



## Constance Ann Gibbs Culpepper

November 10, 1947 - February 1, 2021

Constance Ann Gibbs Culpepper, 73, Matthews, NC passed away suddenly on February 1, 2021 at home. Connie was born on November 10, 1947 in Portsmouth, VA to Dora Foster Gibbs and the late Curtis Hawthorne Gibbs.

She grew up in Chesapeake, VA, along with her husband Joseph "Joe" Culpepper. They were married at Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth, VA on October 1, 1977. Connie enjoyed living in various parts of the country including Metairie, LA; Salt Lake City, UT; Seattle, WA; and Waukesha, WI; before moving to Matthews.

She attended Deep Creek High School in Chesapeake, VA and Louisburg College in Louisburg, NC. Connie was a devoted wife and mother, and spent many years working with the special events team for the Town of Matthews. Connie will be remembered as a dedicated volunteer who helped ensure the success of the Matthews Alive Festival for over 20 years, and a kind helper to friends, family, and the community. She was an avid reader and loved clothes, jewelry, and shopping. She loved her children and grandchildren dearly and unconditionally. She volunteered with the PTA, Habitat for Humanity, the Town of Matthews, and more. Connie had a zest for life and her creativity showed through her lifelong love of cooking, decorating, and special event design. Her incredible gift for providing a soothing hand and place to rest for her family is irreplaceable.

In addition to her best friend and husband Joe, Connie leaves behind to cherish her memory her daughter Carmen Culpepper Narvaez; daughter Shannon Culpepper and husband Scott Fister; and son Christopher Culpepper and wife Hanna Palmerton. She also leaves behind her mother Dora Gibbs and brothers Ronnie and Henry Gibbs; and her grandchildren Bryanna, Joshua, Xavier, and Giovanni.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Greater Charlotte SPCA or the Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity. Online condolences may be left at <http://www.heritagecares.com>

# Comments

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“ Connie was a fixture in Matthews and we will never be the same. From all the events in Stumptown Park, in front of Town Hall, to Matthews Alive, Connie was always there. I remember her popping out from behind the wall during Matthews Alive to offer help or suggestions on what we could do. She was always there to offer help. She was always nice to me and I cherish the memories of her. She has left Matthews and our larger community better than when she joined. Thank you, Connie, for being such a terrific person. Thoughts and prayers for Joe and all of Connie’s family.

**Jim Taylor** - February 09 at 02:10 PM

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“ At the age of 12 years old as a volunteer, Connie trained me on the infamous popcorn machine at my first event with the Town of Matthews. From there I literally grew up on the event staff under her watchful eye over the course of 10+ years. I always looked forward to visiting with Connie at events once I moved into a corporate role. I will forever miss her sass and charm that got us through some long days. She was one of the most genuine and hardworking women I have ever known. Matthews will never be the same without her presence. She will be missed by so many. My thoughts and condolences are with your family

**Sarah Kasper** - February 09 at 11:12 AM

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“ Joe and Family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Troy and Nichole Williams

**Nichole Williams** - February 08 at 11:54 AM

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“ JN this is Jane Williams McClanahan. I remember Connie from Deep Creek High School. She was always so pretty, petite, friendly and smart. So sorry to learn of your loss. Praying for you and your family as you go through this horrific loss. Take care of yourself and know that family and God will be your strength. Jane McClanahan

**Jane McClanahan** - February 08 at 10:07 AM

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“ Joe and family-Words fail to express our sorrow for you loss. The joy Connie brought to so many lives will not be forgotten. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time.  
The Lee Family



**Bob Lee** - February 06 at 07:47 PM

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“ Joe - please know the Wallace family holds you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. We pray for strength and comfort around all of you during this hard time.

Carey, Michelle, Will and Ben



**Michelle Wallace** - February 06 at 03:23 PM



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**Bob and Susan Lee** - February 06 at 07:39 PM

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“ Connie was the ringmaster for the Matthews Alive team. She will be irreplaceable. Joe, Kelly and I are so sorry for your deep loss. Stay strong brother.

Dennis & Kelly Green

**Dennis Green** - February 05 at 10:30 PM

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“ My sincere thoughts and prayers to the family.  
Penny Harrington

Penny Harrington - February 05 at 07:27 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Constance Ann Gibbs Culpepper.



February 05 at 01:36 PM

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“ I've learned over the years volunteering with Matthews Alive what a force Connie was in the community. A pillar. She won't be forgotten. My thoughts and comfort to her family during this difficult time.

Eileen Schlesier - February 05 at 01:30 PM

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“ We will miss seeing Connie at Stumptown Park during Matthews Alive and other Town of Matthews events. She looked out for us and our crew for many years. Class act all the way!

Key Signature Entertainment Team

Brandon Crumpton - February 05 at 01:09 PM

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“ Joe, you have my condolences for your loss. Take care.

DAVID B WILSON - February 05 at 12:58 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to Joe and the rest of the Culpepper family. Prayers and hugs for all of them. Constance will be with all of you in your hearts.

**Mary Ann Greene** - February 05 at 11:56 AM

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“ Connie was fun to work with during my few years at Matthew's Alive. She will be truly missed this year and my heart goes out to Joe and the rest of the family.

**Renita Keziah** - February 05 at 10:39 AM

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“ Connie was not a sister in law to me, she was a sister. She seem to always know when we needed her. She cleaned my kitchen when Jack died and she put wet coffee grounds all over. She was such a help with mama. She seem to know that a break was really needed. I will truly miss her. Who else loves washing dishes and putting food away? She always showed her love to everyone she met. Rest in peace Connie and we will see you again. God Bless J.N., Carmen, Shannon (Scott) Christopher (Hanna) and all her beloved grandchildren.

Linda

**Linda C Graves** - February 04 at 10:33 PM



“ Connie was a special part of the Matthews Alive family. I will miss her kindness, her smile, and her personality.

Sandi Lee

**sandi Lee** - February 05 at 10:00 AM



“ Joe, I'm so sorry for your loss. God's peace and comfort be with you and your family.

**Jackie Torrence** - February 06 at 06:47 PM



“ Connie was a force to be reckoned with, She was a major part of Matthews Alive and the special events team. All you had to say was Ask Connie, she could put her finger on everything. So very sad to lose this special friend. Love ya Connie RIP

**Barbara J Cody** - February 07 at 10:02 AM