



Roberta Bolen Childs

June 3, 1931 - March 5, 2024

Roberta Childs, born Roberta Virginia Bolen on June 3, 1931 in North Tonawanda, New York, is the daughter of the late Charles and Mary Bolen and the younger sister of Wally and Chet Bolen, both deceased. She moved to Virginia in 1940 and remained a life-long resident. She departed this earthly life on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the age of 92.

Roberta is survived and missed by her loving husband Lee Childs of 65 years; and her eight children: Margie Murdock (John) of Sandy, UT, John Childs (Chauncy) of Oregon City, OR, Pete Childs (Mena) of Alpine, UT, Amy Perkins (Rob) of Leesburg, VA, Berta Aulestia (Erik) of Vienna, VA, Carrie Palma (Russ), Merrifield, VA, David Childs (Dawn) of Cedar Island, NC and Ginny Westerby (Ben) of Cumming, GA, as well as 33 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Roberta graduated from Madison College with a degree in Business. Her work was rearing her eight children, which kept her more than busy. Roberta was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She reflected throughout her life her love for God and her firm testimony of and connected bond with her Savior Jesus Christ. She combined this devotion with her passion for music to become a founding member of the Mormon Choir of Washington, DC, in which she participated for over 30 years.

Life was to be enjoyed. Her spunky personality delighted in a gathering of any kind, and she experienced “FOMO” when she wasn’t able to be included in the fun! If you needed a friend, Roberta was your person. She always wore an

inviting smile, which she shared with everyone she came in contact with. Roberta never met a stranger. Her house (AKA the “Hotel Childs”) was open to all, where she invited many to join the family when they needed a home. She became their mother. You weren’t required to fit into a box, but were encouraged to be who you were. People were more important than things. She rolled with the punches, calmly enjoying the ebbs and flows of life’s tides. May her heaven be filled with big family vacations, lunches with friends, puzzles, cats, garage sales, flowering shrubs, thrift stores, choir music, diet coke and chocolate...and well-behaved, quiet grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 16, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 2719 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, VA, with a visitation held beforehand at 9:00 am.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

822 Sperryville Pike
Culpeper, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
2719 Hunter Mill Road
Oakton, VA

Funeral Service

MAR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Oakton, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.*



March 15, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *The Sleight Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.*



The Sleight Family - March 14, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ *Kenneth and Patty Lee and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.*



Kenneth and Patty Lee and family - March 14, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ *Kenneth and Patty Lee and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Bolen Childs.*

Kenneth and Patty Lee and family - March 14, 2024 at 12:09 PM

LD

“ Loudoun County HS Athletic Department purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.



Loudoun County HS Athletic Department - March 13, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.



March 13, 2024 at 09:33 AM

TF

“ The Stringham Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.



The Stringham Family - March 12, 2024 at 04:30 PM

WK

“ With Love, Janet Keyes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.



With Love, Janet Keyes - March 12, 2024 at 01:42 PM

FF

“ Frank patterson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Bolen Childs.

Frank patterson and family - March 12, 2024 at 12:43 PM

FF

“ Frank patterson and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.



Frank patterson and family - March 12, 2024 at 12:43 PM

WI

“ Wendell and Mary Irby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Bolen Childs.

Wendell and Mary Irby - March 12, 2024 at 10:26 AM

WI

“ Wendell and Mary Irby purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.



Wendell and Mary Irby - March 12, 2024 at 10:26 AM

CS

“ Connie and Charles Sherrill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Bolen Childs.

Connie and Charles Sherrill - March 10, 2024 at 06:38 PM

CS

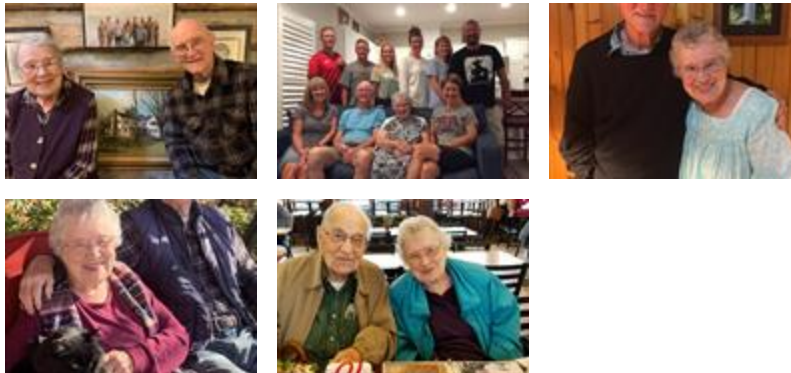
“ Connie and Charles Sherrill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.



Connie and Charles Sherrill - March 10, 2024 at 06:38 PM

RO

“ 6 files added to the album Roberta



Roberta - March 09, 2024 at 10:36 PM

TF

“ The Jenkinson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Bolen Childs.

The Jenkinson family - March 09, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.*



March 09, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ *The 1970s youth of Vienna Ward purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.*



The 1970s youth of Vienna Ward - March 09, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roberta Bolen Childs.*



March 09, 2024 at 04:11 PM