



Ms. Cora Anne Chapman

August 25, 1951 - December 21, 2025

Cora Anne Chapman, beloved sister, aunt, veteran, and public servant, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2025, at Complete Care at Green Acres in Bayville, New

Jersey. She was born on August 25, 1951, in Portsmouth, Virginia, to Flossie Irene

Harris Chapman and Thead Chapman of North Carolina. Raised in a large family

grounded in discipline, education, faith, and service, Cora carried those values throughout her life.

Cora proudly served in the United States Army, Regular Army, beginning active duty on

December 2, 1981. Over 19 years and 8 months—spanning peacetime and the Gulf

War—she rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) and served as a 71L30 Administrative

Specialist. In roles that demanded integrity, precision, and leadership, she provided

essential administrative, personnel, and operational support across multiple

commands,
including U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Monroe, Virginia, with readiness stateside
and
abroad. Her professionalism and steady leadership as a noncommissioned
officer
earned wide respect.

Her decorations included the Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Service
Commendation
Medal; Army Commendation Medal (4); Joint Service Achievement Medal (2);
Army
Achievement Medal (2); Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Army Good Conduct
Medal (6);
Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon; Army Service
Ribbon; and
Overseas Service Ribbon. She continually sharpened her skills through
extensive
military education in leadership, administration, logistics, security, and
advanced
specialty training.

After retiring from the Army on December 31, 2001, Cora continued her
commitment to
public service as a federal civilian, serving with the Department of Defense
and later the
Defense Intelligence Agency from 2008 to 2019 as a Staff Officer (OSBA12).
She

retired on September 30, 2019, completing nearly four decades of combined military and federal service. She also earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Saint Leo University, reflecting her dedication to lifelong learning and professional excellence.

Beyond her career, Cora was known for her warmth, humor, and generous spirit. She loved shopping and, above all, staying connected with family. Her long phone calls—full of laughter, thoughtful advice, and genuine listening—kept loved ones close and supported.

Cora was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Evelyn L. Chapman, Colonel Thaddius Chapman, Lonnie E. Chapman, Percy C. Chapman, Willie J. Chapman, Sr., Reginald D. Chapman, and Evangelist Missionary Barbara Jean Cutler. She is survived by her brother, Reverend Andrew S. Chapman; nieces and nephews Richard Chapman, Yvonne De Shilito, Willie Chapman, Jr., Stephanie Chapman-Monroe, Thaddius Chapman, Regina Chapman, Patrina Branch, Theodore

Cutler, Jr.,

Dominic Cutler, and Terence Cutler; and many treasured extended family members, in-laws, and friends.

Cora's legacy is one of honorable service, steadfast faith, and deep devotion to family.

She will be remembered for the love she gave so freely and the example she set for

those who follow.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to R.D. Jenkins & Son Funeral Company

Cemetery Details

Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery at Hampton Roads

5310 Milners Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

New First Baptist Church Taylorsville
2720 Turnpike Rd
Portsmouth , VA

All flowers are to be delivered at the church by 9:30 am

Service

JAN 9. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (est)

New First Baptist Church Taylorsville
2720 Turnpike Rd
Portsmouth , VA

All flowers are to be delivered to the church on Friday, January 9, 2026 by 9:30 am.

Interment

JAN **22**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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5310 Milners Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Rest In Peace my dear friend. Praying for your family.

Peter H. Singleton - April 26 at 06:57 PM

YB

“ Ann as we called her, will greatly be missed. She had such a humble spirit and an infectious smile, I called her big sis and she called me Dimpy. And I will miss her more than anyone could imagine, she was my rock when I needed strength, my was my all and all whenever I needed her. Annie Rest In Paradise until we meet again, Love you Sis.

Yvonne (Dimpy) Breckenridge - January 09 at 06:50 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



R.D. Jenkins & Son Funeral Company - January 07 at 04:25 PM

FM

“ From Deborah Austin and Sherry Miller purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ms. Cora Anne Chapman.



From Deborah Austin and Sherry Miller - December 31, 2025
at 02:29 PM

FM

“ From Deborah Austin and Sherry Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Cora Anne Chapman.

From Deborah Austin and Sherry Miller - December 31, 2025 at 02:29 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - December 28, 2025 at 07:20 AM