



Coneta Marie Whitten

September 4, 1927 - May 24, 2015

Coneta Marie Buckner Whitten of Stevensville, MD, joined her heavenly father on Sunday, May 24. She was 87.

She was born on September 4, 1927, in Pocahontas, AR, the daughter of the late Joseph A. and Ella Lee Asher Buckner. She graduated from Pocahontas High School in the Class of 1945. Mrs. Whitten came to Washington, DC, to support the war effort and found her first job at the Naval Gun Factory, now the Washington Navy Yard. She then worked at the Pentagon until 1951.

During her time in DC, Coneta met a young sailor and the love of her life on the grounds of the Washington Monument. She and Harlan Lee Whitten were married on September 22, 1947, and they moved to Landover Hills, MD, where they started their family.

Coneta had many friends, including those at Landover Hills Baptist Church. She was an avid reader and also loved watching sports (a Redskins and Senators fan in her younger days), bowling, camping, and vacationing to Ocean City. Her family was her pride and joy, and she spoiled them regularly with her famous chicken and dumplings and homemade donuts, using her wedding ring to create the donut hole.

In the mid 70's, Coneta, Lee, and family built a home on Kent Island where

they became members of the First Baptist Church. Although her choice of teams changed to cheering for the Baltimore Ravens and Orioles, her love of family, neighbors, and her faith never wavered. Coneta savored living on Kent Island and enjoyed all the sunshine and seafood the area had to offer, especially a good fish sandwich.

Her husband of nearly 60 years, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren filled her heart with every gathering. She is survived by two daughters, Sandra Barrett with husband Archie of Stevensville, MD, and Susan Ryan with her love Bob Nelson of Seabrook, MD; her grandchildren, David, Ryan and Lacie Whitten, Jason Ryan, and Aaron, Loren, and Austin Barrett; and six great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a son, Michael Whitten, in 1996; and her siblings; Betty Whitten, Cona Chipouras, and Brance Buckner.

A memorial service is planned for Friday, May 29, at Kent Island Baptist Church at 11 a.m. at 300 State Street in Stevensville, MD, where the family will receive relatives and friends an hour before the service.

Memorial donations may be made in lieu of flowers to First Baptist Church of Kent Island in Stevensville, or Compass Regional Hospice at 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Kent Island
State Street
Stevensville, MD

Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Kent Island
State Street
Stevensville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Coneta Marie Whitten*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 28, 2015 at 07:57 AM

JG

Awesome video. What a great tribute to Aunt Coneta. She was loved so much by so many.

Jim Grigg - May 28, 2015 at 06:08 PM

DK

Thank you she was indeed a lovely woman!

Donna Whitten King - May 28, 2015 at 06:37 PM

DH

This video is great. The pictures so captured the love your parents had for each other and the love they blessed your whole family with. May she rest in peace and dance with the angels.

Diane Haik - May 28, 2015 at 10:14 PM



What a wonderful video. It brought back many memories for me of when we lived in Maryland. I wish I could be there to share stories with you girls and your families, but pleas know my heart and thoughts are with you all at this time.

Sheila Northrop - May 29, 2015 at 01:01 AM

PW

The video was a wonderful tribute to a life well lived and loved. I met Coneta through my mother Maxine who attended the same church. They sat next to each other every Sunday that they were able to attend. My mother confessed to me that she would often fall asleep at some point during the service and would end up resting her head on Coneta's shoulder. Coneta one Sunday informed her that the use of her shoulder was ok, but if mom started to snore or fall into her lap, all bets were off. We had a good laugh over that.

They were cute together and I was so glad they became friends. May God Bless Coneta on her journey home and my condolences to her family and friends.

Penny Womack

Penny Womack - May 29, 2015 at 07:27 AM

KS

Coneta was one of a kind and special in every way. I always admired her loving ways, her inner and outer beauty, great sense of humor, and the gentle relationships she had with all who were lucky enough to have crossed paths with her here on earth. I am sad she is no longer here yet know she's with God now and happier than ever.

Karen Salter

Karen Salter - May 29, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ Coneta Marie Whitten

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Coneta Marie Whitten

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

 Tim
Lanahan

“ *MRs Coneta was a good friend to my mother Betty Lanahan and she was a very nice person who shared a smile with laughter. My condolences to the family as I was just made aware.*
Tim Lanahan - Chincoteague Va

Tim Lanahan - March 27, 2016 at 05:27 PM

 Daniel
Bedard

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and close friends of Mrs. Coneta Marie Whitten.*

Daniel Bedard - May 31, 2015 at 12:32 PM

EB

“ *I do not have a lot of memories but when her and Lee would come home, she was such a sweet person. Erma (Gigg) Bitzer*

Erma (Grigg) Bitzer - May 29, 2015 at 12:38 PM

JG

“ *Some of my fondest memories were in the years I lived in Philadelphia. I would drive down Sunday mornings to pick up Aunt Coneta, take her to church, have lunch, and drive back to Philidelphia. Mary and I treasure the many visits to see Uncle Lee and Aunt Coneta and my cousins. She was a GRAND LADY and will be missed. Jim and Mary*

James Grigg - May 29, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ 12 files added to the album *Some of my Mom's Betty Whitten's pictures*



Sheila Northrop - May 29, 2015 at 12:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Coneta Marie Whitten.



May 28, 2015 at 02:33 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Coneta Marie Whitten.



May 28, 2015 at 01:34 PM

SW

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Shawn Whitten - May 28, 2015 at 12:05 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Coneta Marie Whitten.



May 27, 2015 at 04:51 PM

MK

“ Mrs. Coneta and Mr. Lee were such amazing individuals. Much of my childhood memories involve both of them, whether it was Mrs. Coneta working in her garden or Mr. Lee working on the putting green. They were always so generous as well. Mr. Lee would drive around before Halloween and the neighborhood kids would get pumpkins. You always knew where to get candy from and your parents couldn't get mad cause it was from what I consider the neighborhood grandparents.

I am sorry for the loss of a wonderful woman but know how much love she not only showed your family but to so many others in the neighborhood as well. Mrs. Coneta will be greatly missed.

Meghan Kropfelder

Meghan Kropfelder - May 27, 2015 at 11:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Coneta Marie Whitten.



May 27, 2015 at 10:10 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Coneta Marie Whitten.



May 27, 2015 at 09:04 AM



“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Sue Ryan - May 27, 2015 at 07:38 AM



“ She and Lee were so sweet and good to everyone, Linda Utz and Bobby and I LOVED her very much. I am so glad she's now with "GOD" and Linda and Ms. Doris.

Katherine Canter - May 27, 2015 at 05:07 AM

DG

“ *David, Annie, Ryan, Amber And James Gardner lit a candle in memory of Coneta Marie Whitten*



David, Annie, Ryan, Amber and James Gardner - May 26, 2015 at 10:27 PM

MG

“ *Best neighbor EVER. This lovely lady will be missed by all who knew her. Susan, Sandra and your families - so sorry for your loss.*

*Love -
Mary Gillis and Family*

Mary Gillis - May 26, 2015 at 08:46 PM

 Connie Walters

“ *Sandra & Archie, Sue and boys, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was so sweet to everyone and always had a smile. I know you have so many fond memories to share, cherish those memories. Prayers for peace & comfort will continue. I know she is at peace as she is in the arms of Jesus. I am sure she & your dad are together again and proudly smiling down at their precious family.*



Connie Walters - May 26, 2015 at 03:56 PM

AH

“ *Saundra and Susan so sorry to here about mom. I have so many memories of her when we where young and sleeping over. She always had a smile and treats for us. My thoughts and prayers our with you and your family.*



Angel Huffman - May 26, 2015 at 01:27 PM

 Kelley Barrow

“ *Kelley Barrow lit a candle in memory of Coneta Marie Whitten*



Kelley Barrow - May 26, 2015 at 09:48 AM