



Wanda Chandler Newcomb

August 4, 1952 - July 17, 2015

Wanda Faye Chandler Newcomb, 62, of 257 Fox Hollow Drive went to be with the Lord on Friday, July 17, 2015 after a decline in health for the past two months.

Mrs. Newcomb was born in Caswell County, NC on August 4, 1952, daughter of the late Dewey Otis Chandler, Jr., and Leona Terrell Chandler, who survives.

Mrs. Newcomb was a 1970 Graduate of Bartlett Yancey High School, a 1973 Graduate of Averett College, and went on to receive her Masters of Education from the University of Virginia. She was a School Teacher at Stony Mill Elementary School in Pittsylvania County for 38 years – a legacy that lives on in the hundreds of lives she impacted throughout her career. She was a faithful member of Woodlawn Baptist Church where she was baptized, led Women's Bible Study and Ministries, and ran the church library. She was also a board member of Transition Pregnancy Solutions (formerly known as Little Life). Above all, she was an extraordinary wife, mother, and grandma.

On July 21, 1973, she married James Linwood Newcomb, Jr., who survives of the residence.

Survivors also include two sons, James Linwood Newcomb, III, and wife, Sasha Michelle, of Morrisville, NC; Ryan Christopher Newcomb, and wife,

Mary Frances; and grandson, Elijah Christopher, of Winston-Salem NC; brother, Dwight Orlando Chandler and sister, Susan Chandler Newcomb.

In addition to her father, she was predeceased by a brother, Dewey Otis Chandler, III.

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 20, 2015 at 10:00 AM at Woodlawn Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. Ronnie Brown. Interment will follow at Bush Arbor Primitive Baptist Church in Yanceyville, NC.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 6:00-8:00 PM at the church and at the residence at other times.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to Transition Pregnancy Solutions, 2960 North Main Street, Danville, VA 24540.

Online condolences at www.wrenn-yeatts.com

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Newcomb family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Baptist Church
2500 Westover Dr
Danville, VA 24541

Funeral Service

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Woodlawn Baptist Church
2500 Westover Dr
Danville, VA 24541

Tribute Wall

TH

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Wanda's death. She was a delightful woman.

Elder Woodrow W. Hudson, Jr., Remona E. Hudson, Tim & Cheri Louisiana

Tim Hudson - July 28, 2015 at 07:42 PM

 Mindy Knick

“ Mrs. Newcomb was one of the best teachers I had as a child. Having her for both 3rd and 4th grade, she really left an impression on my life. She was always smiling and always made you feel that you were special. She will be missed, God Bless.

Mindy Knick - July 26, 2015 at 03:49 PM

LE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Wanda was an amazing, well loved woman who touched countless lives during her time on this earth. I never saw her when there wasn't a smile on her face. My thoughts and prayers go out to all who knew and loved her, especially her precious family. May God grant you comfort and peace as only He can do.

Lynne East

Lynne East - July 23, 2015 at 09:26 PM

LI

“ Wanda was such a fun person. She will be missed. I know that God will give you the strength you need.

Norman and Linda Aldridge

Linda - July 22, 2015 at 08:39 AM



JE

“ Wanda made such a positive impact on so many lives. She will never be forgotten. We were so blessed for having had her in our lives.

jean - July 22, 2015 at 06:31 AM

PM

“ I, too, was in her very first class and remember that cookout. Not only was she such a sweet and giving teacher, she was also very brave to take on all of us kids at her home! It's funny what springs to your mind when you think of someone. I hope that knowing she touched so many lives will bring comfort during this difficult time & make you smile in days to come.

Phyllis McCubbins-Dalton - July 21, 2015 at 02:37 PM

BG

“ Wanda taught our son in school many years ago. She was such a great teacher and beloved by all of us. Praying for her family.

Betty and Everett Gray - July 21, 2015 at 12:18 AM



CD

“ *Chuck And LaVonne Digman lit a candle in memory of Wanda Chandler Newcomb*



Chuck and LaVonne Digman - July 20, 2015 at 08:11 PM



“ *Mrs. Wanda Newcomb was an extraordinary lady. As she was laid to rest today, I can't help but think of the tremendous impact she had on so many people, myself included.*

She was a teacher at Stony Mill Elementary for 38 years. While I was student there, she took a special interest in me because of a common love we shared: Elvis. I was in the 3rd grade when I first did my Elvis performance at the school talent show, and again next year when she was my teacher. My fifth grade year, I had decided not to do it again. Although she wasn't my teacher anymore, Mrs. Newcomb would make sure to find me in the halls or the cafeteria and ask me if I would do Elvis one last time before I moved on to middle school. Finally, I relented. I can remember watching her in the audience with that bright smile on her face, clapping and singing along.

20 years later, I can honestly say I wouldn't be where I am in life now without the guidance Mrs. Newcomb gave me in those formative years. Teaching wasn't just a job for her, it was a passion. After I had been elected to City Council, we ran into one another and she said how proud she was of me. The truth is, I'm proud to have known her. I'm quite certain everyone who did feels the same.

-Lee Vogler

Lee Vogler - July 20, 2015 at 12:15 PM

EC

“ Prayers be with this family.
Earl Conner

Earl Conner - July 20, 2015 at 11:23 AM

LG

“ While I have never had the honor of meeting Mrs. Newcomb, I do have the privilege of knowing her son Ryan. He works for me with the City of Winston-Salem. I can attest that she raised an extraordinary young man. Ryan's skills and work ethic must come from his mother. I am sorry for the family's loss and know that she will be missed by all.
Lee Garrity, Winston-Salem City Manager

Lee Garrity - July 20, 2015 at 10:11 AM

PS

“ RIP dear cousin... You brought sunshine into so many lives and your legacy will endure. We will miss you! Deepest condolences to your dear, dear family. Much Love, Penny and family

Penny Simpson - July 20, 2015 at 10:01 AM

JA

“ Mrs. Newcomb was the best and she will be so dearly missed. Not many can truly make a positive lifelong impact on a person's life from elementary school. She will never be forgotten.

Jason - July 20, 2015 at 08:49 AM

HW

“ Jimmy and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Wanda was a wonderful classmate
and friend.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Harold and Judy Williamson

Harold and Judy Williamson - July 20, 2015 at 06:33 AM

BR

“ I graduated with Wanda n Jimmy. It is always sad to loose someone
you knew, but very hard to let a spouse go. I have been in that place
Jimmy. Only God will provide the peace you need. He will supply
you n the family with that touch of grace. Brenda Myers Richmond

Brenda Richmond - July 19, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ She was my 3rd grade teacher and she made
a lasting impression for sure...she will truly be
missed by many!



Deborah Deane - July 19, 2015 at 07:25 PM

VW

Wow she my teacher at stony Mill a wonderful lady haven't seen her in
a long time Rip to a beautiful lady

Valerie washington - July 19, 2015 at 07:32 PM

JH

She was a great teacher. She always remembered her students when
she saw them out. I am truly sorry for her loss.

Julia Hughes - July 20, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ *Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Chandler Newcomb.*



July 19, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ *It is often said the little things mean the most. If it was sending a birthday, thank you, or thinking of you card, or reading a story to a small child, Wanda spent the time needed to make sure the small things were done. I've watched her at church as small children, bigger kids and adults strive to get close enough to her for just an ounce of encouragement to rub off on them. She was our all-star. Wanda means so much too so many because she looked after the little things and in doing that made us all feel great in return. I have read in these personal stories that "Wanda was..." but I contend that WANDA IS. Every time a former student, coworker, friend, or family member puts into practice a lesson she has taught us, Wanda will be at the center of it all. Wanda is so special and cherished by many and will be for a long long time. Please pray for the family.*

David Jones - July 19, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ *Wanda taught all our kids. She was a great teacher and friend. "Woodie" and Robert*

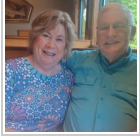
Robert Hardy - July 19, 2015 at 03:38 PM

JM

“Mrs. Newcomb is a bright star in my elementary school memories. She was a gifted teacher and certainly played a strong role in my growth, providing me with a positive and enriching view of the world at that young age. I can't imagine how many other children she's also done the same for; it must be more than a thousand. I am very sad to hear of her passing, especially at this young age. But it is comforting to think about how many lives she has profoundly touched, which is many more than most of us can hope to. I give my condolences to the Newcomb family during this hard time.

Jason K. Moore, Stony Mill Elementary '92

Jason K. Moore - July 19, 2015 at 02:46 PM



“ Love is an action word. Some people really get that and then...well...act on it. So it was with my dear friend Wanda...

Affectionately called Mama Wanda by both young and old, the name was well earned. She regularly lent a listening ear and compassionate heart with a willingness to speak the truth in her endearing no-nonsense fashion. Her love for people was clear and authentic. Her hugs were genuine and motherly.

Wanda was a giver. It's untold how many cards she sent out...many with Chick-fil-A gift cards or money tucked inside. Especially to the children. And to the college students. My own adult kids were regular recipients of her generosity. Her giving extended to everyone she knew and took on many heart-filled forms. She had a discerning eye for those who needed a touch of encouragement.

Wanda invested in the lives of others. Her home itself tells her story. Arrayed with pictures of family and friends and dozens of gifts from her adoring students and loved ones, she surrounded herself, not with the latest trends, but with reminders of those she loved...and the many who loved her.

I will never forget the day we learned Wanda had cancer...a mere two months ago. Everyone in her packed hospital room was crying...except her. She rose to her Mama Wanda status giving hugs and comforting words to each of us. She actually glowed exuberant peace as she spoke of her faith in God, assuring us that He would use her sickness for His glory.

After gently passing from this earth's suffering into the arms of Jesus Friday evening, her face looked angelic and absolutely peaceful. My deep sorrow had to give way to thankfulness at the sight. She is healed now and at rest in her heavenly home.

While I wasn't ready to see her leave, I am so grateful for knowing this truly beautiful woman. The way she lived and the way she died

inspires me to be more...

With love and many prayers for Wanda's precious family~

Debbie Brown - July 19, 2015 at 01:32 PM

JG

Wanda was a faithful steady giver of her heart soul and Christianity. My parents and I did what we could to help in the library. There will never be another Wanda just as there will never be another Christ.

Joy Garrett - July 19, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ *Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Chandler Newcomb.*



July 19, 2015 at 08:06 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Chandler Newcomb.*



July 19, 2015 at 08:01 AM

HP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your loss. May God bless you with strength and reconciling grace to His will. Love, Harold Pittman*

Harold Pittman - July 19, 2015 at 07:55 AM

AW

“ Papa Jimmy and Mama Wanda will forever hold special places in our hearts. We could always trust that when we needed a prayer warrior, Mama Wanda would be right there, ready and willing to lift prayers up to the Lord. We rejoice knowing we will see her again, and that she is no longer suffering on earth, but healed and worshipping Jesus. To Jimmy, Jamie & Sasha, Ryan, Mary & Elijah - we will be praying for you, we know the heart ache that comes with someone leaving this earth long before we were ready for them too. We love you all, and wish we could be there with you.
- Tom & Ashlee Wallace (Isaac, Nate, & Samuel, too!)



Ashlee Wallace - July 19, 2015 at 07:25 AM

RB

“ I had Mrs. Newcomb the first year she taught at Stony Mill Elem. she was so caring and compassionate as a person and teacher. Rusty Burnette and I were talking not long ago about how she and Jimmy had a cookout for us as as a class and how that left us with such special memories. May you take the wonderful memories of Wanda to find comfort during this difficult time.
Robyn Robertson Bridges

Robyn Robertson Bridges - July 19, 2015 at 07:19 AM

BL

I had Mrs. Newcomb her first year of teaching too. So young, pretty & full of energy. That seemed to have never changed. I moved away from Danville as an adult but any time I ran into Mrs. Newcomb on visits back home she always had a big smile & hug for me. I enjoyed the 3rd grade cookout too. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know it's huge. I lost my Mama this year too. Praying for you all. Brenda Adkins Lewis

brenda lewis - July 21, 2015 at 10:48 PM

CS

“ *Transition (Little Life) will not be the same without her on its Board. It was a joy to work with her.*
CS Seepe (Medical Director)

CS Seepe - July 19, 2015 at 06:44 AM



“ *Mrs. Newcomb was one of those teachers that you always remember. She took me on my first trip to Jamestown and 26 years later I accompanied my youngest child on her first trip to Jamestown with Mrs. Newcomb. Evertime we meet Mrs. Newcomb she would ask about me and my kids, and she knew their names. She was an amazing teacher and a person I will always remember.*

David Hyler - July 19, 2015 at 05:24 AM

SA

“ *Mrs. Newcomb was my favorite teacher. She had a great impact on the path of my education and, thus, my life. I have often thought of her through the years with fondness and appreciation. I only wish I had followed through on my plan to write to her to express what she meant to me. My sincere condolences to her family.*

Sonja Allen

Sonja Allen - July 19, 2015 at 03:05 AM

PC

“ Mrs. Newcomb was such a sweet lady. She always had a smile on her face, and knew exactly what to say to inspire people. She was a wonderful teacher. She truly cared about the students, the faculty, and the community. She will be missed! Thanks for all of your years of service.

Sincerely,
Paula Cocke



Paula Cocke - July 19, 2015 at 01:29 AM

TS

“ She was my favorite teacher at stony mill she has taught my daughter's it's hard to believe she's gone



tina terrell scarce - July 19, 2015 at 12:44 AM

PH

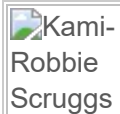
“ Jimmy, Jamie and Ryan, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Wanda was an amazing Christian woman who I was privileged to know and call a friend. I have so many memories of her from when I lived in Danville and attended Woodlawn Baptist Church. Praying God will give you peace and comfort in knowing she is with Jesus and we will all see her one day for eternity. God bless you all!

Pam Nordan Hill - July 18, 2015 at 09:39 PM



Wanda was an amazing woman. She is one of the women I always looked up to in the family. Take peace in the fact that we will see her in heaven one day. She is surely one of Gods angels; and remember that God took her early in life because he needs angels of all ages in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at these trying times.

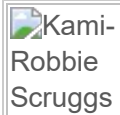
Gigi Blackard - July 18, 2015 at 09:49 PM



“ *Kami-Robbie Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Wanda Chandler Newcomb*



Kami-Robbie Scruggs - July 18, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ *I began my teaching career at Stony Mill Elementary 10 years ago. I was scared to death that first year, but Wanda was always there to offer me a hug and encouragement. She was like a second mother to me at SME, and I treasured our bond so much. She, without fail, even sent me a Christmas card every year. She had a heart of gold and touched so many lives. My prayers for comfort and strength go out to her family. Wanda was truly a beautiful person from the inside out. My deepest sympathy, Kami Scruggs*

Kami-Robbie Scruggs - July 18, 2015 at 08:52 PM

PS

“ Wanda was an amazing teacher and a devoted mother. My children went to the same babysitter and we had so much fun meeting there and comparing stories about our kids! I loved teaching with her at Stony Mill. She had the most positive attitude and was loved by both students and coworkers. I think people who make a difference in our lives are always with us. Even if they are not physically there-we carry them in our hearts. I will always carry Wanda in mine.

*Patricia Smiley
Wytheville*

Patricia Smiley - July 18, 2015 at 08:32 PM

TS

“ Teresa Scarce lit a candle in memory of Wanda Chandler Newcomb



Teresa Scarce - July 18, 2015 at 08:28 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Wanda Chandler Newcomb



Brenda Jones - July 18, 2015 at 08:21 PM

BJ

Wanda Newcombe was my son Corey's 3rd grade teacher and she was absolutely wonderful for him. She loved him like her own and helped him to be a successful student. She knew exactly what he needed and brought out the very best in him. As a parent and a substitute at Stony Mill I was in her company a lot. She was the best teacher any child could ask for. She was also a good person through and through. She will definitely be sitting a God's right hand. I am very sad the world has lost such a wonderful person. I send my condolences to her family, but the memories they share of her will brighten their days forever.

Brenda Jones

Brenda Jones - July 18, 2015 at 08:33 PM

RB

“ I was in the first class Mrs. Newcomb taught at Stony Mill Elementary and she and Mr. Newcomb had all her third graders over to their house for a cookout at the end of the school year. I loved her as my teacher and I have appreciated her as a dear friend to my mother the many decades they taught together and after they retired. Prayers and blessings to the Newcomb family.

-Rusty Burnette

Rusty Burnette - July 18, 2015 at 08:18 PM

AS

“ Wanda was a wonderful friend. She always made everyone feel special. I will miss her. All of her family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Arlene Smoot - July 18, 2015 at 07:58 PM



“ I will never forget how loving and welcoming Mrs. Newcomb had been to me. Her home was always open and I wasn't just a punk high school kid that ran around with her baby boy; I was family. She always wanted to know what was going on in my life, with genuine concern and was always prepared with a word of encouragement. And great day could that woman cook! She will be greatly missed.

Donta Harris - July 18, 2015 at 07:54 PM

DA

“ Praying and knowing that God will watch over and comfort Wanda's family and friends as he is welcoming her into his kingdom

Darlene Ayers - July 18, 2015 at 07:18 PM

BK

“ I am so saddened to hear of Mrs. Newcomb's passing. Though I know I was only one of many 3rd graders she taught in her career, she truly made me feel special. She is truly one of the special teachers I have tried to emulate in my own classroom. Sending my deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

Beth Harris Keefer - July 18, 2015 at 07:17 PM

LM

“ Linda A McDaniel purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Wanda Chandler Newcomb.



Linda A McDaniel - July 18, 2015 at 06:54 PM

JC

“ Wanda was a beautiful niece inside and out. She dearly loved her family and friends. We are sure she is spreading her smile in heaven. There's a large gaping hole in our hearts and she will be missed so much. We send love to her family.
Love you sweet Wanda!
Uncle Joe and Aunt Pat

Joe and Pat Chandler - July 18, 2015 at 06:49 PM

JP

“ We are so sorry to hear this sad news. I have kept the present she made me for my wedding 36 years ago- across stitched piece about marriage. I see it almost every day and think of her.

Joyce Pittman - July 18, 2015 at 06:42 PM

KW

“ Words cannot express the sadness I feel in hearing about Wanda. She was such a wonderful person and friend. We will never forget when Her and Jimmy came to visit us in Oklahoma when our first son was born.
This is a huge loss to the Newcomb family. We pray God will keep the entire family closer than ever before.



kenneth williams - July 18, 2015 at 06:33 PM

BS

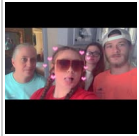
“ Wanda was a sweet and kind "Lady". She was always cheerful and upbeat. I think if you looked in the dictionary under elementary teacher you would see Wanda's picture. We will all miss her smile and presence.....Barry Sides

Barry Sides - July 18, 2015 at 06:20 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear this sad news...please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.....
Lucy and Bo Barringer

Lucy G. Barringer - July 18, 2015 at 06:10 PM



“ Tammy Duncan lit a candle in memory of
Wanda Chandler Newcomb



Tammy Duncan - July 18, 2015 at 06:07 PM

VM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Wanda always has a contagious smile. She was a great teacher to my children and a very sweet lady. Prayers and love to a all the family and friends. May God comfort you and give you strength through the days ahead.

Vickie Moss

Vickie Evans Moss - July 18, 2015 at 05:57 PM

PK

“ Wanda was a special cousin who loved family and did so much for so many. She leaves a big void in our family - she will be forever appreciated and missed. An earth angel who left us to soon. Peace, Wanda. Love, Pat Terrell Kernodle.

Patricia Terrell Kernodle - July 18, 2015 at 05:33 PM

NF

“ Mrs. Newcomb was a *WONDERFUL* teacher. She was the last teacher I had at Stony Mill Elementary when I was in the fourth grade. She made learning a fun and great adventure. Even when I moved to the city I made it a regular habit to call her and check in with her like I promised I would. I often thought of her over the years and feel blessed to have shared a time in my life with her. She was a wonderful woman! I feel greatly saddened by her passing and for her children, I understand the pain as I lost my own mother to Cancer 3 years ago. There are no words that can make it feel better or easier, but know that as long as she is there with her Heavenly Father she is in no pain and could not be happier! I hope you find solace in the fact that because she is there you *WILL* see her again. God bless you all. You're in my prayers.

Natalie Ferrell - July 18, 2015 at 05:29 PM

JF

“ Mrs. Newcomb gave many years of service to the children at Stony Mill Elementary school. She was a great teacher! May peace and comfort find you during this difficult time! We are so sorry!

*Joyce Ferguson
Former Principal of Stony Mill Elementary School
& Sara Ferguson, Mother*



Joyce Ferguson - July 18, 2015 at 05:10 PM

BW

“ I am so sorry for your loss, I was lucky enough to have Mrs. Newcomb for 3rd and 4th grade. She was a wonderful teacher and had a meaningful impact on my school life. I always enjoyed seeing her when I was older and her continued interest in what was going on with her students into adulthood.

Bill Watkins - July 18, 2015 at 05:09 PM

LW

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I adored Wanda & loved our conversations & her love of the Lord. She will be missed. Our thought & prayers for jimmy & the family. Love Lynn & Roger Wood

lynn Wood - July 18, 2015 at 04:43 PM

KE

“ Im so so sorry about the loss of Mrs. Newcomb. She was a wonderful woman. I had her in 4th grade and she was like a grandmother to all of us. And every other time I saw her, she never hesitated to hug and talk with me. I will truly miss Mrs Newcomb. Praying for comfort and peace during this time.

Kelly - July 18, 2015 at 04:42 PM

KE

This post was written by Hannah Adams

Kelly - July 18, 2015 at 04:43 PM

SD

“ So sorry to hear about Wanda. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family! Wanda was a special lady and such a sweet person. She will be greatly missed! Love and prayers The Durham Family & Southside Brake & Tire

Sarah Durham - July 18, 2015 at 04:32 PM

MA

“ I met Wanda through her son Ryan. Being fellow teachers we immediately clicked. She would encourage me as I was a newbie to love my students and to pray for them continually. Wanda was a loving woman with a huge heart. She had a unique way of making others feel special, even if she just met them. Wanda, you will be missed. ❤️

maria - July 18, 2015 at 04:19 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Wanda was an amazing woman!! She was kind, sweet, caring, & funny!! She will be missed by all who knew her! My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family!

Jennifer Walker - July 18, 2015 at 04:02 PM

JH

“ Mr. Newcomb
I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Newcomb. You all were so kind to my momma and daddy and I am so thankful for that. Please accept deepest sympathy from the Heater children.
Love, Jay, Jayne, and Joan

joan heater hite - July 18, 2015 at 03:35 PM

BG

“ Wanda was such a precious lady. Her smile and love for everyone was amazing!! Where ever I saw her, she was always so happy, so caring, and so compassionate. I am sure she is having the time of her life now that she is with her Lord and Savior! Heaven is a better place now that she is there. My love and prayers go out to her precious family. Such good people and such a blessing to have known her. Praying that God will give the family peace and comfort. Hang on to all the precious memories because they will be comforting in the days ahead. God bless each and every one of you. Love to all, Becky H. Garrett

Becky Garrett - July 18, 2015 at 03:04 PM

KR

“ Wanda was such a caring lady! She loved life and everyone around! She was an inspiration! She always cared and stayed in touch with my kids while away at college. Would send gift cards etc. may the family seek Gods comfort in the days ahead! Rest in peace Wanda

kim riddle - July 18, 2015 at 11:49 AM



My memory of Wanda was our workout days at Curves. We use to have the best time laughing and sharing and huffing and puffing working out. May God Bless!!!! My prayers are with her family.

Tracy Tuck - August 09, 2015 at 12:03 PM