



## Carolyn Adele Groom

September 19, 1949 - November 22, 2022

Carolyn Adele “Dale” Groom of St. Albans, WV passed away unexpectedly on November 22, 2022. She is now with her parents: Harry and Adele; her brothers: John and Tom; and Aunt Marian Hillabold.

Adele was a devoted Christian and a member of First Baptist Church of Hurricane where she had taught Sunday School, traveled on youth mission trips and sang with the New Disciples.

She graduated from Morris Harvey College (University of Charleston) with a B.S Degree in Education with teaching fields in Health and Physical Education. She was a teacher/coach at Hurricane High School for 43 years and a ‘mighty, mighty’ Redskin. Following the passage of Title IX, she started girls’ sports beginning with volleyball and shortly thereafter, adding track and field as well as cross country events. Adele was an ardent fan and could be found at all athletic events. She supervised the intramural activities in the gym each day and could be seen at the gate at football games. Adele created Grooms’ Games held during Homecoming Week each year and creating lots of rivalry between classes. Her retirement in 2015 did not end her support of all things Redskin. She was also a member of AFT.

Even though Dale lived her whole life in St. Albans, she was an integral part of the Hurricane community. At her retirement Mayor Scott Edwards presented

her with a proclamation of “Adele Groom Month”, June of 2015.

Her smile, laugh and positive attitude inspired everyone with whom she came in contact. She had so much energy and always motivated others to achieve in life. Dale took a genuine interest in all of the kids she taught and coached over the years. They have called her their cheerleader, a role model, an optimist, an inspiration, and THE Ultimate Redskin. She made a deep impact on every single person she met in life and to quote one of her students, “To know her was to love her.” Dale loved to be with friends and family and often was the life of the party. She was passionate about all sports but especially football and golf. This spring/summer she was consistently shooting in the low 80’s and loved traveling to play different courses.

Adele leaves behind her twin sister: Micki (David) Marra; brother: Bob (Kathleen) and many nieces and nephews. Her beloved dog, Hokie, named for the Virginia Tech team where her brother, Tom, played and coached, it was the love of her life.

Friends may visit from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm Friday, December 2, 2022, at Teays Valley Baptist Church, 3926 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526.

The Funeral Service will be 1:00 pm Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Teays Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Jerry Losh officiating.

A private family burial will be in Cunningham Memorial Park St. Albans, WV.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name to: Adele Groom Scholarship Fund, Hurricane High School, 3350 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory you may do so by visiting Grooms’

tribute page at: [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com).

Chapman Funeral Home family owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to handle Adele's arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church  
3926 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
<http://www.teaysvalleybaptist.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church  
3926 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
<http://www.teaysvalleybaptist.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



Chapman Funeral Homes - December 03, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Carolyn Adele Groom*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Bethany Pauley lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



Bethany Pauley - July 21, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *Diana Torman lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



Diana G. Torman - December 06, 2022 at 12:28 PM

PS

“ *Paula sprouse lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



Paula allen sprouse - December 05, 2022 at 07:36 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Carolyn Adele Groom.*



December 02, 2022 at 05:46 PM



“ *Our collective hearts are broken. I never had Ms. Groom as a teacher but she was an energetic and encouraging person for all of the students with whom she had contact. Her voice echoed through the hallways and she maintained a positive attitude at all times. Her enthusiasm was contagious. We have an empty hole in our hearts with you gone, Groom. We will carry on your love and enthusiasm! Enjoy running with all of your fur babies who have crossed over to heaven with you along the rainbow bridge.*

Jamie Totten - December 02, 2022 at 01:39 PM

FN

“ No profession influences more lives than does a teacher. And no teacher could have possibly impacted more lives than did Adele Groom. It's safe to say that Groom not only knew (and remembered) the name of every student who went through HHS, during her 40 years there, but also knew something personal about each one. If something was happening at HHS, Groom was there to support her kids.

When we moved to Putnam County forty years ago, Adele was the first to welcome us. She remained a true friend and became a part of our family. She even taught our youngest to ride a bike.

God has truly blessed our family and this community in many ways, not the least of which was to have had Adele Groom as a part of our lives.

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**Frank Nowwiskie** - December 02, 2022 at 08:37 AM

BB

“ I had the privilege of being in Adele's first period class her first year teaching PE at Hurricane HS when I was beginning my senior year in the fall of 1972. She was immediately embraced and loved as a favorite teacher. She was more like a friend to all of us girls and was truly an encourager & cheerleader to all of us no matter our athletic abilities! Soon she became a member of my church and even sang with us in the New Disciples youth singing group. I never saw her down! She was always smiling & had a hug if she hadn't seen you in awhile. Over the years when I come home to Hurricane to visit family and go to First Baptist Church, I could count on Adele to call out a big "hello" from the crowd & work her way over to give me a hug! Hurricane will miss her greatly but she is at peace in the arms of Jesus.

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**Becky (Hogsett) Burke** - December 02, 2022 at 08:22 AM

CB

“ *Connie Burgess lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



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**Connie Burgess** - December 01, 2022 at 06:25 PM

KS

“ *What a precious lady Adele played golf with us at twin silos in lavalette  
Always with a smile on her face saw her in June at sleepy hollow it  
was like old times was fun to see and talk to her ! Prayers to her  
family and precious friends.*

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**kay smith** - December 01, 2022 at 02:05 PM

RS

“ *Never had a class with her as the teacher...but she taught by  
example, always a smile and a welcome. She helped make high  
school fun for many people...She beat all of us to the reward!*

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**Randy Starr** - December 01, 2022 at 02:04 PM

CJ

“ *Groom was a part of that building, I swear!!  
She was always there with a smile on her  
face-I don't remember her ever being angry,  
at least she never let us kids see it!! Gone too  
soon but I'm sure God had Angel things he  
needs her to do! Till we meet again my friend!!*



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**Cynthia Hyre Jones** - November 30, 2022 at 10:52 PM

TC

“ My prayer is that not only Groom’s beloved family will find a measure of comfort knowing that this fine woman made a difference in her earthly journey. I believe she made every single moment count, loved and worshiped “with everything in her” I’m an old alumni and I had a young, cute as a button loving physical ed teacher in Miss Groom, you see I’m “roly-poly” and she encouraged me with such enthusiasm and instilled a confidence in me that carried over into my career as a RN mostly in critical care for 54 years, I was privileged to have her mom Adele as a mentor when I started my first job at St. Francis. As the years passed I never saw Groom without her having a big grin, hug , a how ya doing . My daughter Amanda also thought the world of Groom as she too had her many years later at HHS. My prayers for one of the finest gals I’ve ever met. Her loss is tremendous but her impact on us all is a gift from Groom and God. Blessings of Comfort , Terry Burns Chhabra, Class of ‘74❤️🙏

Terry Burns Chhabra - November 30, 2022 at 08:29 PM

TH

“ Teresa Chris Harris lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom



Teresa & Chris Harris - November 30, 2022 at 06:36 PM

TH

“ Adele ALWAYS had a Smile, was a person who could just lift you up with her friendly hello. So sad this light is gone, hopefully we all learned a little smile and kindness lights up another person.



Teresa Higginbotham - November 30, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ *I have no words. Adele meant so much to so many. She will be greatly missed.* ”



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**Robin Martin-McClure** - November 30, 2022 at 04:19 PM

SL

“ *Sara Lane lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom* ”



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**Sara Lane** - November 30, 2022 at 03:41 PM

JC

“ *Jane Collins lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom* ”



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**Jane Garrett Collins** - November 30, 2022 at 10:12 AM

CB

“ *Connie Bolen lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom* ”



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**Connie Tinsley Bolen** - November 30, 2022 at 03:44 AM

CA

“ I went to college with Adele at Morris Harvey. She was a teammate and good friend who loved life. We drove from Charleston to Kansas City to watch the men’s basketball team play in the NAIA tournament. We went in her VW bug had so much fun, a great time!!! She will be missed greatly.

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**Carol Alfano** - November 29, 2022 at 07:16 PM

PE

“ Groom was a special lady to the town of Hurricane. She was my home room teacher and I will never forget her. She always had a smile on her face for anyone and everyone she was in contact with. She was a huge support in our schools, community and lives. She brought so much pleasure to all here on earth, I'm positive she is a special angel smiling at all in heaven and looking down on everyone she watched over when she was here. Our heavenly father has been blessed with her presence. Love you Groom!!!

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**PAM ESTES** - November 29, 2022 at 12:58 PM

SC

“ Sarai Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom



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**Sarai Cook** - November 28, 2022 at 09:45 PM

WS

“ I'm so Sorry to hear this. I'm sure anyone that had or has a child that went to HHS has had a encounter with Adele Groom. Caring Person Teacher. She will be missed.

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**Wilma Stanley** - November 28, 2022 at 06:12 PM

WS

“ *Wilma Stanley lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



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**Wilma Stanley** - November 28, 2022 at 06:06 PM

CC

“ *Clara Clay lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



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**Clara Clay** - November 28, 2022 at 02:53 PM

SD

“ *Adele, my husband John & I were all three PE majors at MHC (UC) together. Adele was always such a great person. She was friendly to all, never forgot a face and never changed through the years. She will most definitely be missed.*

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**Susan Duernberger** - November 27, 2022 at 08:39 PM

SC

“Groom was a teacher, a coach, a mentor, and a friend to so many. She inspired you by her infectious energy and enteral optimism. She had a way of making you feel special because she personally invested in you by encouraging you or pushing you to try harder. She was brave enough to tell you what you needed to hear and you were better for it. I always appreciated that about her. Groom brought the best out of you either as a student, an athlete, or simply as a person. Every community would be blessed to have an Adele Groom as a part of it. A great legacy by any measure.

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**Scott Cart** - November 27, 2022 at 07:57 PM

RT

*That was a beautiful. She was all this things to me as well.*

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**Robin Turley** - November 29, 2022 at 12:01 AM

KI

“Karen Isner lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom



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**Karen Isner** - November 27, 2022 at 07:42 PM

DR

“ It is very sad to hear of the passing of Adele Groom because Groom was so ALIVE. I remember first coming to Hurricane High School and taking her gym class where her voice reverberated off the walls as she would squat down with arms moving saying things like "gang this is how you do it" as she taught us how to march in the band (something I had never done in a gym class.) I remember thinking to myself "who is this lady!?" I then worked with her for several years at the Chilton House Restaurant where she taught me how to wait tables and I would watch how she would give speeches with energy and interest to large groups about the history of the house. I also went to church with her at First Baptist in Hurricane where she brought that same energy and life to her faith. Throughout the years I would run into Groom at various sporting events or other events and she always had that same energy and life to her that I had seen on the very first day I attended her gym class many years ago. The Hurricane community lost, as she would say "a very special Redskin", but I am pretty sure that Heaven is a little more ALIVE today.

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**Duane Ruggier** - November 27, 2022 at 03:46 PM

SC

Well said Duane. Alive is a great word to describe her. Everyone who she taught, coached, mentored, or befriended - left that experience a little wiser and inspired by her eternal optimism. I can still feel her arm over my shoulder encouraging me on the track or giving me advice between classes. She had a way of touching people by personally investing in them. She cared and you felt that. She led by example and always gave it to you straight. I appreciated that. Every community would be blessed to have had an Adele Groom as a part of it. I personally am thankful to have known such a wonderful person who taught, coached, mentored, and befriended me.

- Scott Cart

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**Scott Cart** - November 27, 2022 at 07:32 PM

RT

*I remember her so well in gym class, as my coach on the volleyball team and as my coach on the track team. She had this way of getting your attention in her energetic, loud voice...."Listen up gang"! I so remember her putting her arm around my shoulder giving me advice in volleyball and track and field. She could pump you up and make you feel invincible. During my senior year everyone expected me to win the States in the shot put. She picked me up that morning and when I told her I had the flu she was so disappointed and upset. She pumped me full of aspirin and she made sure I was taken care of. She had a maternal way about her as well as all her other attributes. She cared not only for me but every student. It didn't matter if you played sports or not. She truly loved all her kids. There was a side of her if you crossed the line she could put you in your place. On the 440 relay she moved me from 4th leg to the first leg and we argued. She told me if I didn't like it I knew where the locker room was. Lol!! I thought about it and suddenly I realized how right she was!! 😂. Amazing how quickly you can change your mind. She'll always be in my thoughts and in my heart. The pain of losing such a special lady ripped my heart to shreds. I'll never forget her. Taken way too soon!*

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**Robin Turley** - November 29, 2022 at 12:31 AM

MC

*The entire Groom family had a strong presence in my early childhood our parents were close friends. I'm so sad to hear of her passing. My prayers and my family prayers are with Bobby and Mickie. They will forever have a permanent place in our hearts. Loved them all too memories and they were all there. Marilyn Litton Cheney*

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**marilyn litton cheney** - November 29, 2022 at 12:45 PM

SM

“ *It's been 46 years since I was in high school but Ms Groom was one teacher that had the spark to encourage each and every one of her students!!*

*She will always be remembered as one of "The Best " go Rest high until we all gather again!*

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**Sherri Mccracken** - November 27, 2022 at 03:40 PM

DS

“ *Ms. Groom was a stellar educator and an incredible human being. She will be missed.*

*Debra Sullivan*

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**Debra Sullivan** - November 27, 2022 at 09:40 AM

DI

“ *Deborah Isner lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



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**Deborah Isner** - November 26, 2022 at 11:13 PM

CC

“ *Cindy Chapman lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



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**Cindy Chapman** - November 26, 2022 at 03:23 PM

SH

“ *Groomy was a great gal with a love of life. Fun to play golf with. She was a great representative of Hurricane High School. I'll really miss her.*

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**Scott Henderson** - November 26, 2022 at 12:20 PM

SR

“ *Sonya Richardson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



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**Sonya Richardson** - November 26, 2022 at 10:31 AM

MM

“ *mrs. macerol lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



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**mrs. amy macerol** - November 26, 2022 at 02:09 AM

MM

“ *Mrs. Groom was a wonderful teacher . I enjoy her jokes. She would always light up the room with her smile and was very caring lady . I will never forget her.*

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**mrs. amy macerol** - November 26, 2022 at 02:08 AM

SR

“ *Was one of the best teachers. Surely will be missed.*

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**Sonya Richardson** - November 26, 2022 at 12:43 AM

FC

“ I was shocked to hear of her passing, as I had just ran into her at Kroger’s at Riverwalk just a week before hand. She looked awesome and was as full of life as she ever has been. She even circled around a second time to give me a hug before she left. Miss Groom ... You made every single person you came in contact with feel extra special! Thank you for loving and encouraging my children. Rest Easy Coach!!

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**felisha Coyner** - November 26, 2022 at 12:35 AM

EB

“ Adele was always so great with our children in school. When she saw us, she would go out of her way to speak. She will be greatly missed.

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**Evelyn Bowling** - November 25, 2022 at 04:36 PM



“ Ms. Groom you had an effect on HHS lives. I appreciate you being apart of mine. I'll never forget you.

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**Allen Hesson** - November 25, 2022 at 12:01 AM

PB

“ What a special person! Although I didn't see her often over the years, she always was good for feel good hug and definitely a "Hey Boonie Boonie". She never forgot any of her past students and always made all of us feel special. Rest in peace sweet Groomie.

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**Paula Boone** - November 24, 2022 at 02:18 PM

LR

“ *Such a caring person .*



**liz Ransom** - November 23, 2022 at 09:27 PM

SB

“ *Sue Bennett lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



**Sue Bennett** - November 23, 2022 at 09:23 PM



“ *Barbara Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Adele Groom*



**Barbara Reynolds** - November 23, 2022 at 07:33 PM

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“ *I remember when I was in 9th grade she wanted me to run track. Hey gang we need a good team!!! She was a huge fan of my mom and always knew everyones name ALWAYS*

**Sandra (Qualls)Payne** - November 23, 2022 at 07:31 PM

RT

“ My condolences go out to the family of Adele Groom. We have lost an angel and an icon who was a shining light of Hurricane High School and the community. I’m a 1976 graduate of Hurricane High and I remember the first time I met her for gym class. She was so full of energy and had this infectious smile that made you like her immediately. She was my volleyball and track and field coach throughout my years at Hurricane and she had this ability to get the best out of you. The memories I have of “Groom” are many. She was more than a coach, mentor and teacher, she was my friend. I remember when she had her tan VW Beetle! She would sometimes pick me up and take me to school. She was so much fun and full of life. She truly cared about all her students and the school. I will miss her always. There will be a void in our hearts but we will have our memories of her.

*My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. It is a devastating loss to everyone that entered her life. RIP Groom! You will be deeply missed!!*

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**Robin Turley** - November 23, 2022 at 07:20 PM

DH

“ When my daughter was a baby Del got her the cutest little pair of shorts that says” Maryland Terps.” I believe her brother was a coach or something there. Anyway my daughter is 42 and I still have those shorts. One of the few things I could never let go of and now I’m so glad I kept them

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**Deborah Young Hoffman** - November 23, 2022 at 04:44 PM