



Crystal Phillips

January 23, 1973 - June 22, 2026

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Pickens, South Carolina

Crystal Phillips, 53, of Pickens, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 12:16 AM.

Born on January 23, 1973, in Norfolk, Virginia, Crystal was a compassionate and selfless woman whose life was defined by her love for others. She dedicated more than 20 years of her life serving as a Certified Nursing Assistant, providing comfort and care to countless individuals. Her generous spirit extended far beyond her profession, as she helped establish the Pickens County Shelter of Hope, volunteered in several soup kitchens, and never hesitated to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Crystal truly would have given the shirt off her back to help someone else.

A woman of strong faith, Crystal kept her Bible in her car so she could share God's Word and encouragement with others whenever the opportunity arose. She had a heart for animals, loved expressing her creativity through crafts, and was known for her wonderful sense of humor that brought joy to those around her. She was a proud member of the Shock City Jeep Group and cherished the friendships she made there.

Above all, Crystal's greatest joy was her family. She dearly loved her children and especially treasured every moment spent with her beloved grandchildren.

Crystal is survived by her mother, Elizabeth Marie Herring, and stepfather, Wayne Herring, of Six Mile; her adopted parents, Steven Otey Pemberton and Carol Snyder of Richmond, Virginia; her daughters, Jessica Metcalf of Piedmont, Katlyn Wilder of Pickens, Leanna Wilder of Pickens, and Selena Pemberton of Marietta; her grandchildren, Jayden Metcalf, Logan Metcalf, Kylin Metcalf, Grayson Pemberton, Evelyn Risinger, Evan Hughey, and Dylan Hughey; her brothers, Jerry Wayne Cotton, Brian Mitchell Pemberton, and Kenneth Michael Pemberton; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, William Wilder; her brother, Steve Otey Pemberton, Jr.; and her father, Larry Equils.

Flowers will be accepted, or memorial donations may be made to the family or to the Pickens County Shelter of Hope in Crystal's memory.

The family will hold a memorial service celebrating Crystal's life at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at Roanoke Baptist Church in Liberty, South Carolina.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Phillips family.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUL 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Roanoke Baptist Church
400 Roanoke Road
Liberty, SC 29657

Tribute Wall

RI

“ I met Crystal through Yahoo chat room, her and I both were going through a lot, she was such a wonderful person and there was times we still talked, really going to miss our talks, my thoughts and prayers are with the whole family at this time, rest in peace my beautiful friend

Richie - 1 hour ago

SB

“ I remember working as a CNA with her at the nursing home. We had so much fun. I can also remember when my aunt Irene used to babysit the girls for her. She was so full of love and life. Gone, but never forgotten. Love always for you and your family, STACEY BURNSIDE. I was a YOUNG back then. I wasn't married. 🥺🥺🥺🙏
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Stacey Burnside - 1 hour ago

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“ I met you through helping at the shelter years ago. You are the sweetest soul ever. You will forever be missed



Katie Nix - 1 hour ago