



Velma Dolores Mood

November 3, 1946 - August 21, 2025

Velma Massie Mood, 78, of Stevensville, Maryland, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family and friends. She was born November 3, 1946, in Baltimore, Maryland, and was the daughter of Lillian and Ryland Massie. She grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Piney River, Virginia. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Debbie and Margaret (Bussey), and by her beloved husband, James (“Jim”) F. Mood.

On January 8, 1966, Velma married Jim, whom she met at the National Security Agency after just two months. Together they built a beautiful life in Davidsonville and raised their son, Christopher. Velma was a proud grandmother to Breanna, Christiana, Peter, and Nicoletta, who brought her endless joy. She had one niece, Edie, of Tampa, Florida.

Velma graduated from Arundel High School in 1964, where she was crowned “Miss Arundel.” She worked at the Agency until her son was born, and then went on to work briefly as a secretary at Crofton Woods Elementary School before returning to the National Security Agency. She retired from the Agency in the early nineties.

A woman of faith, Velma’s love for Christ and His saving grace flowed from her to everyone she met. She was a member of Davidsonville United Methodist Church and later Wye Bible Church, where she was active in Bible

studies and the church choir, sharing her love of singing and her beautiful voice with the congregation. She enjoyed playing tennis with her husband, shopping every chance she could, and spending time with friends. Velma's greatest joy in life was her grandchildren, and her move to the Eastern Shore in the late nineties gave her the opportunity to be an active part of their lives from the very start. She loved spending time at the beach, especially Ocean City vacations with her husband, son, and friends. She started an annual women's retreat for moms to Ocean City more than 40 years ago, where she and her friends would fellowship, worship, and share their lives together each September. She never missed a year, and she helped so many women to connect with one another and with God in deep and meaningful ways.

Velma brought everything to life around her. She made her surroundings beautiful, she worked to bring beauty to others in her generosity, her friendship, her shared prayers, and her gratitude. She loved adventures, and she and Jim traveled extensively after his retirement. She enjoyed any gathering with friends and family, especially where there was good food and fellowship to be had. Velma never took herself too seriously, and she left people feeling lighter for having been with her. Her friendships were enduring and faithful, and she was beloved by all who knew her.

There is a celebration of life planned for Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 10:30 AM at Wye Bible Church in Grasonville, Maryland, with a party just like Velma would have loved to follow at the Hyatt Place at the Kent Narrows. Those who wish to celebrate Velma, kindly RSVP at the link provided so that we can plan for your comfort. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Compass Regional Hospice in Velma's memory.

RSVP for reception: <https://evite.me/qrtSuu94hP>

Previous Events

Coffee and Fellowship

NOV 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (est)

Wye Bible Church
115 Narnia Road, P.O. Box 430
Grasonville, MD

November 1, 2025 - Coffee and fellowship from 9:30am-10:30am. Service to follow at 10:30am. The service will be live-streamed on Wye Bible Church You tube site for those who cannot attend. The link is below. <http://www.youtube.com/@wyebiblechurch5836> Wye Bible Church youtube.com Wye Bible Church 115 Narnia Dr. Grasonville, MD 21638

Service

NOV 1. 10:30 AM (est)

Wye Bible Church
115 Narnia Road, P.O. Box 430
Grasonville, MD

Celebration of Life Luncheon

NOV 1. 12:30 PM (est)

The Hyatt Place, Kent Narrows & Marina
3028 Kant Narrows Way S.
Grasonville, MD 21638

Luncheon to celebrate the Life of Velma Mood to be held at the Hyatt Place on November 1, 2025 at 12:30pm. Please respond to the Evite link so we can plan for the luncheon. RSVP for reception: <https://evite.me/qrtSuu94hP> Hyatt Place Kent Narrows & Marina 3028 Kent Narrow Way S Grasonville, MD, 21638

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Velma Dolores Mood*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 31, 2025 at 09:51 AM

PM

“ *Dear Chris and family.
My deepest sympathies for your earthly loss of sweet Velma. I hold dear the memories I have of our time together . Rarely did I see Velma without that beautiful smile. You said it all in her obituary. She will be missed by many.*

*Sincerely
Pam and Lee Matousek*

Pamela Matousek - November 12, 2025 at 07:40 AM

CH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



chris - October 29, 2025 at 06:22 PM

TF

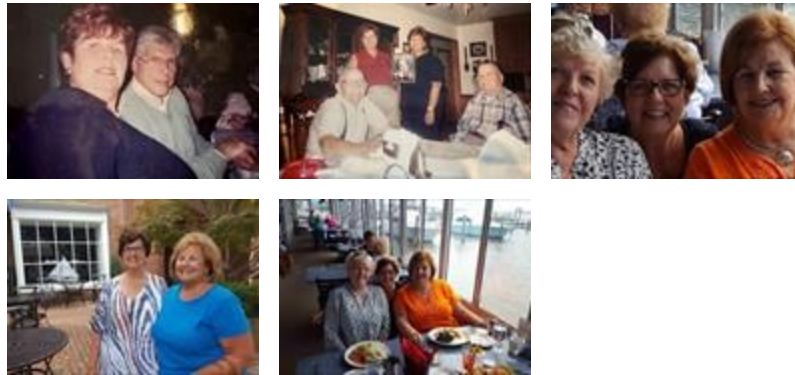
“ *The Crew family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Velma Dolores Mood.*



The Crew family - October 29, 2025 at 11:30 AM

CH

“ *14 files added to the tribute wall*



chris - October 26, 2025 at 06:51 PM

BB

“ Hello, When I was !3 I met Velma, she was in high school & she was working at Stevenson store in Severn. She lived very close to it She was gorgeous !! I would get off the bus to get a snack My friends dad had the gas station next door Now thats a royal farms store. She was so kind to us.. a couple years later my then boyfriend , Bill Bussey Introduced me to his family His sister in law Margaret & his brother Vaughn ,Edie’s mom &dad was there ... Margaret was Velmas sister! So I fell into a great family & we married in 1970. We did dances & gathering's together Edie ,our niece & Bills other niece Suzy would babysit for us. Velma was so much fun She’s with our Lord & family. I will miss her So sorry for all,❤️Barbara Bussey

Barbara Bussey - October 25, 2025 at 11:41 AM

LG

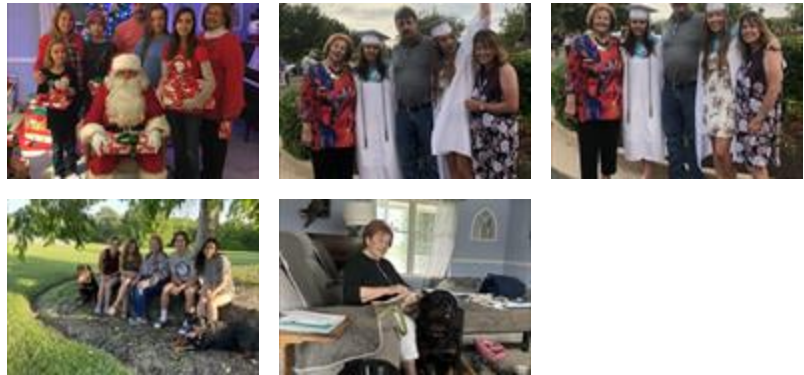
“ I loved seeing Velma and Christmas Eve church services with her!!!. Being with her at family gatherings was a wonderful blessing!!!! I loved her desserts too!!!! I will miss her a lot!!!! I truly loved her. Praying for Chris and Roni’s beautiful family!!!!



Leigh Gabardini - October 22, 2025 at 06:34 PM

CH

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



chris - October 22, 2025 at 10:45 AM

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“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



chris - October 22, 2025 at 08:43 AM

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chris - October 22, 2025 at 08:37 AM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



chris - October 22, 2025 at 08:24 AM

RM

“ 1 file added to the album Velma



Roni Mood - September 24, 2025 at 11:16 AM

JB

“ Our Miss Arundel! Velma was such a sweet and caring young lady. I arrived at Arundel Sophomore year, a newbie among kids who had known each other for a long time. Velma was one of the first to welcome me to the new school. I saw that many times and other acts of kindness in our high school years. She was so special. It was a joy to reconnect at our 20th reunion. I was saddened to learn the news of her passing and I extend my most sincere condolences to her family. Her light still shines in our memories and will forever.

Jim Barton - September 18, 2025 at 10:28 AM

BR

I often worked at FANX and would see Velma and we would talk about our time at Arundel, she was always very nice. Sending heartfelt prayers for her family 🙏💕

Bill Rose - September 18, 2025 at 10:37 AM

GI

“ Gina sent a virtual gift in memory of Velma Dolores Mood



Gina - September 05, 2025 at 08:05 AM

EC

“ Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Velma Dolores Mood



Eastern Shore Dental Care - September 04, 2025 at 11:33 AM