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Suffolk, VA

08.03.1923 - 11.10.2020

**Birthplace:** North Carolina

Maryvonne Hobbs Brinkley, 97, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 10, at Lake Prince Woods, where she resided the past nine years. She was born August 3, 1923, in Hobbsville, NC. She graduated from Hobbsville High School in 1940 and moved to Suffolk, where she took business classes and then continued to reside while employed at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard as an administrative assistant. She met her future husband, Clarence Brinkley, while he was serving in the United States Navy. They married in 1945. She was a member of Eureka Baptist Church, the Ida K. Brinkley Sunday school class, and the Audrey Gordon Circle. She was also a member of the church choir for many years.

After their five children were born and the youngest had entered school, she decided to further her education. In 1969 at the age of 46, she graduated from Obici Memorial Hospital School of Practical Nursing. While working at Obici as a licensed practical nurse (LPN), she continued her education at Tidewater Community College and in 1976, at age 53, fulfilled her lifelong desire to become a registered nurse (RN). She worked in the medical surgical nursing units, the intensive care unit, and in utilization review. She also taught at Obici's School of Practical Nursing and worked as an office nurse in a physician's office. When she subsequently served as a hospital volunteer, she had dedicated more than 30 years of her life to nursing.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Carlton Clarence Brinkley Sr., and her parents, Ephraim Jackson Hobbs and Sarah Francis "Sallie" Brown Hobbs. She was the youngest of 10 children. Her nine deceased siblings include Carrie Trotman, Nellie Riddick, Eunice Ward, Julia Adams, baby boy Hobbs, Callie Harry, Mattie May Womble, Oliver Hobbs, and E.J. Hobbs Jr.

Left to cherish her memory are her four daughters and one son: Becky Case (Frank) of Suffolk and grandchildren Ben Case (Catherine) and great-grandchildren Mason, Sally, and Holden Case, Dave Case (Maribeth) and great-grandchildren Owen and Andrew Case, Sarah McBrien (Mike) and great-grandchildren Mallory, Cameron, and Emma McBrien; Mary Heath (Jimmy) of Carrollton, VA, and grandchildren Ryan Heath and Shayna Pitman (Charlie) and great-grandchildren Avery Heath and Charlie Pitman Jr.; Carolyn Andrews (Andy) of Jonesborough, TN, and grandchildren Ned Andrews (Melodee) and great-grandchild Edith Baines Andrews, John Andrews (Mary) of Bethesda, MD, and great-grandchildren Cecilia, Gemma, Lawrence, Gianna, and John Paul Andrews, Gary Andrews of Denver, CO, and great-grandchild James Andrews; Claire Gardner (Greg) of Damascus, MD, and grandchildren Andrew Gardner (Kelsie) and Alison Gardner; COL Carl Brinkley, United States Army, Retired, (Paris) of San Antonio, TX, and grandchildren Shane and Reese Brinkley. Other survivors include many nieces and nephews.

During the final years of Maryvonne's life, her family grew to include her caregivers at Lake Prince Woods. The family deeply appreciates these caregivers, whose compassion, dedication, and patience made all the difference in the quality of her life.

There will be a private funeral followed by a private graveside service for the immediate family at Eureka Baptist Church in Corapeake, NC. Memorial donations may be made to the Clarence Brinkley Scholarship Fund of Cypress Ruritan Club, 144 Manning Road, Suffolk, VA 23434 or the Cemetery Fund of Eureka Baptist Church, P.O. Box 68, Corapeake, NC 27926. Condolences may be registered at [RWBakerFh.com](http://RWBakerFh.com).

## Guestbook

**Tom Harry**

**Thu, 11/12/2020 - 09:11am**

Becky, Carolyn, Mary Elizabeth, Claire, Carl:

It was with great sadness that I saw your Mom's obituary this morning. Your mother was a fine lady, and always had a smile for me and Carol, and our two boys. She always let me hunt on the property, and every year we would come out and get collards for Thanksgiving. I always thought she was probably my mom's secret favorite because she came to live with mom during the war when Dad was gone. Carol and I, C.T. and Rob express our deepest condolences to you all and your families.

Tom Harry

**Ronald H. Williams**

**Thu, 11/12/2020 - 09:51am**

Dear Becky, Carolyn, Mary Elizabeth, Claire, Carl and Family,  
On behalf of the City Treasurer's Office, I want to extend our sincerest sympathy to you on the loss of your Mother. She was a wonderful lady, who lived a wonderful life. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Ronald H. Williams, City Treasurer and Office Staff

Ronald H. Williams

**Debbie Eure**

**Thu, 11/12/2020 - 10:17am**

Dear Brinkley family,  
It is with much sadness that I read your mom's obituary in this morning's paper. I have known Mrs. Brinkley for many years and have on occasions worked with her. My deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers go out to you all at this sad time.

Debbie Eure

**Dana W Britt**

**Thu, 11/12/2020 - 10:33am**

Dear Becky and Family, Very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Dana W. Britt

Dana W Britt

**Mary Edna Boyce**

**Thu, 11/12/2020 -  
06:34pm**

Dear Becky and family, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I always thought so much of her. I know you are thankful to have had her this long. Sending thoughts and love.

Mary Edna Boyce

**Jack Harry**

**Thu, 11/12/2020 -  
09:30pm**

It has been a long time since I have seen Maryvonne. She helped mom raise me during World War II. My love for barbecue goes back to when her and Clarence were dating.

She always had a special place in my moms heart.

Billie and Jack

Jack Harry

**Sandy and Cynthia Winslow**

**Fri, 11/13/2020 -  
09:47am**

Brinkley Family,

No matter how long we are blessed to have our Mothers here on earth, it never seems long enough. I know the past year has been extremely difficult for you all not being able to visit and spend time with your precious Mother. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed. Praying for peace and comfort as you recall your precious memories.

Sandy and Cynthia Winslow

**Brenda Kincaid**

**Fri, 11/13/2020 -  
09:54am**

Dear Becky and family, please accept my sincere sympathy on the loss of your mother. Although I did not know her I learned from her obituary what a remarkable life she led. What a wonderful and loving role model she was for her family. My thoughts are with you at this sad time.

Brenda Kincaid

**Fred Allen Bunch**

**Fri, 11/13/2020 -  
11:40am**

Becky, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. I remember what a sweet, loving person she was. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. That was evident in the loving care you gave Jimmy when he was in hospice care. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family as your Angel has gone home.

Fred Allen Bunch

**Mary West**

**Fri, 11/13/2020 -  
04:19pm**

Dear Brinkley Family, Your Mom and I bonded as soon as we met 4 years ago when I became one of her nurses. She always made me smile. She had so much spunk and tenacity! I miss her so much already. You have my condolences and deepest sympathy.

Mary West

**Reginald Layden**

**Fri, 11/13/2020 -  
08:48pm**

Becky, Mary, Carolyn, Claire, Carl:

So sorry to hear about your mom. I am praying God will give you peace and comfort during this time.

Reginald Layden

Reginald Layden

**Auerbach & Flood**

**Sat, 11/14/2020 -  
12:03pm**

Carl and family,  
We are deeply saddened to hear about your mother's passing. What a strong, wonderful & caring woman she was. She always thought of others first before herself. She was like a mother to my sister Paris...as our own mom died early in '96. I know how much Shane & Reese LOVED their Manna! Sending loving arms around you. Love always,  
Crys, Charles, Julian & Sabrina.  
Wolfie, Hiroki & Missoni too.  
  
Auerbach & Flood

**Reese Brinkley**

**Sat, 11/14/2020 -  
04:58pm**

Mana was a kind soul who put herself forward to support others. Especially her family. She gave years of her life and love to us all. She will be sorely missed. I will miss her for the small things that showed the bigness of her heart and love for me as one of her grandchildren. Always making sure I'm eating enough and asking about school, saving the newspaper comic clippings for me to read over next time I visited, the excitement in her eyes whenever we came for the holidays, the connection given in through her hugs, and most of all the warmth, endearment, and meaningfulness brought about by how she said "love you" and truly meant it in the bottom of her heart.  
  
I will miss our holiday gatherings, the RV trip, the home visits and all the other times we met. But I will always keep you in my heart and keep the memories of our connection forever.  
  
Goodbye Mana. I love you with all my heart, here and now and forevermore  
  
Reese Brinkley

**Kenneth Asbell**

**Sat, 11/14/2020 -  
07:21pm**

Carolyn and Family,  
Sorry to hear about Mrs. Brinkley's passing. I know will really be missed. You all have my sincere sympathy and are in my prayers. May God bless all of you.  
Ken Asbell  
  
Kenneth Asbell

