



Forresteen Griffin Bowling

September 30, 1944 - January 24, 2026

Forresteen Griffin Bowling of Danville, VA, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on January 24, 2026 at the age of 81 after a long fought battle with Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Dementia. She lived a life marked by commitment to and love for her family and friends.

Forresteen was born on September 30, 1944, in Caswell County, NC, to the late Robert Snow and Annie Evelyn Snead Griffin of Milton, NC. On August 24, 1965, she married the love of her life, the late Thomas Bowling. She was also predeceased by her siblings, Dude Griffin, Raynell Horsley, Leon Griffin, and Fuzzy Griffin.

Forresteen attended Bartlett Yancey High School and worked as a weaving instructor at Dan River Inc. Later, she was employed by Roman Eagle Rehabilitation and Health Care until her retirement. A dedicated member of Woodlawn Baptist Church and the Faith Sunday School class, she served in various roles. She was a talented cook, had a passion for thrift shopping for others, enjoyed working in the yard, and was always singing a happy tune. Above all, she cherished time spent with her family, leaving behind more love than could be imagined.

She is survived by her six children: Vivian Adkerson (Ricky) of Dry Fork; Venus Sowell (Jimmy) of Inverness, FL; Cheryl Windsor (Patrick) of Pittsboro,

NC; Jimmy Bowling (Stacy) of Milton, NC; Toni Harvey (Kevin) of Dry Fork; and Tommy Bowling (Robin) of Milton, NC; eleven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom were the pride and joy of her life.

A funeral service will be conducted on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with Pastor Daryl Joyce officiating. Interment will be private at Danville Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends following the service on Friday at the funeral home.

The family would like to extend a special thank-you to Mama's caregivers-- Jordan Darling, Teresa Moser, and Helen Locklear, as well as to Taneka Neal and Carolyn Holland with Commonwealth Hospice for their love and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity dear to her heart, Operation Christmas Child, c/o Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, or online at www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Bowling family.

Cemetery Details

Danville Memorial Gardens

510 Church Ave
Danville, VA 24541
(434) 822-1617

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 30. 6:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
Danville, VA 24541
(434) 793-5511
info@wrenn-yeatts.com
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

Visitation Following the Service

JAN 30 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Forresteen Griffin Bowling*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - January 28 at 12:20 PM

PH

She Lived and Loved with all her HEART. See you again one Day 🙏

Phyllis jean Hall - January 29 at 04:23 PM

PH

Such a wonderful Tribute to your Mom, showing what a wonderful life she lived and how deeply she Loved her Family

Phyllis jean Hall - January 29 at 04:24 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - January 30 at 08:17 AM

ZW

“ Zoe and Gray Windsor purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Forresteen Griffin Bowling.



Zoe and Gray Windsor - January 30 at 07:47 AM

AF

“ Amie & Andrew Merker & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Forresteen Griffin Bowling.

Amie & Andrew Merker & family - January 28 at 06:24 PM

AF

“ Amie & Andrew Merker & family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Forresteen Griffin Bowling.



Amie & Andrew Merker & family - January 28 at 06:24 PM

RE

“ My prayers and love stand with the family! Remember the good times, until you meet again.
I have know Forrestine and Thomas for fifty years. The perfect couple. Thomas and Forrestine use to come to the King Of The Sea Restaurant frequently. They always requested that I be their server. Thomas gave me my first job in Dan River Mills and Forrestine trained me to weave. My opinion is they were an awesome couple that truly loved each other. I couple see the sparkle in their eyes when they were around each other. Beautiful Memory of mine. RIP my friends.

Regina - January 28 at 02:26 PM

CB

“ I worked with this sweet lady years ago in Dan River Mills. She was a wonderful person with a sweet spirit... Condolences and prayers to the family.



Cynthia Barley - January 28 at 12:21 PM



“ 146 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - January 28 at 12:14 PM

PW

“Pete and Jan Windsor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Forresteen Griffin Bowling.



Pete and Jan Windsor - January 27 at 04:47 PM

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Pete and Jan Windsor - January 27 at 04:47 PM

BW

“Dear Vivian, Cheryl, Toni and other family members;
Forresteen was an absolutely delightful individual. Kind. Sweet. Funny. I could list all of the positive adjectives and they would describe Forresteen. Her laugh was contagious. She loved her family deeply. You could see it on her face and in her voice. And she lived the residents and staff at Roman Eagle. And we all loved her in return. She will be missed by all who knew her and loved her. I pray The Name of Jesus on you all, to be blessed during this sad time. Be assured that you will be reunited with her one day. Love to you all ❤️



Billie Carter Wyatt - January 27 at 12:45 PM

CJ

“ *Cindy Wells and I are so sorry to hear of her passing. We are praying for you and your family.* ”



Christina Jackson - January 27 at 11:11 AM

DO

“ *Rest in sweet peace Foresteen 😊 I haven't seen you in many years but always will remember you as a beautiful person, my Mama (Hazel) and Grandma (Frances) always loved to visit with you and your sister and Aunt Sis at the hair salon. Sweet memories of the days of old. Prayers to the family and legacy you leave behind.* ”
Cousin Delena

Delena Ostrander - January 26 at 04:59 PM

KB

“ *Forresteen was my special church friend. We both loved to talk and often we would be still talking together in the parking lot after the church doors were closed . She was a guiding light to me! She and her husband were blessed by the care her family provided for them. Dennis and I will continue to pray for all of you .* ”

Kathy Gray Blalock - January 26 at 03:12 PM

AB

“ *Anne Brumfield lit a candle in memory of Forresteen Griffin Bowling* ”



Anne Brumfield - January 25 at 06:00 PM

AB

I am the daughter of Mary Aaron a friend of your family member when she worked at Roman eagle. Mom just notified me that she had passed and I felt compelled to reach out to express both of our heartfelt condolences for your loss. She was a sweet and kind woman who my mother bought a lot of and spoke highly of. Please take comfort in the fact that you will meet again! Sending prayers and love to your family

Anne Brumfield - January 25 at 06:17 PM

HF

“ Hazel Furham lit a candle in memory of Forresteen Griffin Bowling



hazel furham - January 25 at 09:36 AM

HF

I met Bowling 's family in 1962. I worked with both. Became good friends. Always enjoyed our friendship. My friend will be missed. Prayers and love to family.

hazel furham - January 25 at 09:39 AM

TM

“ Granny this world was so much more beautiful with people like you and pop in it but now so is heaven because it has you both. I will love you both for all eternity and never will you be forgotten I know you and pop are scrolling all over heaven until we meet again. Sending love and prayers for the family and may God comfort them in this difficult time. Love Teresa Moser



Teresa Moser - January 25 at 05:18 AM

PS

You were always happy ❤️ I remember you teaching me how to tie a knot to work in Dan River Mills. You were such a great friend to my Aunt Fanny and for that I am thankful because you people don't come a lot. You will be missed but every time I think of you you were smiling. Love you

Pat Stone - January 27 at 10:18 PM

JS

“ *Vlvia and family: So sad to learn of the passing of your step mother, Mrs. Bowling. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the family. Our love, Joyce & Carl Snead*



Joyce & Carl Snead - January 24 at 10:13 PM

TG

“ *Fly high with Pop now Sweet Soul. You will never be forgotten & always be missed! I will see you everytime I look at JordyCat.*

Tina & Glenn - January 24 at 09:42 PM



“ *I worked with her in the mill. She was always full of life, laughing and joking. She was a wonderful lady!*

Pam Ellis - January 24 at 05:26 PM

MC

“ *Prayers and lots of love to Toni, Kevin, Mallory and family during this difficult time. She will be missed by all. Hugs to you Toni* ☐☐



Monica Cooper - January 24 at 04:34 PM

MM

“ *One beautiful lady and so much fun to be around.*

Mary Jane Moorefield - January 24 at 03:32 PM



“ *Julie Coates lit a candle in memory of Forresteen Griffin Bowling*



Julie Coates - January 24 at 03:16 PM



“ *Only the best memories of forresteen and Thomas. I never heard a harsh or unkind word from either. Now they are reunited in heaven.*

Carolyn Meeks - January 24 at 11:42 AM

VR

Beautiful Tribute to your Mother she would be so proud of you, Praying for you Tony, Arch, beautiful Mallory. Condolences to all the family. My mother loved your mother and grandmother that memory will forever be remembered. Tony, Hugs to you losing a mama is hard even though we know she is in a better place. I will be praying for you Love & Prayers 🙏🙏 Vicky & Rodney

Vicky Rye - January 29 at 09:03 PM