



Virena Sutphin Bowen

May 19, 1963 - March 19, 2011

Bluefield, WV- Virena "Louise" Sutphin Bowen, 47, of Rocky Gap, VA, passed away on March 19, 2011. Born May 19, 1963, she was the daughter of Edwin and Shirley Sutphin of Rocky Gap, VA. She enjoyed life to its fullest, always facing each day with a smile and the determination that she was going to beat her cancer. She loved just being at "home" making plans for special occasions with family and friends, or in her flower gardens enjoying their beauty. She was employed at First Century Bank and leaves behind many special friends. She is survived by her loving husband of 22 years, William H. Bowen, III; her special "son" Jonathan Sarver; her sister, Linda Sarver and husband Charlie; brothers, Michael Sutphin and wife Debra, and Larry Sutphin and wife Hilda; nephews, Jason Sarver, Chris Sutphin, Shawn Sutphin, and Jeromy Sutphin; a very special sister-in-law, Landi Danko and husband Michael; and her lovely Bishon's Teton and Jackson. She is the granddaughter of the late Charles Sutphin and Virena Sutphin Lambert and the late Trubie and Irene Gregory. She was a member of Rocky Gap United Methodist Church and the Rocky Gap Eastern Star #154. A funeral service will be conducted on Sunday evening, March 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. from the Rocky Gap United Methodist Church with Rev. Rodney Lawson officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on Sunday from 5:00 p.m. until the service hour. A graveside service will be held on Monday March 21, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Garden of Nativity, Princeton. Family will be serving as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the

American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 246, Abingdon, VA 24212 or to Rocky Gap United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 68, Rocky Gap, VA 24366. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Virena "Louise" Sutphin Bowen.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virena Sutphin Bowen*

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you in your time of grief.*

Elsie Spencer & Family - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Buzzy, I know the depth of your loss and I know there are no words to make it easy. Louise always impressed me with her smile, her friendliness and her "mountainous beauty". She was a classy lady with country roots...the best kind!*

Tom Ogle - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DG

“ Buzzy, Shirley, Eddie, Mike, Larry, Linda, Jon, Jason, Buster I wish that I could just say one thing that would make each of every of you fill better....but I just do not know what to say except Louise and I started school together and never did loose touch. A small community alot of friends...she was the first person that knew I was with child...now he his 30 yrs old. Days go by and we wonder where did the time go. Louise will be greatly missed and seeing her go up and down the road..there was times when our parents had stores...we would always say hello! Louise would be going one direction and I would be going the other...A smile that will always be there for all of us to remember and her two precious little barking and I will bite you K-9's. Yes it hard to believe that I will never get to see the girl that we sat beside each other first day of school and then gettting into those 7th grade dresses for 1976 Bi-Centential event to move on to the proms...oh what good times we had in our 13 yrs of school. Shirley and Eddie you all did a great job on raising all of your children...but Louise's smile will always come to mine mind when I go by the store...along the talking we did with Shirley and Linda...Mike. I know she is in a better place and God open his arms and Welcomed her home...she fought a hard battle and won the war! I can remember Linda having Jon in the play pen and when he would see louise he would just smile and off she would go to get him...she loved her family. Thank you Buzzy for making her life the best you could...she loved you and said it more then once. I Pray in the next days, weeks to come that God will walk with all of you down this darken road...I know Louise could never believe how many people she had touched in her short life...R.I.P My Dear Friend Louise. Love Dreama Gammon

Dreama & Kerry Gammon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LS

“ Buzzy & family, My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family at this time. Louise was such a Joy to work with and a great friend at all times. May God surround you with His Loving Arms.

Lynn Truitt Silver - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PB

“ I had the honor and privilege of knowing and working with Louise for several years. Her sweet smile and kind ways always brightened my day. I kept in touch with Louise from time to time by sending her cards I thought she would like. In fact, I had bought a card for her on Saturday, without knowing that she had passed away. This world is a better place, and I am a better person for having known Louise. She truly was beautiful - both inside and out. I know how hard she struggled in her battle with cancer, but perhaps we can all take comfort in knowing that she has to battle no more. She has won. Patti Byrd Paralegal Smith, Lilly & Ball, PLLC 1421 Princeton Avenue Princeton, WV 24740 304/425-2196 (phone) 304/425-5434 (fax)

Patti Byrd - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TI

“ Buzzy: We are so sorry for your loss. Louise was a beautiful person both within and without. Our prayers are with you and her family.

TechniFab of Va. Inc. - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BR

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Louise was an inspiration to all of us who fight the good fight against cancer. She was such a remarkable young woman. May you find comfort in the love she gave to the world. Your family is in many thoughts and prayers. Blessings.

Becky Richardson - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DT

“ We send our deepest sympathy to the Bowen/Sutphin family. You all have meant a lot to us. Louise will be missed. We pray for the Lord's peace and love to surround you. Drema, Maria, Tara, and Phillip (Larry)

Drema Larry Tolley - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LW

“ Buzzy, I am so sorry to learn of your wife's untimely passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours at this most difficult time.

Libby Wolford - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MB

“ Buzzy, I'm sorry to hear about your loss. I know that you were with her every step of the way. She is now with the Good Lord above. I know this is a hard and trying time but, God will get you through it.

Milton Baker - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AS

“ Buzzy and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I know there are no words that can ease your sorrow at this time, but please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Angie

Angie Harman Smith - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KD

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the death of your daughter, wife and sister, Louise. She fought so hard but God must have wanted her for his own. She is not suffering anymore, which is a blessing. You will always miss her but she will always be in your hearts.

Ken & Emma Doughton - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PG

“ I am so sorry for the loss of such a great woman. She was a strong fighter and will be missed. My family sends their warmest condolences in this tough time. I know she has a special purpose in heaven for He would not have taken such a wonderful, kind, full of life person so early in her life. I am so sad that we cannot make the trip down to say our final goodbyes. She will always be in our thoughts and you are all in our prayers. Go rest high on that mountain Louise.

Paul, Kim, Carson and Aden Gregory - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

ML

“ William H. (Buzzy) Bowen III, Linda Sarver & Sarver Family I was saddened to hear of the loss of Louise Bowen. I have known Louise for many years and she worked for me at First Century Bank-Princeton for several years. She was a very good employee and a great friend. Buzzy you were a very dedicated husband to Louise and I know you will miss her very much along with Linda and the sarver family. My prayers are with you at this time. I know Louise is not suffering anymore and that she is in a much better place with her savior Jesus Christ . If there is anything II can do let me know. Poem: God looked around His garden and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew that you were in pain. He knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace Be Thine," It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you the day God called you home. Marshall Lytton

Marshall Lytton - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TB

“ Both Terry and I saddened by the loss of a classmate and friend. Louise will be remember for the positive outlook on life as she herself was fighting a courageous battle. May her positive outlook be a reminder to all of us that life is a very precious gift. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of this very courageous women.

Terry and Lauri Bowling - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SS

“ Louise was the best friend anyone could say they had. We grew up together and spent more time at each others homes that we did our own. We thought of each others families as our own. I will miss her smile and knowing she is there. My heart is broke as I know the rest of the family and friends are too. She is in a better place and happy with god but we will miss her here on earth. Rest in Peach Louise! Love you!

Sheri "Woody" Spoloric - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CP

“ I am saddened to learn that Louise has passed away. I fondly recall the special person she was and she seemingly always had a smile on her face. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Buzzy, Linda and the rest of her family.

Charlie Pruett - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM