

ANN VERNON CHARLTON



Age 88, formerly of Earlysville, VA, and more recently of Pittsburgh, PA, died peacefully on October 16, 2024. Born in Marion, VA on September 2, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson Vernon and Edna Neff Vernon and the beloved wife of the late Robert L. Charlton. Ann was the loving mother of Jane Charlton (Dr. Robert W. Otte) and Bill Charlton (Yasmin); and dear grandmother of Alexandra Otte Callon (John), Dr. Charlton G. Otte (fiancée Emily), Harrison R. Otte, Maya Charlton; and great-granddaughter, Georgia Ann Callon. Ann is also survived by her sister-in-law, Sandra Vernon (beloved brother Glenn deceased); nephew, Chip Vernon; and niece, Krysla Vernon Folsom. Ann's family extends far beyond her biological family, including many dear friends and loved ones. Ann was especially close to Dr. Walter Bowyer, Jessica Harrigan, Ashley Wheeler, and Lizzy Bergum whom she considered family. Ann was a graduate of Marion College and University of Virginia where she earned a degree in elementary education. Ann worked with her husband Bob at their family computer company, Optimal Technology, where she managed everything but engineering the product. She would smile wryly as she told a client that she was connecting them with the engineering department, before saying "Hey Bob, there's a call for you." Ann and Bob were a great team at work and play and loved each other dearly. After caring for Bob until his passing in 1999, Ann devoted herself to enriching her relationships at her church and in her community. She volunteered at St. Mark's Lutheran Church and related Lutheran organizations, continued her 25+ years as a Girl Scout leader, and loved gardening at her Earlysville home where she also enjoyed entertaining friends and family. Ann was known for her kindness, generosity, and deep faith in God. She also liked chocolate. A memorial service will be held at St. Mark Lutheran Church on November 30, 2024, at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, family suggests donations to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 100 Alderman Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22903, stmarklutheran.org. OR Girl Scouts of the USA, Attn: Office of Philanthropy, P.O. Box 5046, NY, NY 10087, www.girlcourts.org. Arrangements entrusted to **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, LTD.**, Bakerstown, PA. Please offer condolences at www.schellhaasfh.com.

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