



# Laura McDaniel

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**L**AURA MAE DYKE McDANIEL, 84, of Ashburn, Virginia, died on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, in Leesburg, Virginia. Mrs. McDaniel was born May 25, 1925 in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee to the late George W. R. Dyke and Mary Randilla Lloyd Dyke. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert Franklin McDaniel, and preceded in death by grandson Robert McDaniel and seven siblings. Mrs. McDaniel raised her family in Flagler Beach, Florida and was a Registered Nurse at Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida for many years. She was a life member of the Order of Eastern Star and was the Worthy Matron of the Maple Chapter #218 in Longview, Washington. Mrs. McDaniel was a talented artist, avid reader and gardener. She will be remembered for her extraordinary qualities, her kindness, positive attitude, and love of family and friends. She moved to Ashburn in 2001 after living in New Mexico, Washington, Missouri, Tennessee, Florida, and California.

Mrs. McDaniel is survived by her five children: Thomas McDaniel (Karen) of Kansas City, MO, Arthur McDaniel of Cocoa Beach, FL, Bear McDaniel (Brenda) of Clarkston, WA, Pamela McDaniel (Ray) of Pleasant Hill, CA, Connie McDaniel Ward (Tim) of Ashburn; a sister: Marie Wood of Soddy, TN; five grandchildren: Kelly Dellinger of Maiden, NC; Krysia McDaniel of Orlando, FL; Kayla, Michelle and Lucas Ward of Ashburn, VA; one great granddaughter: Katie Dellinger of Maiden, NC and many other relatives and friends.

Services and Interment will be held privately.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Laura M. McDaniel aka Mrs. Robert F. McDaniel as she was known by those she met, was a devoted wife, an experienced professional RN (Registered Nurse ), a creative artist, an avid reader of "books on tape", and very religious --a "True Believer / Christian". As a past president of her children's PTA and later as a Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, she demonstrated how to lead by example for her children. Laura was also known as Laura Mae to her close friends and siblings. She was a devoted wife and an omnipotent parent; and as such, contributed equally in providing a secure, comfortable and caring home for their family that was immersed in both love and laughter. When I was young, it seemed like she always knew when I was sick and could always make the worst "boo-boos" feel better. Both she and Dad were unconditionally very proud of all of their children. They always had words of compassion, encouragement , never judging and yet never hesitated to let the world know about their children's and grand children's accomplishments. Through the years, all I had to do was think about her and she would be "in-touch". More recently thanks to technology, she would simply give me a call with her cell phone , which was her "Life Line" to her family! Now both she and Dad are watching over all of their children and children's-children. Although I will miss her and mourn her absence in my life, I rejoice in remembering that it was truly a blessing that all of her children and grand children were able to visit with her recently and like Pam on her long trip back to Calif., we must all be comforted in the knowledge that we will forever be traveling with our loved ones. As her child I have learned so much !! To me Laura Mae Dyke McDaniel wasn't just anybody— she was MY Mother !! I am proud and privileged to call her simply "MOM" forever. I will always Love You !###imported-begin##Arthur McDaniel##imported-end##

March 17 at 3:25 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thank you Mom for being the loving mother that you are.. We will miss you dearly. Say hello to Daddy for me.. I could not have asked for better parents than you . I will call you on Sundaywith all our loveTommy and Karen###imported-begin##tommy and karen##imported-end##

March 14 at 12:36 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Laura McDaniel - Our Mom was very Good to us and very caring. There are so many fond memories I have of "Mom". We shared a lot of stories: recalling movies we saw together and guessing the country music artist. I enjoyed calling her from the "Top of the mountain" home to share events of the day from Clarkston, WA. I would like to share the following Memories: Mom: Loving, Compassionate and Caring In Flagler Beach when I was a growing up I felt like the "Great White Hunter" and would bring a lot of surprises home for her to cook for me. Every time Mom would smile at me with my "game" and said if I prepped it she would cook it for me. The one story that really stands out & still brings a big smile is the time she cooked my 8'6" Diamondback rattlesnake for me into a salad. She was even thoughtful of her friends at her work on the night shift at Halifax taking them some snake salad. The only thing was that she waited until everyone tried it.... (They really liked the taste of this salad). There were a couple of her friends that were pretty upset with her for quite a few years.... We often chuckled about this snake salad. Mom: Funny and a Joy to Be with: On our trips to the movies in NM we would listen to my country music and I would quiz her as to who the artist was. Her first guess was always "Alan Jackson". Even in her last days she heard the country music being played at the Nursing home and Pam asks her who was singing? She smile and said "Alan Jackson of course" and Pam laughed because she got it right. I have been able to keep in closer contact with Mom & family the last 2 years since Brenda & I moved back to the States. When in Okinawa & Guam the previous 6 Years I was not able to call long distance every day. I enjoyed telling Mom about our lives & describing in detail so she could see "through my eyes "as her sight had failed. Mom's eye sight got worst and & worst so I tried to call her every day at least once a day ( 2x's on my days off) and let her see through my eyes, my life in Clarkston, WA. She loved to hear about all our little details on the events that would go on during my day with our 12 Chickens, 5 ducks and 2 (now 3 rosters), all the fruit trees, and our 60' X 80' garden. I think the best memories were the time the quail had 12 babies and were visiting the garden. Mom continually was checking on the status of the babies. She would share with the rest of the kids my events in every detail. Her memory was amazing! I ask Mom to remind me of a task in a day/ week or more...I cannot think of any time she didn't remind me of the task. It still amazed me how alert to details she was even up on the last days...Thanks Mom! I know you are watching over us with Daddy. You gave Connie and Pam quiet the surprise when "Pam was asked by the baggage check guy if "Laura McDaniel was flying with her". It just happen that there was a Laura McDaniel in the row close to where Pam's seat was. Mom 's ashes were actually riding in the car with Connie and Pam from the nursing home. Love you Mom. I will miss sharing my stories with you from the "Mountain top" I read the following poem in the paper and I immediately thought of Mom & Dad!"The day you left us, our hearts broke in two. One side filled with memories, the other dying with you. We often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep and take a walk down Memory Lane with tears upon our cheeks. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day, but missing you is a heartache that never goes away. We hold you always within our hearts and there you will remain. Though life goes on without you, it will never be the same. If we could have a lifetime wish, one dream that would come true, we would pray to God with all our hearts, for yesterday and you. "Love, All you friends and Family!##imported-begin##Bear McDaniel##imported-end##



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March 10 at 11:35 AM

**Anonymous** posted:

god bless you laura, i know he will, and has, i know mrs. mcdaniels, from my brother, his wife, and all their wonderful family..when ever i visitded ashburn or any surrounding area,in d.c. even up here in pittsburgh, i would sit with laura and listen, just listen...soothing, calming, comforting, and then she would turn to the laughter, and that is where you children and grandchildren embrace it. also could be from mr. mcdaniel, whom i've never had the pleasure of meeting, maybe someday...so all of you..live fond memories of dear sweet laura, mother, mewmaaa, grandma, great-grand-ma. it all comes back to the simple yet common truth, "HOW WONDERFUL SHE WAS"##imported-begin##richard ward##imported-end##

March 13 at 1:19 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I may have shared with many of you that EVERY time I left my Mom wither she was in Virginia, New Mexico, or Washington, I felt like it was going to be the last time I would see her alive. Every time... This time I came earlier than planned because I didn't believe she would make her 85th birthday in May which was when we had talked about all getting together. I came for my birthday asking her if she could hang on until I got there. She said in a teasing voice, "I'll try" but as fate would have it my flight from California was cancelled along with 2000 other flights due to the snow storm on the east coast so I asked her to hold on so we could spend Valentine's Day together and she said she would hold on. In fact, she held on for all of her children, grandchildren and great grand child to visit with her the last few weeks of her life. When it was time for me to go home, I decided to stay a little longer. When my flt was scheduled to leave again, I decided to stay a little longer. When she called me in the middle of the night to come sit with her, I went to be with her and stayed a little longer until Connie came to join us. Two hours later she stopped breathing and peacefully slipped away. Did I know it would be this time? No Did I decide to stay longer this time? YesWe never really know when it will be our time but as that country song goes, we should live life as if we were dying.I am so glad I stayed a little longer.Mothers have a way of staying in our hearts forever.##imported-begin##Pamela McDaniel##imported-end##

March 12 at 4:33 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

She was the only grandma I ever met.. The most caring, loving & supportive person I have ever known. I think about her every day, I'm just so thankful to have had such an amazing grandmother in my life & I will forever cherish every moment I got to spend with her. Her death came at the end of her very long life, struck painfully into the middle of mine; I love you Memaw 5.25.1925-3.3.2010♥###imported-begin##Krysia McDaniel###imported-end##

March 11 at 1:25 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I believe in angels--that they're always hovering near, whispering encouragement whenever clouds appear. Protecting us from danger and showing us the way. Performing little miracles within our lives each day. Yes, I believe in angels, and I'm convinced that Mother and Daddy are angels watching over all of us! Mother was a wonderful mother, and a beautiful person. She was the most loving and caring person. She loved her family and friends and I will miss her very much! In recent years she loved to talk to her family and friends via her cell phone. We will all miss our phone calls and messages from Mother, and I will miss all the time we shared together!###imported-begin##Connie McDaniel Ward###imported-end##

March 10 at 6:42 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

She was the best Grandmother anyone could ever ask for; loving unconditionally and always being supportive. She was a wonderful Great Grandmother to Katie. She is greatly missed and will live in our hearts forever!###imported-begin##Kelly McDaniel Dellinger###imported-end##

March 10 at 11:35 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Laura by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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