



## Vanessa Gardner Slone

June 4, 1975 - February 9, 2024

Vanessa Gardner Slone, age 48, a resident of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, formally of Salyersville; passed away Friday, February 9, 2024 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Vanessa was born June 4, 1975 at Paintsville Hospital in Paintsville, Kentucky the daughter of Clayton and Pauline Crum Gardner.

Vanessa is a graduate of Morehead State University where she obtained her Masters. She was employed as a teacher at the John M. Stumbo Elementary School in Grethel, Kentucky. She was so proud to be a member of the Mustang staff and to teach the youth of Floyd County.

Those left to mourn includes her parents, Clayton and Pauline Gardner of Salyersville, Kentucky, husband, Malcom Slone of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, stepsons, Malcom Dwayne Slone of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Chad Slone and wife Michelle of Paintsville, Kentucky, Jason Slone and wife Courtney of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, sister, Angela Burchett and husband James of Salyersville, Kentucky, nephew, Landen Brickey of Salyersville, Kentucky, niece, Delana Lorae Brickey of Morehead, Kentucky, a host of family and friends who love and miss her.

Funeral services for Vanessa Gardner Slone will be conducted Wednesday,

February 14, 2024, at 11:00 AM from the chapel of the Salyersville Funeral Home in Salyersville, Kentucky. Clergy Gary Ferguson and Bud Crum will deliver comforting words on the day of service. Interment will follow in the Clayton Gardner Cemetery on Lick Branch in Salyersville, Kentucky. The family will welcome friends Tuesday, February 13, after 6:00 PM and anytime prior to funeral services. A church service will be conducted at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 13. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions be made to the Vanessa Gardner Slone Memorial Fund at the John M. Stumbo Elementary School for school activities and the children.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Salyersville Funeral Home in Salyersville, Kentucky. Online condolences and gifts are available on [www.salyersvillefuneralhome.com](http://www.salyersvillefuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Clayton Gardner Cemetery

Lick Branch  
Salyersville, KY 41465

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Salyersville Funeral Home  
694 Parkway Drive  
PO Box 669  
Salyersville, KY 41465  
(606) 349-1282  
salyersvillefuneralhome@ymail.com

## Funeral

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Dianne Mullins Silcott lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Gardner Slone*



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**Dianne Mullins Silcott** - February 15, 2024 at 12:10 PM

DG

“ *I was blessed to teach 5th grade with Vanessa at Oriole Beach Elementary. She was not only a coworker but a friend. We laughed together, cried together and prayed together. Her love for her family, others, and God were evident in all that she did. I have no doubt that she is singing around the throne at this very moment. My heart breaks for her loved ones as they mourn her loss. It is such a blessing to know that this separation is only temporary. One day we will join her in that heavenly celebration. Please know that you are in my prayers.*

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**Donna Godfrey** - February 15, 2024 at 10:52 AM

KM

“ *Vanessa we know that you're a beautiful angel, you were a great person. I'm so glad we decided to get Bella from you. Vanessa you will always have a special place in our heart*

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**kristy martin** - February 14, 2024 at 09:38 AM

KF

“ I met Vanessa in not so wonderful place, but she was such inspiration on my stay there. She always involved God in all we done. We were even having Bible study after dinner every evening. My heart goes out to her and I will pray for comfort. Again so sorry for ur loss.  
Kimberly Fitch  
Louisa ky.



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**Kimberly Fitch** - February 14, 2024 at 08:22 AM

MJ

“ Fly free like this beautiful butterfly !!!!!!! R.I.P.



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**Ms. Johnson** - February 13, 2024 at 07:48 PM

JB

“ I taught 5th grade with Vanessa at Oriole Beach Elementary. She was full of God's light and love which she shared with everyone. This world just lost an earthly saint, but heaven gained a glorious angel!  
Love you, Vanessa.

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**Jodi Broach** - February 13, 2024 at 07:30 PM

KM

“ Vanessa you were truly a blessing in my life . Your heart and soul touched many lives and you are and will be greatly missed. I am praying for your family and friends, may the Lord comfort you and give you peace in this time of grieving.

*Deepest sympathies and Love always,  
Kenny Morton*

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**Kenny Morton** - February 13, 2024 at 06:29 PM

JP

“ Jerry Patton lit a candle in memory of  
Vanessa Gardner Slone



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**Jerry Patton** - February 13, 2024 at 05:56 PM

KI

“ RIP Vanessa 🙏

*Prayers and condolences to her family and friends. May God's grace and peace be with you during this difficult time 🙏*

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**Ken Fagan, III** - February 13, 2024 at 12:08 PM

JH

“ Vanessa was like a sister to me. We grew up together and as children we played together countless times. She was such a beautiful person. Her brightest attribute I think was her unwavering faith in Jesus Christ. The love of Jesus shined so clear through her and I am so blessed that she was a part of my life. We have lost her for now. We just have hold on to Jesus and someday we will be reunited.

Jonathan Hamilton - February 13, 2024 at 04:55 AM

BP

“ Vanessa always had such a beautiful smile and such a beautiful spirit. She will be sorely missed by many people. She is now in a place of peace and safety with our Lord.



Bob Pitts - February 12, 2024 at 09:17 PM

EW

“ I have known Vanessa for many years. I grew up singing in church with her and her family. What a Beautiful Voice she had. She was the sweetest. So heartbreaking to hear of her passing. Sending all our love and prayers! 🙏😭

Eukie Ward - February 12, 2024 at 07:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vanessa Gardner Slone.



February 12, 2024 at 06:55 PM

AC

“ Hello, my name is Angela Coleman. I work with Vanessa at Stumbo. I am so, so heartsick & sad and honestly, still in shock. I simply adored her. She and I just hit it off & clicked. We wore matching Barbie Shirts to school - hers saying Math Teacher Barbie and mine saying Reading/Writing Teacher Barbie. It was one of our little jokes with each other. She was so fun and so full of positivity. Her light shone so brightly. I don't think a single day of school passed that she didn't hug me or tell me she loved me at some point. She was such a loving, kind, caring person. She had such an impact on our students; they love her and are so deeply saddened by this. I am staying strong for them because I know that was what she would want me to do. She was just the sweetest soul. I miss her already. To all her family & friends - all of you are in my thoughts and prayers in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Vanessa was a jewel. . .and our world is less shiny.

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**Angela Coleman** - February 12, 2024 at 06:45 PM

MA

“ Ms slone was my favorite teacher and I will always remember you big smile you allways had on your face, or how you would dance around and make jokes with us, you weren't just a teacher you felt like family, we love you ms slone! ☐ 🕊️



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**Malory** - February 12, 2024 at 06:13 PM

MJ

“ Mrs. Slone taught my daughter at Stumbo, and seemed to be a great teacher. Malcolm, I know by working with Dr. G, I pray God gives you peace during this time. May God give peace to all of her family, friends, coworkers and students!!❤️



Megan Jones - February 12, 2024 at 05:44 PM

SR

“ My fondest memories of Vanessa is our times in church when she would sing those beautiful songs with her mom and sister. She was beautiful inside and out. May you rest in peace. You will be truly missed.

Sheila Rowe - February 12, 2024 at 04:43 PM

GS

“ Vanessa, we are so shocked and saddened by your death. We pray for Malcom's, your family's, your friends', and your schoolchildren's comfort at this terrible time. But we are assured that we will see you and sig with you again!

Gary and Shirley - February 12, 2024 at 11:36 AM

PD

“ What a wonderful person with a huge heart!! My husband and I loved her!! Will never forget the trip we took together, those memories are precious!

Paula Dees - February 12, 2024 at 09:27 AM

SH

Vanessa was a wonderful person and a great teacher! I enjoyed working with her. Prayers for her family and friends.

Shawna Hagans - February 12, 2024 at 05:10 PM

JC

*I knew Vanessa when we worked together at Oriole Beach Elementary in Florida. She was a very sweet person and loved by her students and the staff. Prayers for peace for her family and all who knew her.*

**Jane Campbell** - February 13, 2024 at 10:25 AM

LA

*I am so saddened to hear about Vanessa. We worked together at Oriole Beach and have so many great memories.*

**Landra** - February 13, 2024 at 02:18 PM

MF

*Mrs Slone touched so many lives the short time she was at Stumbo, mine being one of them. From the first time we met, it felt like we were old friends. I witnessed the love she had for her students many times, during dances or ballgames, she'd always give students money that needed something to eat or drink. The love she had for teaching was truly genuine, like the love she had for her students. My prayers are with her family during this time and her students that love and miss her so much. May God give them comfort and strength.*

**Michelle Forsyth** - February 13, 2024 at 02:50 PM

CH

*I taught kindergarten with Vanessa at Oriole Beach Elementary. We were across the hall from each other and always had fun together. Prayers for her family.*

**Carol Hawes** - February 13, 2024 at 03:13 PM

DA

*I am so sad to hear of Vanessa's passing. I was her principal at Oriole Beach Elementary School in Florida. She was such an outstanding and loving teacher and person. I am so sad for her family, friends and children from her classroom. You will truly be in my prayers.*

**Dawn Alt** - February 13, 2024 at 05:36 PM