



Charlotte G. Gingerelli

August 3, 1977 - August 30, 2020

Charlotte Graham Gingerelli, 43, of Raphine, Virginia, entered her heavenly home on Sunday, August 30th, 2020. She was the daughter of Bonnie (Troxler) and Jim Beall Graham of Linwood, North Carolina. She was born August 3rd, 1977.

Mrs. Gingerelli's education included Salem Academy, Washington and Lee University where she double majored in Journalism and Music, and James Madison University where she received her Master's degree in Music. Mrs. Gingerelli received The Tampa Tribune Editor's Fellowship, which allowed her to study operas in six European countries while developing a three-page journal for the newspaper. Upon graduation, Mrs. Gingerelli worked with the Santa Fe Opera Company and The Virginia Gazette as Education Editor.

According to fellow Staunton, Virginia educators, "Mrs. G, as some students called her, was the music teacher for A.R. Ware and Bessie Weller elementary schools and Dixon Preschool for 15 years. When Mrs. Gingerelli passed from a tragic car accident, she was on her way to do something she loved: sing in church. She was a stellar teacher who inspired her students with her cheerful heart and gracious spirit that transformed the K-2 music program to a whole new level. Hearing her play her guitar while the children sing is to witness 'making a joyful noise' in action. Her love for music and children will have a lasting impact on the music program in Staunton City Schools."

Along with her husband, Marc Gingerelli, she is survived by her daughters Anna Lucy and Francie Beall; parents Bonnie and Jim Beall Graham; in-laws Anne and Jerry Starace and Betty Gingerelli of Nutley, NJ; sister Emory (Tom) Valley of Ann Arbor, MI; brother Jim (Katie) Graham of Austin, TX.

Memorials may be made to the Shenandoah Arts Council, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601 or FPC Memorial Fund, 15 West Third Avenue, Lexington, NC 27292.

Comments



“ I loved catching up with Charlotte last Spring at our reunion and meeting her and Marc's beautiful girls. Whenever I saw Charlotte in college she was smiling and singing and 20 years later she was the same vibrant person. She seemed to bubble over with excitement sharing stories about her family and love of teaching music. It is obvious from the memories posted her passion and spirit had positive impact on so many. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May she rest in peace.

Nicole Ludlow - September 23, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ My deepest condolences are with you all. While I haven't seen Charlotte since we left college I remember her incredible spirit and friendship fondly. Reading her obituary and the other memories shows the amazing impact she had on so many lives. Rest In Peace
Charlotte.

Jason Hahn - September 18, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ A ray of sunshine and a loving burst of light. Happy and totally in love with her family and Jesus. I don't think she ever met a stranger. We weep with you Marc, Lucy and Francie. We pray you can draw on all of the love and guidance she poured into you to walk you through this most consuming, unthinkable time.

Kristen Strecker - September 11, 2020 at 05:41 AM



“ Gingerelli family, my heart has been so heavy for you. Lucy and Francie, know that your mom loved you dearly and had so much faith in both of you. She believed in you and knew you will do amazing things in your life. Honor her memory in whatever way makes sense to you. If you ever want to talk about her (or horses, or anything!) read together, watch a movie, or anything else, please let me know! I may have been your third grade teacher, but you are always one of my kids! Mrs. Lenz

Amy Lenz - September 09, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ CHRISTI CRITTENDEN is following this tribute.

CHRISTI CRITTENDEN - September 08, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ It is hard to know what to say about our dear friend Charlotte Gingerelli. If you ever met, her charismatic smile and caring spirit are still with you. If you shared a joke, her wonderful giggly laugh and dimples cheeks are indelibly printed on your memory. If you met her girls then you know how special they are and how her family completed her. If you met her, you know what an immense loss this is for everyone.

Charlotte- we will carry on with your memory in our hearts and on our minds. Marc- we will continue to be there for you and your beautiful family. World- please be more like Charlotte.

Much love-
The Spice Family

Graham Spice - September 08, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ Mrs. Gingerelli was amazing. She loved every kid she taught even on their worst day. She sparked an interest in the performing arts in my oldest child that has helped him to define what he wants to do in life. Her support and love meant the world to us. My younger child sadly only got to learn from her for 3 years, and all of us carry a heavy heart with her loss. She was a light to everyone. Sending love and prayers to her family in this time of terrible loss. She will be deeply missed by so many.

Megan H - September 08, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ Bonnie and jim Beall, I was so saddened to see the news of your beautiful daughter, Charlotte. It has been such a long time since we have seen each other but I remember her very well as an adorable little girl. I think she was in preschool with my Doug. Please know that we are thinking of you in this unimaginable time for your family. Charlotte was obviously a special person and from the smiling face in this picture a joy to her family and students. Our love goes out to you and all of your family. Gail and Bill Carter

Gail and Bill Carter (Salisbury) - September 07, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ Bonnie, my heart is with you, Jim and your entire family as you say goodbye to your beautiful daughter. I am so sorry for your loss. Pat Sledge



Patricia Sledge - September 07, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Although I did not know Charlotte, I see that she was a very accomplished educator, musician and journalist. My heart breaks for the entire family. Bonnie and Jim, I pray that God through his grace will help you find some comfort. I am so sorry for your loss and keep your families in my prayers.
Sandy Troxler

Sandy Troxler - September 06, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ Charlotte and I attended elementary school together. While I haven't seen or spoken with her in countless years, I speak of her often as my youngest daughter is named Emery. I have shared the story of how she is named after my childhood friend's sister, Emory, many times. Charlotte always had a soft, sweet, and gentle spirit and as I read these messages and watch her tribute, I see that never changed. My heart aches... praying for her family, friends, and students.

Stacie Jones Curry - September 06, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ Praying for God's comfort in the lives of Charlotte's family and friends during this sad time. What a wonderful person she was! I can tell by all the loving comments from those that knew her. We are so sorry for your great loss! Love and prayers to Bonnie and Jim and all her family!

Risa Jarman - September 06, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ Jim Beall, Bonnie and family so sorry for your loss, you're in our thoughts and prayers, God bless you all, sending love and comfort. Joe and Barbara Jean

Barbara Jean Owen - September 06, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ My heart goes out to the family. Many prayers for healing and comfort during this time. I know their are beautiful heart memories in your heart for you to cherish. Much love Gwyn Graham Overcash

Gwyn Graham Overcash - September 06, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ She was my music teacher in elementary school she was wonderful she was the best she taught me at Bessie Weller

Katherine Guffey - September 06, 2020 at 12:30 AM



“ Barry & Joyce Broughman, So sorry to hear of the great loss of Charlotte, Our thoughts and prayers are with you Marc and both of the girls and the rest of the family during this time. Heaven has called home one of its true angels. With her bubbly personality Charlotte showed to everyone that she Came in contact with will be the memory we will hold onto always. The that wonderful voice that she loved to share with everyone from solos to our times with her as a member of the Timber Ridge “Old Stone”Presbyterian Church choir will stay with us always. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family especially Marc, Lucy and Franci.

Barry & Joyce Broughman - September 05, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ Thank you all for your love and support. Your prayers and kind gestures are giving Charlotte’s family strength during this time. We know her legacy will live on.

It’s beautiful to witness her family being loved so deeply by their community. Her talent and passion for music is a blessing that has touched so many lives. Her faith was so strong that there is truth in knowing that she is part of His plan.

Please join us tomorrow at 10:30 (online) at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, where Charlotte was traveling last Sunday to sing, for tribute to Charlotte’s memory.

<https://www.emmanuelstaunton.org/>

Emory Valley - September 05, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ My sympathy goes to the entire family for your tragic loss. I pray that God will cover you with his love and grace during this difficult time. God Bless !

Frank Miller



Frank Miller - September 04, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Charlotte's family. We went to our small little Catholic grade school together. While I have not seen her for many, many years, I often talk about her with my kids whenever we see a horse or talk about riding horses. I will never forget that on her 9th or 10th birthday (I think) we had a sleepover and her parent's surprised her with a horse in the morning, and as little girls it was so exciting. We would go exploring at her grandparent's farm and ride her horse bareback. I will hold Charlotte, her husband, children, parents and siblings in my prayers.

Jennifer Rasile Everitt - September 04, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Mrs.Gingerelli, was one of the best music teacher I had and will never forget her no matter what she always would push us to do better because she seen qualities in us that we didn't! Also would always have a beautiful smile on her face no matter what her mood was she would always find a way to be positive in any situation! One day in class I was upset about my day and she came up to me and asked me what was wrong and then we talked and she made me look at things in a more positive way, she made me feel a lot more confident. Mrs. Ginergelli you may be gone but you will never be forgotten ☐

McKenzie Hoover - September 03, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ Such an amazing and talented lady. The love and care you gave the students at Ware Elementary will be remembered by all. I loved our Holiday Pajama concerts!! Fly high sweet Charlotte and sing with the angels!

Carmen Crummett - September 02, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Words can never express our most sincere sympathy in the tragic death of Charlotte. Our hearts are broken. We cannot imagine what you and your family are going through. We pray that God will wrap His arms around you and will guide you through this difficult time. Prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Jane, John, David Cooper and families

John Cooper - September 02, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ She was a sweet lady.. Hard worker and loved her kids . MY Husband and I worked with the after school heart program and she would even stay and work with them even when school was out.. DIXON ,WARE ,BESSIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.SHE WAS WONDERFUL. WE WILL MISS U MRS.GBUT WE KNOW U ARE SINGING WITH ALL THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN..SENDING PRAYER TO UR FAMILY AND STAUNTON CITY SCHOOL STAFF. LEE AND BARBARA DESPER



Barbara desper - September 02, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ I taught Charlotte in middle school (-6th and 8th grade) at Central Davidson Middle School, Lexington, NC She was an inspiring student, so full of love and compassion, with an eagerness to learn. Her zest for life was contagious and a blessing to all those around her. I know she was amazing teacher!!

Becky Myers

Becky Myers - September 02, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ Mrs. Gingereli has taught all of my nieces and nephews with the exception of one and two of my children in the scs schools. And I myself got to experience her music class as I was a sub at Dixon . She was remarkable with children and has forever impacted many lives in a positive way. She was always smiling and had such a fun sweet spirit. She will never be forgotten. Our prayers are with her family during this time. Penny King

penny king - September 02, 2020 at 08:06 AM



“ I'm so heartbroken charlotte was an amazing Lady I am blessed to have not only work with her while I was at AR Ware elementary she also was a big part of my Daughter Arianna Greenleaf's life she taught her how to play her first instrument and Arianna plays music still through middle school and high school my thoughts and prayers are with her family and the AR Ware family RIP beautiful Angel

Pamela Scott - September 02, 2020 at 07:43 AM



“ Charlotte was so full of light, joy ,love, and the gift of music.
She sang at her home church, First Presbyterian, in July.
I feel so honored to have accompanied her as she sang'
" Eternal Life", text by St Francis of Assisi.
She had the voice of an angel.
Every summer she shared her gift of music with us at First Presbyterian in Lexington, NC.
On Saturday, when we rehearsed, she shared so many things, her love of teaching music ,how proud she was of her daughters, and love for her family.
I have no doubt that she is leading the Angel choir in Heaven.
Rest in peace, dear sweet friend.

Connie Bureson - September 02, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ At a loss of words!! Mrs Gingerelli taught music to all 3 of my children.she inspired my oldest Kieya burns to continue her music throughout middle school and high school. My family is sending thoughts and prayers to the family her mom and dad husband and her two beautiful daughters and to the Staunton community

jessica burns - September 02, 2020 at 07:28 AM



“ My daughter, Kayleigh, had Mrs. Gingerelli for a music teacher the last five years and she loved her! She was such a great music teacher and you could tell she was really passionate about her work! All of the kids seemed to love her & she was just so wonderful with them! She will be greatly missed!

Julie Blackwell - September 02, 2020 at 06:57 AM



“ Although I only knew Charlotte through my daughter Anna, who had her for music in the 1st grade -- and that was almost 10 years ago -- she made such an impression, I felt compelled to write something.

The first and only time I met Charlotte, at a Christmas concert at Ware Elementary, it became clear within a matter of minutes why my daughter, not to mention so many other children, was so fond of her. She had an infectious enthusiasm, and her love of music, teaching -- and especially, the kids she taught -- was readily apparent.

Anna was a painfully shy little girl, but Charlotte helped bring her out of her shell, bit by bit, through the music she taught and the love and encouragement she brought to the classroom. Anna, her mom and I are forever grateful for the role she played in instilling a love of music and learning in her.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to her husband Marc, their two children, and her parents, as well as the rest of her family and friends.

Rob Longley - September 01, 2020 at 11:13 PM



“ I took care of her precious daughters until they started school. I will always remember Charlotte as a kind loving person with a beautiful smile and personality that would light up a room when someone walked in. I will miss her so much!



Marion Lyle - September 01, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ I knew Charlotte for 14 yrs. I worked with her at Ware & Bessie Weller. She was my sons music teacher from Pre-k to 5th grade. She was an amazing teacher, mom & friend. I always enjoyed our conversations about our kids. This is a huge loss for so many reasons. We will all miss her.

Renee Monger - September 01, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ Oh Charlotte! A life well lived is a precious gift. I have so many memories of you that bring a smile to my face....Tell me your vision, Charlotte, that awesome laugh, and how your face lit up when you were talking about your precious girls. Keeping Marc, your girls and family in our thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Barker - September 01, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ I worked with Charlotte for 5 years at Ware Elementary. She always had a smile and made sure that her students found a love for music. She was a caring and kind person. She will be missed.

Teresa Anson - September 01, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charlotte G. Gingerelli.



September 01, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ She was my son teacher at Bessie Weller. I remember they had a concert. She was Motivated and you could just see how much she loves her students. And the students loved her. When I told my son Adam what happened he was like mom she was a great person.

krista piner - September 01, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ My daughter Laura loved her so very much, and every time I spoke to her I understood why. She was a compassionate and kind teacher, but also one of those rare adults that impacted children for a lifetime. She made them feel valued, seen, and heard. Our hearts ache for her family and all will remain in our prayers.

John Craft - September 01, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ Ms. Gingerelli was my oldest child’s music teacher through out her elementary days at Bessie Weller, as my oldest has moved on to middle school, Ms. Gingerelli had become my youngest daughters music teacher and boy did she love her. The love and passion you would see on her face during music plays etc showed pure love that she had for every child that she carried under her wing. Her role will forever be memories to my children!!!

Trisa Bosserman - September 01, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Ms. Gingerelli was our grandson’s music teacher when he attended A.R. Ware. He adored her and we greatly enjoyed watching her work with the children. Her productions were truly marvelous and joyous! This is an incredibly sad loss for all who had the privilege of knowing her, even in the smallest of ways. Sympathy to her family and co-workers.

Pamela Austin (Keaton Austin) - September 01, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ Charlotte and I worked together at Bessie Weller Elementary.... Her smile and laugh were infectious. She was a gifted teacher with the young musicians. Students I work with now in the middle school always speak kind words remembering her.

Hannah Simmons - September 01, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ I remember how my daughter Emma just lived music because she got to spend time it’s Mrs. Gingerbelly. Emma called her that when she was in kindergarten.

I also remember painting Charlotte’s toes in the book room before she had Lucy. She needed to have pretty toes for the birth.

Ginny Pultz - September 01, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ I'll forever have memory of her as she taught me all through elementary and my daughter the past two years in preschool. My heart hurts so bad prayers to her husband and daughters as well as extended family and friends.



Kayla White - September 01, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charlotte G. Gingerelli.



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“ I worked with Charlotte at Bessie for 15 years. I so loved hearing her sing. Especially Do Ra Mi. She sang that scale whenever the kids had a great day in class. She was so great with all the kids. I am so thankful to have been able to know her. She was sweet, kind, funny and so so talented.

Diane Kester - September 01, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ Philomina and Sebastian Valley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charlotte G. Gingerelli.



Sebastian Valley - September 01, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ Our hearts go out to Marc, the girls and the entire family. We have such fond memories of our times with Charlotte and Marc. Love, Ellen and Larry Martin, Lexington, VA

Ellen Martin - September 01, 2020 at 11:11 AM