



Ms. Verna L. Saunders

November 20, 1953 - August 22, 2025

Verna “Cookie” Saunders, age 71, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, passed away on August 22, 2025. She was born on November 20, 1953, in Bassett, Virginia.

Cookie was the sweetest person you could ever meet. Known for her warm heart and caring spirit, she was loved by everyone who knew her. She worked as a neonatal nurse in Rocky Mount, Virginia, where she cared for the most precious little ones with compassion and kindness. Verna never met a stranger and touched countless lives through her generosity and love.

Cookie was preceded in death by several cherished family members, including her parents Fred Stanley and Alma Joyce Stanley, and her brother James Stanley.

Cookie will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Dazzell Matthews Sr.; her children, Jeron Saunders of Covington, Virginia, and Kimberly Saunders-Holland (Lamont) of Lawrenceville, Georgia; and six beloved grandchildren, Tiyonna Saunders, Destinee Coleman, A'nya Holland, Justice Coleman, Danaja Coleman, Alijah Holland, and one great-grand child Kylan Camp. Her brother Tom Wells of Bassett, Virginia, sister Freda Stanley of Tucker, Georgia and brother Jacoby (Cynthia) Stanley of Bassett, Virginia. She is also survived by her bonus children Dazzell Matthews Jr, Sophia (Chris) Matthews Partlow, and Christopher (Shauntay) Matthews. She is also survived by her step mom

Nannie Stanley and host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will cherish her memory.

A Celebration of Life service will be planned in Virginia at a later date, with details to follow. Verna will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who were blessed to know her.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045, 770-338-5558.

Tribute Wall



“ Our sincere condolences to the family April and I as young girls growing up would admire Ms. Cookie and Freda because they were so beautiful and fly. Was always sweet just like their mother Ms. Alma. May God continue to keep you all during this time and years to come. With love always Monica & April "The Jones Girls"

Monica Murphy - September 16, 2025 at 10:36 AM

AP

“ Alpha P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Verna L. Saunders.

Alpha P. - September 06, 2025 at 03:57 PM

AP

“ Alpha P. purchased the Blue and Yellow Orchid Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Ms. Verna L. Saunders.



Alpha P. - September 06, 2025 at 03:57 PM

BO

“ You will always be missed RIP I love you 🥺💕💕

Bonita - September 01, 2025 at 06:14 PM

JG

“ Sorry 4 ur loss, my condolences n prayers to the family.



Jacqueline Gilbert - September 01, 2025 at 04:41 PM

CM

“ In Loving Memory of Cookie

At sixteen, when I was still finding my way, Cookie came into my life and chose to love me as her own. She didn't just become my stepmom—she became my bonus mom. With her warmth, wisdom, and steady love, she filled spaces I didn't even know were empty.

Cookie was more than family by marriage—she was family by heart. She poured love not only into me, but also into my children, who knew her as their grandmother. They will deeply miss her hugs, her care, and the special way she made them feel cherished.

Her presence brought comfort, her guidance shaped me, and her love will continue to live on in all of us. I will forever be grateful for the gift of having her as my bonus mom and for the way she blessed my kids with her love.



Chris A. Matthews - August 30, 2025 at 01:30 PM

JT

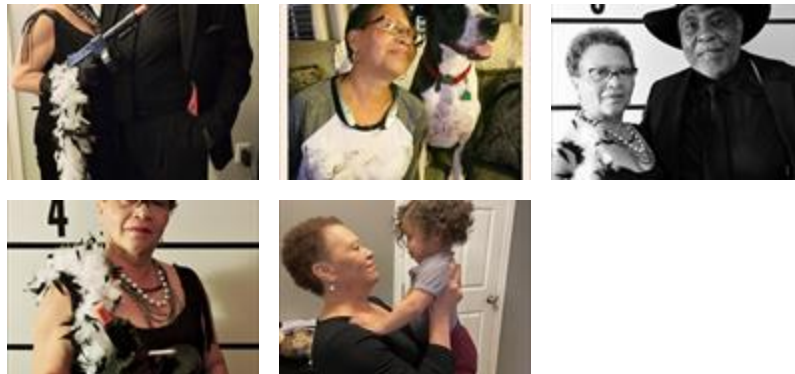
“ Julie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Verna L. Saunders



Julie Taylor - August 30, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ I will miss you every day for the rest of my life. The only part of "step"mom that applied to you was the step stool you needed to reach the kitchen counter. You will always just be my mom. I love you, sweetheart. Rest easy.



Sophie Partlow - August 29, 2025 at 03:09 PM

RG

“ Prayers of comfort for all. Love and God Bless 🙏🌸🙏



Renee Gilbert - August 27, 2025 at 03:57 PM

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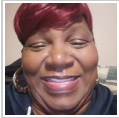
“ *My Deepest Sympathy And Prayers For The Entire Family*

Tommy Tyree - August 25, 2025 at 10:47 PM

DZ

“ *My Condolences to The Saunders Family....Cookie was the sweetest person & she never met a stranger, she always made you feel like apart of the family!!..She will be truly missed!!..Hugs & Prayers to Kim & Jeron!!...Dawn & Tony Zeigler*

Dawn & Tony Zeigler - August 25, 2025 at 08:50 PM



So sorry for your loss 😭. My deepest condolences to the family 😭

Ada Claybrooks - August 27, 2025 at 08:28 PM

NF

“ *Ken sorry to hear this we all loved Cookie she was a blessing to our family sending our love and prayers to you and Ron and all the family. James & Nancy Ferguson*

Nancy & James Ferguson - August 25, 2025 at 07:44 PM

NF

Sorry Kim not Ken

Nancy & James Ferguson - August 25, 2025 at 07:46 PM

JS

“ We're So Deeply Sorry For Your Loss, I Remember Cookie & Entire Family Growing Up on "The Hill" as they called it back then, And she went to school with my Brother & Sisters, We're Keeping You All in Our Prayers, Love You All Jennifer & Darius



Jennifer Saunders - August 25, 2025 at 06:28 PM

SC

“ Kim so sorry of hear of your mom's passing. May God give your wisdom and strength to endure this task before you. We send our prayers for Ron and entire family. Love from Ferrum Va.

SUE and Robert Chism

Sue and Robert Chism - August 25, 2025 at 03:34 PM

CM

“ Cyndi McGhe lit a candle in memory of Ms. Verna L. Saunders



Cyndi McGhe - August 25, 2025 at 01:51 PM