



Charlotte Neal Perdue

April 4, 1934 - October 1, 2024

SARASOTA – Charlotte Ann Perdue, passed away peacefully at her home in Sarasota, FL on October 1, 2024 at the age of 90 with her sisters Brenda Belcher and Donna Serrano and her devoted caregiver Luz Chevarria at her side.

She was born in Bluefield, WV to the late Marvin and Lydia Neal. In her youth she worked at the Bluefield Auditorium where she met many celebrities of the time like the professional basketball player Jerry West and performer Little Richard. After moving to Richmond, VA in 1965, Charlotte worked for C&P Telephone and the State Corporation Commission until her retirement when she decided to move back to her hometown of Bluefield. There she bought a stately home and made it her own decorating it with all her favorite collectibles.

She loved to cook and always had enough food for all her friends and family. You never went hungry at Charlotte's house as she was known to say, "get you some more" (pronounced moe-uh) after you already had two helpings. Another passion of hers was gardening as she always wanted to have colorful flowers blooming in her yard. Anytime you walked by a flower or tree she didn't have, she would grab a clipping so she could grow it in her own yard. She enjoyed going to various orchards to pick fresh fruits and vegetables and always brought home several flats of strawberries to can them. Who doesn't

remember her famous strawberry preserves? She also had a love of animals and rescued many dogs over the years adding to her own pets like Toby, Babs, Charlie and My Girl.

In 2010, Charlotte moved to Sarasota, FL and lived near her son David and several of her own siblings. She enjoyed visiting Anna Maria Island and looking for shells on the beach. For the last several years she was fortunate to live just a few blocks from David and was so happy to see him as he visited every day watching over her to make sure she had everything she needed.

She is preceded in death by her husband Charles (Tazz) B. Perdue, her son Richard Keith Ratcliffe and her former husband Richard "Dickie" Ratcliffe.

Charlotte is survived by her son Dr. David N. Ratcliffe and Paul Cramer of Sarasota, her son Steven Ratcliffe of Richmond, VA and daughter April Sylvain of Lebanon, ME, five grandchildren Katie, Kristoffer and Kayleigh Ratcliffe, Booker and Dillon Sylvain and eight brothers and sisters.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, November 1, 2024 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mercer Funeral Home, a funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 2 at 11 a.m. at Mercer Funeral Home followed by interment at Roselawn Cemetery in Princeton, WV. Friends and family are welcome to a reception afterwards at First Christian Church in Bluefield.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

450 Courthouse Rd
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701
(304) 327-6155
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<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Love my Aunt Charlotte. She was the best!!*

Wayne Neal - October 30, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charlotte Neal Perdue.*



October 29, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ *Love my sister Charlotte we have many so many great memories to*

Marvin William Neal Jr. - October 29, 2024 at 11:38 AM



My Sister was one of a kind , generous to a fault, loving and caring for children that were in need , giving to people that she didn't even know . The first to step up when she heard of a need for people, Dogs and cats that needed a home or just some love . I know she collected many clothes, jackets, coats , pants and tons of stuff ,not ot hoard it but to give it away to anyone that needed it . Love and you will be missed by many .She was a Rock Star !!

Allen Neal - October 29, 2024 at 09:09 PM

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“ *Missy, Monte and Carolyn purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charlotte Neal Perdue.*



Missy, Monte and Carolyn - October 28, 2024 at 06:11 AM