



Victoria "Vicki" H. Binkley

January 19, 1953 - February 18, 2022

Victoria (Vicki) H. Binkley of Alexandria, Virginia passed away on Friday, February 18, 2022. She is preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Loetta Haynie and her brother-in-law Howell Binkley. Vicki is survived by her husband Colonel (R) John E. Binkley III, sister Becky Green (Tom), niece, Caton Simoni (Renaldo), nephew, Major Andrew Hill (Sara), grandniece and nephew, Sloan and McArthur, sister-in-law, Joyce Storey and niece Zoe King.

Upon graduation from the University of Alabama, Vicki earned a degree as a Paralegal and worked for a Maritime law firm of Phelps Dunbar in New Orleans. Later she became a marketing representative with Coke-a-Cola where she enjoyed traveling throughout the country. After becoming an Army wife (the hardest job in the Army), she managed the University of Southern California master's degree program. Also while at Ft. Campbell she assisted in staffing the Nightstalker Association, was again a Paralegal for Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky in Washington DC, taught English as a second language in Korea. The love of her professional career was assisting people find homes as Realtor. She earned membership as a Lifetime Member, Northern Virginia Association of Realtor (NVAR) Top Producer Club and practiced from July 1993 thru her passing.

Her passions were her family, people, traveling, art and the theatre. As a student of the University of Alabama during The Bear Bryant years, her sports

passion was the football! While watching each game ROLL TIDE, ROLL would echo through the room!!

Vicki wanted to be remembered with a big smile and a glass of wine as the vibrant, social magnet, joyous woman that she was – “Miss Vicki”!!

A viewing will take place at Jefferson Funeral Chapel on Saturday February 26, 2022 from 12-1PM with a service to follow. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Donations may be made in Victoria’s honor to the Mount Vernon Estate (mountvernon.org/), The Night Stalker Association (nsa160.com) or the Special Operations Warrior Foundation (specialops.org/).

Hello. For those who do not know me, I am Becky Haynie Green, Vicki’s older sister. My career was in education. I live with my husband, Tom, north of Atlanta, in Cumming. We left Atlanta the morning of the 18th when we received the call from John saying Vicki was unresponsive, rushing to get here before she passed, but we did not.

If I had been here I would have whispered in her ear that I loved her, that her niece and nephew were devastated, that I understood why she had to go and I did not know what I was going to do without her.

I will tell you a “Tale of Two Sisters”, focusing on the one in charge.

Victoria Leigh Haynie was born into the Haynie family in 1953 on a cold DAY in January, in Montgomery, Alabama. I know because I was having breakfast with my handsome father in a rail-car style diner waiting for my little sister to arrive.

Pictures of Vicki and me as young children indicate we were friends. I am six years older than she so I thought she was a doll! Playing with toys, carrying around the kittens, pretending to be doctors, riding on our father’s back – all

were activities that we both loved!

Our father, Andrew Charles Haynie, was a WWII veteran and returned from France to Montgomery, beginning a career in the furniture business, first as a salesman and then as store owner. Mother, Loetta Gardner Haynie, was a stay-at-home Mom until 1957 when she decided get an Education Degree. Once certified and employed as a teacher, mother was NOT staying at home. Thus Vicki was required to attend daycare until time for first grade. To hear Mother tell it, Vicki would cry and raise the roof as she left for work, then immediately stop crying and begin telling her classmates what to do to have fun! "MISS VICKI at 4!

We lived in Montgomery and had a normal family life, School, Church, vacations. Pictures remind me that Easter was an especially exciting time as we were both were "dressed to kill" in new outfits and hats! After church our family would gather for an Easter Meal along with the rest of our family - Grandmother, Grandfather, Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

We always took a family vacation in the summer – first Florida beaches, then places like Gatlinburg, DC, Williamsburg, Jamestown, and a foray into Mexico. I loved horses and my Aunt Mattie bought one for me. In order to keep the horse near and because my parents had always wanted some acreage, we moved out of the city to the country. Vicki and I changed schools to Pike Road, Alabama.

Family wise, Vicki managed our parents like a professional. She could easily make Daddy laugh and divert Mother's controlling behavior. I was allowed to date and have friends to the house and Vicki always joined right in, taking center stage.

Vicki was always proud of me and I her, neither jealous of the other. There

was enough difference in our ages that we did not compete.

When I left for college - the University of Alabama-Vicki changed to Montgomery schools. I was always amazed at how easily Vicki made lots of friends, joining clubs, fitting in, becoming a leader!

She graduated from Jefferson Davis High School, Montgomery, in 1971 and also attend the University of Alabama. She joined Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority - quickly gaining the nick-name of “Haynie” and making more friends. She graduated in 1975 and first worked at our father’s furniture store in Montgomery, then worked for Governor George Wallace on his Presidential campaign and then decided to go back to school to become a Para-Legal.

She then landed a great job at the Law Firm of Phelps Dunbar in New Orleans and worked there several years.

Wanting more, she got a marketing representative job with the Coca-Cola Company and travelled the US representing COKE.

I, at that time, had married a US Army Officer Howard William (Bill) Hill and we had precious little 2-year old girl, Caton Leigh (named after her Grandfather and Vicki), and were living in Leavenworth KS, as my husband was an instructor at the Command and General Staff College.

We invited Vicki to come live with us. Vicki, after living on the road for 2 years, accepted.

Caton was delighted with her Aunt Vicki, and spent many hours playing and dancing with her.

Vicki worked her “dream job” - a decorator in a trendy gift shop in downtown Leavenworth. She also went to lunch with my husband often. Of course she

was noticed by the officers and one of the instructors mention to a student that he should “meet Bill Hill’s sister –in-law”.

The student was MAJ John Binkley, who immediately got Vicki’s phone number, gave her a call, and set up a lunch date!

He was to meet her at work and, dressed up in his green uniform and looking good, he shows up the gift shop. Asking for Vicki, he was informed she was downstairs working on Christmas decorations and when he descended the stairs there was a round table with 12 women sitting around the table. He said he immediately asked for a “Vicki”, hoping she was the beautiful blonde across from him.

She WAS! John entered our lives that day! Vicki came home in a swoon, and said “This one is not bad, plus he collects antiques and drives a SAAB! This was 1982!

She was the Southern Girl he was looking for! They were married in the Chapel at Fort Leavenworth in 1983, leaving the church in a one-horse carriage on to a great life together with her niece saying “Bye-Bye, Vicki”.

Vicki loved reading. It was genetic! I remember the driving trip to Mexico – Daddy driving and everyone else reading! GONE WITH THE WIND, I think! Daddy said he felt he was with a bunch of ZOMBIES.

She always said she couldn’t cook but loved to entertain and was a great hostess. Everyone loved Vicki’s soirees (as our father would say). She loved people and was happy when they were having a great time.

She was an exceptional “Military wife”, supporting John throughout his career. They worked well and had fun together.

Vicki loved being “Aunt Vicki”. Caton got a brother in 1985, a darling son, Andrew William (named after my father and his Dad), and Vicki took the role of “Aunt” seriously and devoted much time and money making sure the kids grew up with an appreciation of travel, art, theatre, poetry and fine dining. The role of “Aunt Vicki” also extended to the half- brothers and sisters from my husband’s first marriage. They always joined us at Christmas and Vicki treated them as hers.

Southern girl that she was, Vicki loved the University of Alabama Football! After going to college in the Bear Bryant Years, Vicki was delighted at the hiring of Nick Saban and his success as a football coach! On Saturdays, ROLL TIDE ROLL was always on her lips! We would call one another if we could to celebrate a great play or victory. Vicki did not care for any other team, Only ALABAMA

The Haynie family circle diminished relatives died. Vicki and I were always together at these occasions, crying and laughing, making arrangements and putting things in order. Vicki was a master at these events –getting everything done quickly and efficiently.

With our inheritance, instead of dividing the money, we decided to keep it in one account and only spend it for travel when we could take both families. We called it “Sisters on the Loose”, and we took trips to the Caribbean, New York, Colorado, Orlando and Europe - until it was gone.

Orlando and the parks was a particular favorite as was New York and the THEATRE! She was extremely proud of John’s brother Hal – a multiple TONY AWARD winner for lighting design, particularly the musical HAMILTON! Vicki was a HAMILTON junkie – especially after meeting LYN Manuel Miranda, its creator

Vicki demanded that every trip begin with an original poem from the kids. She called them “Woof, Woof, Woofie Woof” poems – something that I am sure she devised to torture them. The lines had to have a rhyme interspersed with “Woof, Woof, Woofie Woof”. After much complaining the kids always acquiesced and somewhere there is collection of silly poems. -. I think the idea came from her favorite book - _ONLY ONE Woof, a story about a dog and his littermate being separated and the ONLY one “Woof” he barked when he last saw her AGAIN.

Vicki loved animals and people. People loved her. She was an extremely successful Real Estate Agent, the career she choose after John retired and they settled in Alexandria VA. She was smart, quick, organized, honest and personable. She was honored with Real Estate’s Lifetime Membership in the NVAR Top Producers Club. As John tells, one summer she once sold 6 houses in her neighborhood, two in 12 hours!

Vicki loved artichoke dip, spinach dip, banana pudding, Jimmy Buffett, Ricky Martin, The Four Seasons, Sweet Italian Bread. I would ask her the name of the bread but.....

I cannot!!!! I am standing here sisterless. I never thought I would lose her, and certainly not so suddenly. With Vicki goes the Haynie-side of my family, living only in the names of my children and Grandchildren. Vicki carried all the memories and could always recall the past.

I actually was trying to remember our Mother’s funeral and am drawing a blank. I have no one now to ask if they remembered.

Losing a sister, wife, Aunt, friend is a devastating event. Especially without getting to say “Good –Bye”.

I know why God took her. She was so ill and was not to be healed this side of heaven. Vicki did not want to live without hope and made that very evident.

Vicki had a special lightness of being - her humor, her wit, her words (with tongue-in cheek) "Bless Their Hearts" sticks in my memory.

She was "Miss Vicki" even as a child and would like to be remembered smiling, teasing, having fun with a glass of wine in her hand.

For you Vicki-

"Woof, Woof, Woofie Woof"

What Happened? You are gone!

Woof, Woof, Woofie Woof'

We are left here alone.

Woof, Woof, Woofie Woof'

What will we do?

Woof, Woof, Woofie Woof'

Living here without you!

Woof!

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Victoria "Vicki" H. Binkley



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 28, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Victoria "Vicki" H. Binkley



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 21, 2022 at 09:02 AM

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John. Judy and I watched with joy as we celebrated Vickie's home going with you and all that were there. What a beautiful service and the scripture, songs, and words spoken were very appropriate. It all seemed to be a very fitting time for your loved one, as you said your last goodbyes for now. we have been praying for you and your family as you have been going through this time of sorrow. We love you and God bless.....Bob & Judy Wofford

Bob & Judy Wofford - February 26, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ Victoria "Vicki" H. Binkley

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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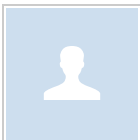


Jefferson Funeral Chapel - March 03, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ John, Thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. We shared so many wonderful fun happy memories and times with you and Vicki. We love you, Dell and Mary Dailey

Mary and Dell Dailey - February 26, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Victoria "Vicki" H. Binkley.



February 25, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Victoria "Vicki" H. Binkley.*



February 25, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Victoria "Vicki" H. Binkley.*



February 25, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *The Ellis cousins purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Victoria "Vicki" H. Binkley.*



The Ellis cousins - February 25, 2022 at 09:11 AM