



Alma Marie Funk Hottle

April 2, 1929 - January 26, 2023

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Alma Marie Funk Hottle.

Alma Marie Funk Hottle passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 26, 2023, after dealing with Alzheimer's for many years. Given the nickname "Keeter" in high school, she later became affectionally known as "Miss Alma."

Alma was born April 2, 1929, in Woodstock, the daughter of the late George Elmer "Pete" Funk and Julia Marie "Jo" Funk. She was the wife of the late Joseph Daniel Hottle, long-time fire chief of the Woodstock Fire Department. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Betsy Jane Sager Fishburn.

Alma graduated from Woodstock High School in 1946 and continued her education at Shenandoah Business College. Her diploma was awarded in June 1947.

She began her career as Private Secretary to Executive Vice President Charles Adlis at the newly opened Aileen Plant in Woodstock. She continued her employment as the office manager for Valley Builders Supply, secretary for Shaffer's, Inc. and lastly as Executive Secretary for the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce.

On January 26, 1993, Alma was named as Outstanding Citizen of the Year at the town Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet. She was cited for her "endless hours of hard work" to countless community organizations. It was also stated that "anyone can be outstanding and make recognizable contributions to a single civic organization...however few give 30 or more years to multiple groups. Alma served as the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service as treasurer and bookkeeper for various 4-H activities as well as counselor to both adults and youths in the program. Other organizations that Alma served, Woodstock Town Council Planning Commission, Woodstock Historical District Committee, Woodstock Woman's Club, Shenandoah County Democratic Women's Club, the Woodstock Museum, a charter member of the Woodstock Fire Department Auxiliary and the Northern Virginia Firefighters Association Ladies Auxiliary. She served as President of many of the organizations. She was elected for 5 terms to the Woodstock Town Council beginning in 1982 and was Vice Mayor her last term in office. Alma and husband Joe assisted in the organization of the Fort Valley Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary. Alma was also active with the Woodstock Jr. Home Demonstration Club, Shentel Consumer Advisory Panel, Order of the Eastern Star and Home Nursing Chairman for the Shenandoah County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Alma was honored with being selected as the First Lady of Shenandoah County by Eta Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Northern Virginia Firefighters Ladies Auxiliary Harry B. Dyke Award, a certificate of Merit from Fire Service Training and the Outstanding Citizen Award presented by the Woodman of the World. She was listed in the Community Leaders of America. Alma was chosen as Outstanding Citizen for 2002 for her hard work and enthusiasm in heading the committee for Woodstock's 250th birthday celebration. It was quoted that Alma had inspired the committee to "work like a well-oiled machine...she was able to get so many (citizens) involved she made them all feel they were involved." Events for the celebration commemorating the town's birthday consisted of a July 4th parade and events following at the fairgrounds, unveiling of the

commemorative wall at the Peter Muhlenberg Plaza and special celebratory coins, pins and t-shirts. The year-long events culminated with a Grand Ball.

Alma is survived her daughters Judy Hottle West (Michael Eye), Phyllis Ann Hottle Fleming (Mike), granddaughter Michaela Jo Fleming Gingerich (Luke), great grandson Teddy Raymond Gingerich, grandson Joshua Beach West (Anna Striker) and an exceptional dedicated friend Richard F. West.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, from 6:00-8:00pm at Valley Funeral Service, 14116 S. Middle Road, Edinburg, VA. A funeral service for Alma will be conducted at 2:00pm, Thursday, February 2, 2023, at the same location as family night. Pastors Nathan Robinson and Bobby Funkhouser will officiate. Burial will be private.

Memorial Contributions may be made to:

Woodstock Fire Department, Inc.

P.O. Box 176

Woodstock, VA 22664

or

The Woodstock Museum

P. O Box 741

Woodstock, VA 22664

The family would like to extend their thanks to the Nurses and Staff at Skyline Terrace Memory Lane and to Lisa Foltz, former Activities Director, for the care and attentiveness shown to Alma. A special acknowledgement and grateful appreciation to Juanita Poston for extending her love, companionship, and friendship to Mother.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service
Branch, Edinburg.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service
14116 South Middle Road
Edinburg, VA 22824
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Funeral Service

FEB 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ I am so sorry about the loss of her Alma. She always had a sweet smile for everyone. She never stopped promoting Woodstock. She will be missed.

Bea Lam Smoot - February 03, 2023 at 06:14 PM

RC

“ So sorry to hear this. Alma was a sweet caring lady. I loved picking on her and making her laugh. Great memories of conventions and meetings we all attended. Prayers for the family. God Bless you Alma. 🙏

Ronnie Cromer - February 01, 2023 at 07:03 PM

DS

“ Alma, why did you give me the smallest piece of cake.

dave suba - January 31, 2023 at 02:31 PM

DM

“ Phyllis, I am very sorry for the loss of your mom, Miss Alma. After reading her life story, I am even more amazed at her devotion and love of community. I'm not sure anyone could live up to that! I enjoyed our time together when I was secretary of the Auxiliary. She referred to me as "her secretary", which meant....she approved! Miss Alma...a life well lived. Thankful for her service. May your family be at peace now.

Darla Sue Moomaw - January 31, 2023 at 11:00 AM

LW

Phyllis and Judy, I just want to send my deepest sympathy to you on the passing of your mom. I was a witness to the energy and community commitment of both your parents. May you both find peace knowing what exemplary lives they both lived and the impact it made for the Woodstock and Shenandoah county area.

Linda Reedy Wagoner - January 31, 2023 at 07:40 PM

JB

“ I forgot to say that our parents Ralph and Eunice Beahm were great friends with Joe and Alma. I'm sure Judy and Phyllis remember them.

Jill Beahm Russell, Jack and Eddie Beah - January 30, 2023 at 01:55 PM

JR

“ Our last visit to her was a few years ago. She went with us up to the fire tower. She walked right along with us! My brother Eddie drove us up there not knowing how the road is up the mountain. He was scared to death! But we had a nice visit!

Jill Beahm Russell - January 30, 2023 at 01:51 PM