



Vonda Lee Stroupe

Dec. 19, 1945 - April 27, 2023

Vonda Lee Stroupe, 77, of Morganton, NC, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, April 27, 2023, while surrounded by her loved ones.

Born in December 19, 1945 in Glen Alpine, she was the daughter of the late Joseph "Red" Stroupe and Ruth Isaacs Stroupe.

Vonda was an outstanding athlete and band member at Glen Alpine High School and was a proud member of the Glen Alpine Sports Hall of Fame. She furthered her education at Appalachian State University and began her career at Western Carolina Center following her graduation.

Vonda devoted many years to the residents of "the center" and developed lasting friendships. For her efforts on behalf of many handicapped people, she received the NC Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Following her retirement, a garden was created in her name. Miss Stroupe spread joy and happiness wherever she went.

Vonda enjoyed outdoor activities, crafts, pets, and nature. She will be forever loved and remembered.

Miss Stroupe is survived by Roxie Watson and Karen Hutchens.

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If you want to make a memorial contribution in Vonda's memory, please choose a charity you support.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Always enjoyed my interactions with Vonda because she would make me laugh. She was passionate and always put the people who lived at the "Center" first!!! She will be missed. Rest in peace.

—Karen Dudeck



—Donna Albert



—Richard Branch

Always loved spending time with Vonda. Her smart, witty, open minded approach to life and people was inspiring. Thanks for line dancing with us...you will be missed.

—Beth and Iverson Riddle

I played softball with Vonda for years. She was a fine person
and a good friend.

An individual who served others and excelled at that service to others!

—Eddie Hardin

Vonda Stroupe was one of those "rare individuals" that comes into your life, makes a lasting impact and you never forget! I will always remember her strong work ethic, her dedication to residents at Western Carolina Center, the respect she showed to all co-workers, her love for animals and her "outrageous" sense of humor!! I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to know Vonda, to work with her and to call her my friend. Roxie and Karen - I am so sorry for your loss.

—Barbara Williams

She will be missed. Vonda was a wonderful person. We loved her. I met her years ago at western Carolina center. But we keep in touch after we both retired. I'm here if you need me Karen.

—Sharon

Ronnie and I have known Vonda all of our lives. We grew up together at Glen Alpine School. She was a wonderful person. We feel blessed to have known her through the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Karen and Roxie. Ron and Annelle Mulwee

—annelle mulwee



—Susie Edwards



Vonda was one of the most generous, kind and giving person I know and that I was blessed to call a friend. I worked with Vonda at JIRDC - she was so very supportive as a supervisor and such a wonderful advocate for the residents she served so compassionately. She was one of a kind and will be missed dearly by so many. Thank you Vonda for your friendship and support over decades of time. My sincere condolences to Karen and Roxie.

—Melinda Cline

I met Vonda many years ago during our glory days at “the Center.” It was an unforgettable time as was Vonda. She was unforgettable. She was a joy to work with and be around. Vonda was good at everything she did. She was passionate about her work with the precious ones who resided at the Center, her friends and everything she did. I admired her in so many ways and loved being called a friend. To know Vonda was to love her. She was an amazing woman. She was so “cool!”

—“JuneBug”



I worked with Vonda for many years at Western Carolina Center. She had a great sense of humor and was a hard worker and always had a sense of fairness. She will be missed by many. Rama Jean Franklin

—Rama Franklin

I learned today of Vonda's passing. I am sad but also smiling inside with the

memories of work mixed with much laughter. Vonda was a faithful friend that you could always count on. Thanks for your friendship. I will never forget you.

—Carole Daves

Wonderful person

—Kathy Hemphill

Vonda was a unique person who always said what she thought. Wicked sense of humor! From the young Recreator to respected Administrator, she always supported the people who lived at “the center.” Sympathy to Karen and Roxie and all her friends. May you find peace in happy memories.

—Becky Schlein



—Kim Fulbright



My mother worked at WCC in Personnel, Juanita Halford. I remember her speaking highly of Vonda. So sorry for your loss. Love n peace during this sad time.

—Donna Halford Stroud

—Elaine Edney Orders

So long good friend. Rest in peace.

—Judy Keever

Vonda was a wonderful person. She dedicated herself to “the center” and everyone there. May you rest in peace forever! You are missed!

—Janell Wakefield