



Cynthia Leigh Storms

January 2, 1962 - June 7, 2026

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Heishman Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Cynthia Leigh Storms.

Cynthia Leigh Storms, 64, of Basye, Virginia, passed away on June 7, 2026. She was born January 2, 1962, in Cheverly, Maryland, in Prince George's County, to Lonnie Lee Phillips Sr. and Georgia Lucille Good. Though born in Maryland, she spent much of her early childhood in the Shenandoah Valley with extended family, and when her family later relocated to Manassas, she carried that valley upbringing with her. In many ways, she never really left it.

As a girl outside of New Market, she took to the fields and woods the way some children take to books, naturally, completely, and with a quiet authority that needed no instruction. She was brave in the unhurried way of people who simply don't consider turning back, floating the river on logs and whatever else the water and her imagination might offer. The land shaped her, and she spent the rest of her life shaping it in return.

She had a tenderness for wounded things that announced itself early. When the neighborhood boys came around with squirrels they'd clipped with their BB guns, they knew where to go. Mom would take them in, nurse them with patience and care, and more often than not, those animals decided the arrangement suited them fine. Some stayed on as companions. There is a photograph, one worth a thousand words and then some, of her on her

wedding day, luminous in her dress, with a squirrel perched at ease on her shoulder. It is perhaps the most honest portrait ever taken of her.

She graduated from Manassas Park High School in 1981, from a Manassas that bore little resemblance to what it has since become, yet even then a bustling metropolis compared to the rural life of her extended family over in Shenandoah County. She found her true haven eventually in the mountains of Basye, and once she did, she put down roots that nothing could move.

On December 1, 1984, she married Glenn M. Storms, and in him she found not her reflection, but her complement. Glenn was a Navy kid shaped by the wide world, a teenager who had walked the streets of Italy and carried the breadth of that experience with him. Cynthia had been formed by Virginia soil and open sky. They came from different worlds and built one together, which is perhaps the finest thing two people can do. For over 25 years they ran GMS – General Maintenance Services side by side, and the relationships they forged with their customers were the kind that outlast any transaction, built on showing up, doing good work, and treating people like people.

She was gentle in the way that takes real strength to sustain. She gardened with devotion, cultivating the world around her until it mirrored what she carried inside, something unhurried and beautiful and entirely her own. She descended from German Lutheran immigrant stock, here since the 1750s, a full generation before this country was birthed, and she carried that tradition of hard work and quiet honor as faithfully as any of them had. She gave without accounting for it, poured herself into her children's futures, and to be called a hard worker by Cynthia Storms was not a small thing. It was, to those who loved her, a kind of benediction. Her stubbornness was real, and her family will tell you so without hesitation, but stubbornness in the right hands is just another word for conviction, and hers ran deep and clean. It lives on, unmistakably, in the blood of those she raised.

She is survived by her husband of over 41 years, Glenn M. Storms; her children, James Michael Storms and Amber Michelle Baker; her grandchildren, Paige Hadley Baker, Ruby Wilde Baker, and Delta James Storms; her parents, Lonnie Lee Phillips Sr. and Georgia Lucille Good; her brother, Lonnie Lee (Bud) Phillips Jr.; and the many friends and customers whose lives were made better for knowing her.

Cynthia's kindness was not loud, but it was lasting. The world is left with one less person willing to get their hands dirty, love deeply, and plant seeds that those who come after us can enjoy the beauty of.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com.

Arrangements are in the care of Heishman Funeral Home Inc, Heishman Funeral Service branch Woodstock.

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