



Veronica Lynette Tilghman

August 27, 1967 - July 31, 2022

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die...” John 11:25-26 (NIV)

Veronica Lynette Tilghman was born in Princess Anne, Maryland on August 27, 1967 to her late parents, William Bishop and Sarah Tilghman. After a valiant battle with lung cancer, Veronica transitioned from her earthly life to her eternal home promised in the Holy Scriptures, on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at the Tidal Health Peninsula Regional Hospital (Salisbury, MD).

Veronica’s educational foundation was established in the Somerset County School System. She always had an incredibly strong work ethic and took considerable pride in being a fierce protector and provider for her family. Professionally, she was known for providing extraordinary nursing services and comfort care to those in need, and was employed by

Manokin Manor, a senior community that provides memory care to the elderly.

Veronica, affectionately known to many as Ronnie, was extremely loved by her family, friends,

and co-workers. She embodied the cliché of “never meeting a stranger,” as she was friendly

and approachable to anyone and everyone – no one was a stranger, just a friend whom she had

not spoken to yet! She would often open her beloved home to relatives and friends seeking a

homecooked meal, temporary lodging, or a few words of encouragement.

Veronica loved life

and lived it to the fullest – she lived fearlessly, held nothing back, and poured her whole heart,

emotionally, spiritually, and physically, into those that she loved. Her annual birthday cookouts

are an example – each year, she invited and hosted countless numbers of relatives and friends

that would travel from near and far to celebrate the beauty of life, and she was always the life

of the party! Veronica was also known for her creativity – her hairstyles, jewelry/accessories,

clothing, and home décor choices were always bold, timeless, stylish, and trend-setting.

Yet, Veronica’s greatest joy was spending quality time with her family – she never wanted to

miss a birthday, graduation, shopping excursion, field trip, family reunion, or any other special

day/occasion! The bond that she shared with each family member was special and unique,

especially the connection with her granddaughter, Ashani, whom she raised

and nurtured since
infancy. Veronica now crosses her earthly “finish line” as an amazing, loving,
and devoted
mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, neighbor, cousin, friend, and confidant.
Veronica lived,
loved, and touched an array of individuals – especially those in need of care
and support. She
placed strong value on the concept of family – and never hesitated to sacrifice
her time or
resources in support of her children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces/nephews,
and close friends.
Veronica was always willing to lend a helping hand – her life was not in vain
and is
characterized by extraordinary courage and grace. She will be remembered
fondly as a woman
of resilience, strength, and dignity!

Veronica leaves the notion of spiritual reconciliation and legacy of affection to
many relatives
and lifelong friends, including her loving children: Shanica Spence and
Rodney Spence, Jr.;
adored grandchildren, Ashani Spence, Ra’lil Spence, Ra’Liyanna Spence, and
Kay’Lei Spence;
devoted siblings, George (Ernestine) Tilghman, Geneva “Brenda” Tilghman,
Wayne Tilghman,
Kevin (Victoria) Handy, Denise Tilghman, Phiel Bishop, and Andrea (James)
Purnell;
warmhearted nieces, Shonda (Harry) Tilghman, Tonya Dix, Leticia Dix, Teniah
Handy, Kiara
Jackson, Alesia Handy, Ashyra Pittman, Jashae Jones, Tenirah Parker, and

Kaelynn Kollock;
caring nephews, Brandon Tilghman, Wilson Dix, Jr., Jerald Kollock, Jr., Tyriek
Tilghman, Tashy
Parker, Jakhari Melvin, Andre Maddox, Jr., Braylen Jones, and Allure Harris;
compassionate
aunts, Shirley Tilghman and Emily Fuller; special friend, Willie Brown; loyal
friends, Ken Nixon,
Aretha Peters, Cassandra Price, Sharon Taylor, and Anissa Wallace; and
many more relatives,
friends, neighbors, and colleagues.
In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her loving nephew,
Dennell Tilghman.

Veronica fought a good fight, she finished the race, and she kept the faith!

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Princess Anne
30479 Prince William St.
Princess Anne, MD 21853
(410) 621-0566
info@benniesmithfuneralhome.com
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

AUG **13.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan UMC (Princess Anne)
30522 Dr. WM Hytche Blvd
Princess Anne, MD 21853

Funeral Service

AUG **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

AUG **13.** 11:00 AM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

Tribute Wall

LL

“ *Linda Laws lit a candle in memory of Veronica Lynette Tilghman*



Linda Laws - August 13, 2022 at 09:15 AM

LL

Your cousins in Yeadon, Pa are sending sincere condolences! 🙏

Linda Laws - August 13, 2022 at 09:19 AM

LO

“ *You have my deepest sympathy. I always enjoyed running into her at the grocery store in Salisbury.*

Louise - August 12, 2022 at 02:02 PM

RH

“ *Rochelle Hudgins-Wright lit a candle in memory of Veronica Lynette Tilghman*



Rochelle Hudgins-Wright - August 11, 2022 at 09:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Veronica Lynette Tilghman.*



August 11, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *Yolanda Hayward lit a candle in memory of Veronica Lynette Tilghman*



Yolanda Hayward - August 09, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Words cannot explain the way I feel from day one 9 yrs ago we met Ronnie and I share so much in common about our children she was very inspirational to me each time I come down to her party. You are truly missed girl R.I.P. until we meet again. Stay strong Tilghman family she's at peace now.*



Thelma Smith - August 09, 2022 at 08:10 PM

SS

“ Ronnie was my cousin who was a beautiful person inside and out I will truly miss her. words cannot express the we are all feeling so I just want to say I love you and until we meet again continue to rest in eternal paradise ❤️ your new jersey family.



Shelley Smith - August 09, 2022 at 01:27 PM

SW

Ronnie & I were besties forever I will miss our Wednesday night laughs but but most of all I will miss you I love you bestie Sophia Wright

Sophia Wright - August 09, 2022 at 03:10 PM

YJ

“ Yvonne Jones lit a candle in memory of Veronica Lynette Tilghman



Yvonne Jones - August 09, 2022 at 11:20 AM

YJ

Veronica was a very lovely person she was like a second mom to my daughter when we lived at Loretta Village. Shanica and Rodney you'll had a very special mom that was loved by everyone. Sending my prayers and love to your family

Yvonne Jones - August 09, 2022 at 11:33 AM

AP

“ Arreatha P Peters lit a candle in memory of
Veronica Lynette Tilghman



Arreatha p Peters - August 09, 2022 at 10:35 AM

AP

“ Blessings going out to my family...I will miss her dearly especially
our talks or calling me saying spunkie what you doing? Gone from
me to fast but God knew best love in my heart always.you shall be
missed.

Arreatha Peters - August 09, 2022 at 07:59 AM

VL

“ What a beautiful blessing it was to have been invited to her birthday
celebration last year. May you find peace in knowing she's resting in
God's arms. Keep those precious memories in your hearts and you
will meet again around God's throne Keep the loving spirit Ronnie
exhibited in your heart. 🙏❤️❤️📖

Vera M Littlejohn - August 09, 2022 at 05:22 AM

GC

“ Brenda And The Tilghman Family MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP
YOU MAY HE LET HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU
PEACE LOVE YOU FAMILY

Gloria Lynnette Collins - August 08, 2022 at 10:29 PM

FB

Brenda and family, may our Heavenly Father be a comforter and give you strength. God bless you, we are praying for you and we love you. Love and blessings, Freeman and June Brumfield

Freeman and June L. Brumfield - August 09, 2022 at 04:17 AM

BW

To the Tilghman family may God comfort you and give you strength. Veronica and I worked together at Manokin manor we always shared a memory and laughs when we seen each other! She surely will b missed! 🙏🙏

Bonnie Whittington - August 09, 2022 at 06:15 AM

SW

“ *ToThe Tilghman family you have my heart felt condolences Ronnie I will hold on to the memories we shared Rest In Peace my dear friend you wil be truly missed 🙏🙏💔😞🕊️🕊️*

Stephanie Wells - August 08, 2022 at 09:38 PM

LC

“ *Sending my condolences to Brenda, Shonda and the Tilghman family. Even though Ronnie was related to my children on their dad's side, I was cousin to her too. She will truly be missed. Rest in peace my friend.*



Laura Carter - August 08, 2022 at 09:00 PM

FF

“ *Brenda and family, we send our condolences to you and Ronnie's children. Praying for His strength and comfort to be with each of you now and in the days to come. The Fitchett Family*

Frances Fitchett - August 08, 2022 at 02:38 PM

FF

“ *Frances Fitchett lit a candle in memory of
Veronica Lynette Tilghman*



Frances Fitchett - August 08, 2022 at 02:35 PM