



## Mary Blue Cameron Catlett

June 13, 1935 - April 21, 2024

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Mary Blue Cameron Catlett.

Mary Blue Cameron Catlett, 88, of Woodstock, Virginia, died Sunday, April 21, 2024. She was born June 13, 1935 in Wilmington, North Carolina, the oldest of three children of Martha Williams Shelton and William Lauchlin Cameron. She was predeceased by her husband, Norman Leigh Catlett (1932 - 2022), the love of her life.

Mary Blue had a remarkable journey, assuming traditional and trailblazing roles with grace, dignity and a commitment to excellence. She supported Norman as he began his career shortly after they married in 1954. Prioritizing the needs of their young family, they raised their three sons to school-age before Mary Blue embarked on her own professional career and continuing education. Beginning as a school teacher in 1967, Mary Blue subsequently earned her Master of Education from James Madison University before advancing to leadership roles in Shenandoah County Public Schools, including Supervisor of Elementary Schools, Director of Instruction and Dean of Central Campus, while mentoring countless up-and-coming teachers along the way. Mary Blue was one of the first three women to join The Rotary Club of Woodstock in 1989, serving as its first female President from 1995 to 1996 and remaining active well beyond her retirement in 2000 up until her death. In

2024, the club chose her as the recipient of the Joseph B. Clower Award for lifetime community service.

Mary Blue was warm and inclusive, always wanting to be involved in the lives of her children and grandchildren. She was supportive of family and friends at every opportunity. In retirement, she enjoyed spending time in Myrtle Beach, where she and Norman were married. She also enjoyed exercising and visiting friends at the gym. She kept up with the latest technologies, becoming rather prolific at social media to engage with friends. Mary Blue was extremely proud of her family. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren brought her immense joy.

Mary Blue is survived by her three sons: Norman Leigh Catlett, Jr. (Mary), Warren Cameron Catlett (Rachel) and Richard Shelton Catlett (Susan); her grandchildren: John Shelton Catlett (Mollie), Anna Blue Catlett (Kris) and Jacob Russell Johnson (Stasha); her great grandchildren: Margo Blue Catlett, George Schoeb Catlett and Emerson McCoy Locklear; and her siblings: Claude Lauchlin Cameron and Ethel Gayle Cameron.

There will be a private family funeral service. A public celebration of the lives of Mary Blue and Norman will be held at Muse Vineyards, Woodstock, on May 1, 2024 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Woodstock Rotary Foundation, RE: Mary Blue Catlett, PO Box 602, Woodstock, VA 22664-0602; Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 122 East Court St., Woodstock, VA 22664; or the charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements are in the care of Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral

Service Branch, Edinburg.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Muse Vineyards  
16 Serendipity Lane  
Woodstock, VA 22664

# Tribute Wall



“ *My sincere condolences to Leigh and family. I met Mrs. Catlett a few times over the years, and always found her bright smile and cheerful disposition so warm and refreshing. I know how very much she will be missed by her family, her friends, and her community. May all your cherished memories bring you comfort and healing.*

George Hoffman - April 30, 2024 at 09:35 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of Mary Blue from her visit to Denmark as well as our visits to Woodstock. She and Normann were always so kind and hospitable, and we very much enjoyed our friendship with them over the years. Love from from Denmark, Birthe, Kristine and Vibeke Asmussen*

Vibeke Sønderberg Asmussen - April 29, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *Cass, Stephen & Ruthie Catlett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Blue Cameron Catlett.*

Cass, Stephen & Ruthie Catlett - April 27, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Blue Cameron Catlett.*



April 27, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ *Many fond memories of being neighbors with the Catletts. They were exemplary teachers and wonderful friends. Please accept our sincere condolences. Jim Lambert, Susan and Gretchen*

**Gretchen Johnson** - April 26, 2024 at 12:07 AM

SH

“ *Mary Blue brought elegance, warmth and commitment to her work in SCPS. She was a calm presence, always kind. I feel fortunate to have worked with her. Sincere condolences to her loving family.*

**Sandy Hart** - April 25, 2024 at 07:36 PM

MH

“ *maxine Howe lit a candle in memory of Mary Blue Catlett*



**maxine Howe** - April 24, 2024 at 08:25 PM

EF

“ *Erik and Geraldine Malsch and family! purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Blue Cameron Catlett.*



**Erik and Geraldine Malsch and family!** - April 24, 2024 at 06:21 PM

EF

“ Erik and Geraldine Malsch and family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Blue Cameron Catlett.

Erik and Geraldine Malsch and family! - April 24, 2024 at 06:21 PM

RW

“ Mrs. Catlett (I never could call her by her first name out of respect) was a wonderful kind lady. She was truly a lady. She was so nice to me when I visited Warren when we were growing up. She was a great example for everyone, young and old. She was an excellent teacher and well respected by her students. I loved Mrs. Catlett and will sure miss her. My condolences to her family.

Robert Wise - April 23, 2024 at 09:38 PM

RB

“ The Carolina Beach Music Awards will miss Mary Blue in November. Mary Blue and Norman were respected and loved by our entire Beach Music Family. We were blessed to have them as friends and our heartfelt sympathies to the family.

Rachel Byrd - April 23, 2024 at 08:34 PM

JM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. J.D. was a classmate of Mary Blue. She will be missed at the Carthage High School Reunion this Saturday, April 27. Our prayers are lifted for the family.

J.D. & Marie Monroe, Carthage, NC



JD & Marie Monroe - April 23, 2024 at 07:18 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. May God bless you all with fond memories as the days and months go by in a comforting way. Jane McDaniel

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**Jane McDaniel** - April 22, 2024 at 09:32 PM