton (Ricardo), Lucas, Hope, Alana Michelle Fugate and special adopted daughters, Paulette, Nancy, Karen and Candy.

Virginia earned her Bachelor's Degree from Radford College in 1958 and a Master's Degree from Union College in 1975. She spent 33 years in the Lee County School system primarily teaching Biology, but also English, Math, Earth Science, Health, Latin and even Physical Education. She was an unforgettable teacher (who might correct your grammar) with many achievements and accolades, but she would say her greatest legacy was her family.

Virginia ("Jenny") was an avid reader her entire life and was passionate about poetry, literature, art and music. She enjoyed gardening and her love for flowers was evident in her beautifully landscaped home. Many birds found their meals at her feeders and she could identify every species. Hummingbirds were her favorite and she anticipated their arrival every year.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, at Robinette Funeral Home in Rose Hill. The funeral service will follow at 8:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, to commemorate her dedication to education, please send donations to the Joseph Bacon Fugate Educational Scholarship Fund at Farmers and Miners Bank in Rose Hill, VA.

Online condolences may be viewed or sent by visiting our website, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Rose Hill is serving the Fugate family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Rose Hill)
207 DeRoyal Industries Drive
P.O. Box 388
Rose Hill, VA 24281
(276) 445-5101

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Robinette Funeral Homes - March 05 at 01:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Virginia Phyllis Brooks Fugate.

March 05 at 09:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Virginia Phyllis Brooks Fugate.



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“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Virginia Phyllis Brooks Fugate.*



March 04 at 06:35 PM



“ *I will always have awesome memories of teaching at TW with this beautiful lady. She was loved by all her students and especially by my three children who were blessed to have her as their senior English teacher. Vivian Buford*

Vivian Buford - March 03 at 07:42 PM



Such an amazing & beautiful person. So blessed to have her as a teacher.

Holly Miracle - March 04 at 02:02 PM



“ *Mrs. Fugate had a huge impact on my life. She gave me my passion for biology as well as a solid foundation on how to publicly speak. I speak of her tutelage to many young people, including my son. Truly, she was my most favorite teacher in my lifetime. May she rest in peace. Thank you, Mrs Fugate.*

Michelle Willis Nave - March 03 at 07:31 PM