



Betty Hamlett Cook

February 16, 1939 - August 26, 2025

Betty Hamlett Cook, 86, of Altavista passed away on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. Betty was born in Pittsylvania County on February 16, 1939, the daughter of the late Elwood Hamlett and Maude Johnson Hamlett.

Betty graduated from Radford University earning a degree in music. She was a member of First Baptist Church on Bedford Avenue in Altavista and served as the Choir Director. She was known for her exquisite rendition of "O Holy Night". She was also a longtime member of the Jefferson Choral Society where she served as President. Betty was an accomplished golfer and talented artist who enjoyed applying her skills to gardening, needlework, cooking, entertaining and many other artistic endeavors.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Eldridge Baxton Cook, Jr., five brothers, three sisters, and her special friends, Miss Magnolia and Miss Abbie.

Betty is survived by one sister, Lois Reynolds and her husband Dennis, a nephew David Cook and his wife Ann, Daniel Cook and his wife Sheila, and many other nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 31, 2025, at First Baptist Church on Bedford Avenue, Altavista, with Rev. R.G. Rowland presiding and Rev. Mike Lee and Rev. Alden Gallimore assisting. Interment

will follow at Greenfield Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers those wishing to make memorials are asked to donate to BARCC (Bringing Animal Renovations to Campbell County) at barccmeow.com or PO Box 46, Rustburg, VA 24588.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Greenfield Baptist Church Cemetery

384 Fairmont Road
Gretna, VA 24557

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
1001 Bedford Ave.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the album *Funeral Service*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - August 31, 2025 at 05:47 PM

PV

“ *Paul VanKerckhove lit a candle in memory of Betty Cook*



Paul VanKerckhove - August 31, 2025 at 01:34 PM

SJ

“ *I was married to Rodney Cook who was Baxton Cook's brother but passed quite a few years ago. We enjoyed our visits with Betty and Baxton in their home and also apartment in Wintergreen. She was such a happy lady and a talented one also. And a terrific chef. After Rodney passed, I did not get to visit them as I married again but we did keep in touch through mail and phone calls. Yes she was quite a pianist, She loved her Church and the music she contributed to her Church. I know her family will miss her and I am sad she passed but do pray she was comfortable until the end. Sibyle Cook Jenks
21124 Cardinal Pond Terr, apt 108, Ashburn, Va 21047*

Sibyle Cook Jenks - August 30, 2025 at 08:51 PM

LM

“ Betty will always be a special friend to me. We shared a lot of wonderful times together that I cherish to this day. She was such an extraordinary person. She loved her friends and her family dearly and nobody will ever match the beautiful voice and kind spirit Betty possessed.

linda manis - August 29, 2025 at 11:17 AM

LK

“ Betty Cook will, I think, always be remembered as the Jefferson Choral Society first soprano everyone wanted and worked hard to sit next to. Betty had a wonderful high soprano voice, and she could read any piece of music and sing it in any language. Most of the rest of us were not so lucky, but our abilities could improve exponentially if we sat next to Betty and listened well! Betty was a good president of the organization also, and she was kind and friendly to everyone. She will be a major loss to our community and to each and every one of us who had the privilege to know her. Sending love,
Lynn Kable (ordinary JCS 2nd soprano)

Lynn Kable - August 28, 2025 at 08:09 PM

AO

“ I simply adored her. Such a kind and beautiful woman.

anne olsen - August 28, 2025 at 06:44 PM

JM

“ Jimmy Marr lit a candle in memory of Betty Hamlett Cook



Jimmy marr - August 28, 2025 at 04:09 PM

GF

“ *Lois Anne, my sincere condolences to you and your family. Betty was a lovely and talented lady. I have fond remembrances of her in high school. She was my neighbor in Dublin, Va. I had the pleasure of hearing her sing with the Jefferson Chorale Society.*

Gail Ferguson - August 28, 2025 at 02:05 PM