



Virgie Thorpe Manley

February 12, 1934 - May 15, 2025

Virgie Thorpe Manley, eldest child of the late Curtis Sr, and Mildred Thorpe, was born February 12, 1934, In Granville County, North Carolina. She transitioned from earth to glory on May 15, 2025.

Virgie was born on her grandma Rosa Thorpe's family farm and moved with her family to the Smith land, on Aaron Creek Church Rd, where they farmed tobacco for many years. At around 11yrs.old, she accepted Christ and joined the Aaron Creek Baptist Church. She attended school in the Granville County Public School System and graduated in 1952 from the Joe Toler H.S. in Oxford, N.C.

After a year at Elizabeth City College, she left North Carolina for the big city (Baltimore), where she met and married Barent Argentina Manley. To their union one child was born, Joyce Ann. Virgie joined the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in the 1950's and attended the Baltimore School of the Bible. She served as a senior usher until relocating to N.C. in 1992.

Virgie worked more than 30 years at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She initially worked in nursing service, until she attended Howard Community College to become a phlebotomist and continued working in the Johns Hopkins Cancer Center until her retirement in 1992.

She retired back home to Oxford to care for her parents and returned to the Aaron Creek Church. She worked faithfully in the church and community. Regularly, she shared vegetables from the garden with her family and neighbors. She cared for the sick and elderly over many years. She loved to cook and feed folks. Her door was always open at "Motel 96" (what we called her log cabin home). In the early 2000's, she joined Cornerstone Christian Community Church, where she served fervently, worked in the nursing home ministry and was known to all as "Mother Virgie".

In 2014, Mother Virgie returned to Maryland for health reasons and joined the Southern Baptist Church of Baltimore. She also remained faithful to the ministry of her "home church" Cornerstone until her passing, through special fellowship, online worship, and regular phone calls and visits. She is preceded in death by her husband, Barent A. Manley, her sister Dorothy Price, and brothers Winston and Curtis Jr.

Virgie leaves to cherish her memory: one child, Joyce Ann Smith (Henry) of Perryville, Maryland, two granddaughters Carla Johnson (James) and Octavia Johnson, three grandchildren Mia, Justan and Jerrod; her brother Willie Thorpe (Mary), her sister Delilah Alston (Roger), bother-in-law Dee Price, sisters-in-law(s) Genevia Thorpe, Janice Alston (James), and Annie Pulley. One Godchild, Dorothy Moore (Robert) and Spiritual daughters, Phyllis Griffin (Charles) and Pastor Teresa Betts (Phillip); and a host of relatives and friends and the whole Manley Family.

Cemetery Details

Thorpe Family Cemetary

8616 Aaron Creek Road
Oxford, NC 27565

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD

Visitation

MAY 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Christian Community Church
3237 Knotts Grove Rd.
Oxford, NC 27565

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ Bernadette, Carla and Rita purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Virgie Thorpe Manley.



Bernadette, Carla and Rita - May 28, 2025 at 08:31 AM

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“ Bernadette, Carla and Rita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgie Thorpe Manley.

Bernadette, Carla and Rita - May 28, 2025 at 08:31 AM

SF

“ Sincerely, Dorothy Moore & Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Virgie Thorpe Manley.



Sincerely, Dorothy Moore & Family - May 27, 2025 at 10:31 PM

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Sincerely, Dorothy Moore & Family - May 27, 2025 at 10:31 PM

BL

“ *Brian and Dawn Ling purchased the Full Heart for the family of Virgie Thorpe Manley.*



Brian and Dawn Ling - May 27, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SB

“ *S.U.P.E.R. Women of Southern Baptist purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Virgie Thorpe Manley.*



S.U.P.E.R. Women of Southern Baptist - May 26, 2025 at 02:44 PM

DJ

“ *My Cheery Beautiful Cousin Virgie!!
Always a powerful source of Joy, Understanding Encouragement,
Loving Care and great Faith.
Their is no greater gift than the comforting, healing consideration
and uplifting Care/Calls of concern she relentlessly extended to her
beloved Uncle Herbert, my dad and I.
Sending assurances and gratitude to my Family of Gods Fearless
Servant for your loyal love, endurance and unceasing providance of
Care.
Hebrews 11:6
God will reward his Faithful, who earnestly seek him
From Cousin Donna Stovall*

Donna Stovall Jeffress - May 24, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ Where can I begin. I LOVED caring for my spiritual grandmother. I couldn't wait to get to work because she would be one of the first faces I would look for. Her inspirational words will forever be held near and dear to my heart. I feel blessed that she was my patient but not just a patient more like family. My deepest condolences to the family because I know this was a great loss. Forever in my heart love Kira :)

Kira Brown - May 23, 2025 at 01:01 PM

JO

Ms. VIRGIE
was my Mom's roommate at Promedica Towson. We enjoyed her and her daughter Joyce. Mom and Ms. Vergie would talk, laugh and praise God together.
She was a delightful person.
Our Condolences to Joyce and the family. 🌸🌸
Blessings
Nellie Lassiter and Joslyn Mason

Joslynmason - May 26, 2025 at 12:08 PM

GR

“ As I think about you from my childhood until now, I can only think of love. You were my liveliest aunt, always laughing, smiling, hugging, and getting some "suga'."
I will keep your smile on my face and your love in my heart. Take your rightful place beside God and smile down upon us. I will love you for the rest of my days.
Your favorite nephew, Gregg

Gregg - May 20, 2025 at 10:58 PM

PG

“ I remember the first time I met you. You took me in as your daughter. I will forever love you. Your love was unconditional. May you rest in God's eternal peace 🕊️



Phyllis Griffin - May 20, 2025 at 11:33 AM

EM

You were the epitome of a true woman of God.. she was full of wisdom. She had unconditional love for everyone. She served the Lord faithfully rather than man. When she left your presence, you knew you had been in the presence of the Lord. She left her mark on everyone at Cornerstone Christian Community Church. We are all better for having known her. Take your rest, my sister🕊️🕊️🕊️

Elder June Moore - May 22, 2025 at 05:41 PM

MC

“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love, and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Life Tribute Center - May 19, 2025 at 02:12 PM

MH

Sending my deepest sympathies to the family and friends to be absent from the body is to be present with the lord Get your Rest no more pain job well done faithful Servant

Michelle Holdclaw - May 21, 2025 at 06:37 AM