



Vivian Frankie Moffatt

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In Loving Memory of Vivian Moffatt, formerly Cruickshank, nee Gibson, Born November 9, 1922 in Stanleyville, Georgia to Frank and Jeannette (Brantley) Gibson of the Brownlow family, an early pioneering family of what was then Hillsborough, now Pinellas County. Vivian was mother to and is survived by, her son, Robert (Bob) Cruickshank and his wife, Victoria (V); her son Christopher (Chris) Cruickshank and his wife Carolyn; her daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy) Cruickshank and almost son in law, James (Jim) Strickland. She was grandmother to Scot Cruickshank and Christal (Cruickshank) Smith, and her husband, David N. Smith, and Great grandmother to their son Jareth K. Smith. Vivian passed away on April 30, 2014 at Morton Plant Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. Those are the facts but trying to sum up 91 remarkable years that touched so many lives is more challenging. She graduated from Tarpon Springs High and became an accomplished pianist, vocalist and "Torch Singer" of the "Rat Pack" era, known & respected by many in the entertainment community she married and returned to her roots in the Pinellas area. She enjoyed and excelled at her work in the real estate, banking and insurance industries and after retiring at age 65 began a new career managing the records and file room of a major health care provider where she finally retired at age 83. She is remembered by many for tooling around town in her beloved 1968 Dodge Coronet 440!! Upon retiring she was able to devote herself to her love of roses. I'll draw upon that love to help in this summary, and perhaps comparison, of Vivian and her roses. But for that I'll trust to the words of others.....Helen Hayes, c.1900, American actress...a rose is the most satisfying. It's the most demanding, it offers a challenge and it must be treated with respect. Rolande Browne, c.1939, professor...I don't know whether nice people grow roses, or if growing roses makes people nice. Dale Carnegie 1885-1955, American writer...We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon-instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows



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today. Frederick Peterson, 1859-1938, American poet... The sweetest flower that blows,
I give you as we part, For you it is a rose. For me it is my heart. In lieu of flowers,
please make donations in Vivian's name to the National Arbor Day Foundation; The
National Audubon Society, the Wounded Warrior Project or an Animal Rescue
Group of your choice. A Remembrance Ceremony and Celebration of Life at Betsy
and Jim's home on Saturday, May 17, 2014, where happy memories will be lovingly
exchanged.



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SB

Suzanne & Maurice Battista posted:

Betsy, Bob, & Chris, We will always remember your mom fondly and are glad that she was a part of our lives.

May 8 at 8:00 PM

TK

Tom & Linda Kavcsak posted:

Betsy, Chris & Bob, We are so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. The times spent with your Mom at gatherings over the years will be warmly remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow. "Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know that are happy." Author Unknown

May 7 at 8:00 PM

VC

V Cruickshank posted:

Vik (Vivian's nickname) and I shared some fun and happy times shopping in downtown Clearwater at Maas Brothers. We always dressed up and always wore makeup for these occasions as it was only proper! Once we were finished shopping, we would eat at the Maas Brothers Cafe. Of course she would be driving the Dodge Coronet that she loved dearly. If I remember correctly, She let me drive the prized possession once in all the years she owned it. It was a dream to drive! She loved her peach trees and only she knew about how to best care for roses. Ask any Nursery in the area. She gave them a lesson or two as well! I never fully grasped her vast knowledge. The birds that visited her were the best fed in all of Florida and they would prance on her back porch waiting for the treats she always provided them! Trying now to only remember the good times.

May 7 at 8:00 PM

JS

Jim Strickland posted:

Vivian was quite a gal. She loved her Roses, listening to Frank Sinatra, feeding her birds and squirrels, especially a big black crow that came to see her everyday. She had enjoyed working in her vegetable garden and had one every year and did not hesitate in getting her children to help clear out the weeds before planting. She did not put up with any guff from her neighbors and usually voiced her opinions on any subject she was thinking about. Even though I only knew her for 27 years she will be missed.

May 7 at 8:00 PM



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CR

Connie Rawson posted:

Sounds like an amazing woman who lived life to the fullest. Please accept my heartfelt condolences to all of you. connie rawson

May 6 at 8:00 PM

CS

Christal Smith posted:

Gramma I will always remember the happy times spent with you in your beautiful garden. I learned and grew with you seeing the care you took with your plants. Spending days learning to care for your beloved canaries and waiting for the day when the nectarines would be ripe. You will always be in my heart

May 6 at 8:00 PM

BC

Bob And V Cruickshank posted:

Robert (Bob) Cruickshank and his wife including their children and grandchild, mourn the loss of his mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. Bob tirelessly cared for his mom in her home during the last year of her life. We remember the good times and cry about the sad times. We pray that she is lovingly tending the roses in God's garden and is now reunited with her loved ones long passed.

May 6 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Vivian by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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