



## Mrs Charlotte Runyan Cospers

April 22, 2020

Mrs. Charlotte Runyan Cospers age 85 of Graham, Alabama passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

Born on Christmas day, she and her twin sister, Shirley, arrived as gifts to parents Jessie and Mariah Williams and seven siblings.

She was predeceased by her parents, her first husband of 59 years, Rev. Ray Runyan, one brother, and six sisters.

She is survived by her loving family that includes her husband, Cecil Cospers; her children and their spouses, David and Liz Runyan, Susan and Al Chandler, and Rae Ann and John Collier; one granddaughter, Angelina Mindrup and her husband Shawn; one great-granddaughter; Arianna Mindrup. She is also survived by her adored sister, Shirley Baker; brother, Herman Williams; and many nieces and nephews.

Saved in her youth, she was a committed and faithful follower of Jesus Christ regardless of the storms of nature or the storms of life. She married a young preacher when she was barely 16 and together they served the Lord's church and His people until her husband's passing in 2010. Other than the Holy Spirit of God she was her husband's greatest help being the wind beneath his wings as a pastor's wife. A calling that God greatly used her in. She continued on after his passing being as faithful as she could until her health failed.

She loved her family, friends and neighbors and taught her greatest lessons by the example of her servants' heart. She was a grand gardener of flowers and vegetables and a fabulous cook who never failed to "add the love" to every dish whether it was shared inside her home or shared with countless others outside her doors. A common question asked to her children at any church or family gathering was "Where's your Mama's?"

A private service will be held due to current conditions. Interment will be in Bethlehem Campground United Methodist Church Cemetery in Graham. If the Lord is willing, a celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shiloh Baptist Church, 32948 AL Hwy. 48, Graham, AL 36263 or Bethlehem Campground UMC – Cemetery Fund, 25445 County Rd. 87, Graham, AL 36263.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Susan, we all miss Charlottes sweet smile and contagious laugh. It's just not the same her at the Manor without. I'm so grateful God put her in my life if only for that brief time. You and your family remain in my prayers. Thank you for sharing her with us.

Julie Denney Brown - July 17, 2020 at 03:53 PM

GP

“ Glenn And Patricia Prince lit a candle in memory of Mrs Charlotte Runyan Cospers



Glenn and Patricia Prince - May 07, 2020 at 10:51 AM

MR

“ My aunt Charlotte was more like my own mom than an aunt and lived so close to us that both places felt like home to me. I miss her beautiful smile, laughter, humor, and always her loving hugs with never letting a bad moment show. What a great cook, her biscuits, peanut candy, Red Velvet cake, etc. just to name a few.

Summer times taking trips to Florida with both our families, or just sitting under our pecan tree making home made ice cream, slicing water melons and listening to life stories and tender moments are wonderful memories now.

I LOVE YOU AUNT CHARLOTTE AND SAY HELLO TO MOM, DAD, and uncle Ray.



Mike Runyan - April 29, 2020 at 02:52 PM

MF

“ Growing up in Union Baptist Church, near Morrison's Cross Roads, and being the daughter of Jesse and Clois Nelson, my heart is full of memories involving Ray and Charlotte Runyan. Ray was called to Union after I grew up and moved away, but the respect and high regard both of my parents had for the Runyans was well understood in our family. Ray preached the funeral for both of my parents. They always expressed how much they honored Charlotte, as she was a godly and Biblical wife to her pastor husband. My parents also loved each of their children, and prayed for them as well.

I am so thankful for the real example each of them set in the way they lived and for the Biblical truths they were faithful to proclaim to our church and community. Today I believe they are with the Lord for all eternity, not because they were good people, but because they depended on the death of Jesus Christ to pay and cover their sins. Let us never forget the message they proclaimed so clearly and may God comfort you as their children and family.

Movene Nelson Futch



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**Movene Nelson Futch** - April 28, 2020 at 02:50 AM

PS

“ Rae Ann, Praying for you and your sweet family. 💔🙏❤️



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**Patty and Michael Snead** - April 26, 2020 at 03:23 PM

SH

Rae Ann, Robby and I are continuing to pray for you and your family during this difficult time. Please know that we are here and are available anytime. We love you!!

Shea

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**Shea** - April 26, 2020 at 10:39 PM

LE

“ David, Liz, Angelina, Susan, and Rae Ann,  
I was so saddened to hear of your mom's passing, and my heart and prayers are with you. I enjoyed many family times with Aunt Charlotte and will always remember how nice she was to me. Can't you just imagine the Williams' sisters reunion when she entered Heaven's gates? It makes me smile to think of it, and I hope it helps you too.  
With much love, Laura C. Evans

Laura Evans - April 26, 2020 at 02:14 PM

JM

“ Janie Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mrs Charlotte Runyan Cospers



Janie Meadows - April 25, 2020 at 07:05 PM

RM

“ David, Susan & Rae Ann, I have often wondered how many hours we spent sitting in our cars (w/o air conditioning) with Ms. Charlotte and my Mother Carrie waiting for Ray and Billy Mitchell to get through talking "after" church at Union. Many years later when she and I would be talking she would always mention that. That's just one of the many memories I have of those times.  
Brother Ray spent a lot of time helping me when the Lord called me to preach but many years before that Ms. Charlotte taught me what a Christian is and what a Christian is supposed to do. That's the greatest gift we can give and she shared that her whole life;  
Now she is enjoying her reward for all those years of faithful service.  
There is rejoicing in Heaven today because she is there!  
God Bless You All  
Chris & Donna Mitchell

Rev. Chris Mitchell - April 25, 2020 at 06:29 PM

DB

“ Debora Besn lit a candle in memory of Mrs Charlotte Runyan Cospers



Debora Besn - April 25, 2020 at 01:41 PM

DB

*I enjoyed Ms Charlotte at the Nursing Home. I know you will miss her.*

**Debora Bean** - April 25, 2020 at 01:43 PM

JC

“ *Rae Ann, so sorry for the loss of your dear mama. Sending prayers of comfort to the family. ❤️*



**Janet and Jim Coker** - April 25, 2020 at 12:16 PM

JA

“ *JanStitcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs Charlotte Runyan Cospers*



**JanStitcher** - April 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *So sorry about Ms. Runyan. Love, hugs, & prayers for all of you during this sad time.*



**Rhonda Haynes Estes** - April 25, 2020 at 10:10 AM

JH

*So sorry about Charlotte! Hugs and prayers to you all. 🙏*

**Judy Morrison Heard** - April 25, 2020 at 12:44 PM

JS

“ *Jane Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs Charlotte Runyan Cospers*



**Jane Smith** - April 25, 2020 at 10:07 AM

DU

“ Susan, So very sorry for the loss of your precious mother. She was always so sweet and kind. Prayers for you and your family



Dinah Upchurch - April 25, 2020 at 09:04 AM

NP

“ I, Nan Phelps, have known Charlotte Runyan Cospers, all of my life, and I have good memories of her and her family. Her children and I rode the same school bus, while we went to Woodland High School. My prayers are with the family during this time.

Nan Phelps - April 24, 2020 at 11:18 PM

NP

“ Nan Phelps lit a candle in memory of Mrs Charlotte Runyan Cospers



Nan Phelps - April 24, 2020 at 10:55 PM

MZ

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of Mrs. Runyan Cospers. I know that she was such an important part of your lives, as well as the lives of many other people. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to know her over the years. On many occasions she welcomed me to family gatherings, and I had the pleasure of enjoying her excellent cooking on many happy occasions! I hope you will find much comfort in your wonderful memories of her.



Mary-Kathryn Zachary - April 24, 2020 at 09:57 PM

PC

“ Susan, I am so sorry about your mother. I will be praying for you and your family during this time.

Peggy Copeland - April 24, 2020 at 02:01 PM