



## Doris Lanier Cocke

May 6, 1928 - November 15, 2016

Doris Lanier Cocke, 88, formerly of Hurt died Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at The Summit in Lynchburg. She was the wife of Paul Edmond Cocke for sixty-eight years.

Born in Pittsylvania County, she was a daughter of the late Sarah Francis "Fannie" Emerson Lanier and Dews Lanier. She was a long and devoted member of New Bethel United Methodist Church where she taught youth and adult Sunday School classes and served as Administrative Board Chair for many years.

Mrs. Cocke received her undergraduate degree from Longwood University and a Master of Science Degree from Virginia Tech. She did further study at Averett University, UVA, and James Madison University.

She taught school for a short time in Pittsylvania County, however her long time career was at Altavista High School. While at AHS, she taught Home Economics Education/Family Living and English. She was Vocational Education Department Chair and sponsor of the popular Future Homemakers of America organization, which also provided leaders for the State FHA Association. She sponsored the National Association of Student Councils for nineteen years. Mrs. Cocke was often asked by the State Department of Home Economics Education to serve on state committees and to chaperone

youth to out-of-state conferences. She always tried to provide outstanding and educational activities for her students including a trip to the World's Fair in Memphis.

Mrs. Cocke was President of the Virginia Home Economics Teachers Association for two terms, President of the Virginia Vocational Association and served on the American Vocational Association Planning and Policy Committee of the Southern Region. She received many awards and certificates for her untiring interest in education, some namely VHETA Teacher of the Year, Honorary FHA Adviser, NAVHET Distinguished Service Award and the VVA Presidential Award. She was a Past President of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society of key women educators. She was invited to the White House Conference on Children and Youth by President Dwight D. Eisenhower which met in Washington, D.C. and at the University of Maryland.

After retiring, she became more interested in history and the genealogical/hereditary societies. She was descended from the founding families of Virginia and was proud of her heritage. She was a member of the Jamestown Society whose 12th generation grandfather came to the colonies in 1610, a member of the Dames of the Magna Charta, a member of the Plantagenet Society, a past Regent of the Colonel Charles Lynch Chapter DAR, President of DAR District III Regent's Club, DAR Vice Director of District II, and Honorary Vice President General of the National Dames of the Court of Honor, a past President of the Henry Corbin Chapter Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, a charter member of The Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, The Virginia Society, Dames of the Court of Honor, and a Daughter of the National Association of American Colonists.

She is survived by three sisters, Marian Grey L. Brooks of Scottsville, Nancy Lanier of Virginia Beach, and Linda L. Rice and her husband Raymond of Hurt; two brothers, Ralph Lanier and his wife Shirley of Maricopa, AZ and

Paige Lanier and his wife Marian of Colorado Springs, CO; four sisters-in-law, Gaynelle G. Lanier, Betty K. Lanier, and Shirley Lanier all of Hurt, and Barbara Lanier of Lynchburg; Godchildren, Lana R. Dews of Hurt, Jane R. Crenshaw of Midlothian, Greylin Rice of Mebane, NC, and William Dews Lanier of Reidsville, NC; two other nieces were very dear to her, Kimberly Lanier Dalton her "Kimbo" as she affectionately called her of Staunton and Sara Beveridge of Virginia Beach; also, her nephew, Troy V. Lanier of Centerville, UT.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Dr. William J. Lanier, Sidney Lanier, Larry Dale Lanier, Carroll Lanier, and Frederick Lanier; a nephew, Raymond Rice, Jr.; and a beloved niece Leslie Jo Lanier.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 19, 2016 at New Bethel United Methodist Church by the Rev. Steve Morris and the Rev. R.A. "Dick" Dailey with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends immediately prior to the funeral beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

The family suggests those wishing to make memorials consider New Bethel U.M. Church Building Fund, c/o Kaye Scruggs, 3185 Grit Rd., Hurt, VA 24563, New Bethel U.M. Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Faye Robertson, 3900 Dews Rd., Hurt, VA 24563, Altavista Area YMCA, 718 Seventh St., Altavista, VA 24517, or the Longwood University Foundation, Maugans Alumni Center, Room G10, Farmville, VA 23909.

# Cemetery Details

## New Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery

7061 Dews Road  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

New Bethel United Methodist Church  
7061 Dews Road  
Hurt, VA 24563

## Funeral Service

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Hurt, VA 24563

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - November 18, 2016 at 08:32 AM

PH

*Lovely!! almost as lovely as Mrs. Cocke, as I was required to call her in school ; out of school she was "Doris" she shared many hours with me in her home and blessed me with guidance and love. My love for her never left me and will remain in my heart, Always Phyllis Webb*

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**Phyllis Webb Hammersley** - November 19, 2016 at 12:12 PM

SD

“ *Scott Davis lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Scott Davis** - December 06, 2016 at 03:53 AM

DJ

“ I had the joy of getting to know Doris and Paul when my late wife Mary was their pastor at New Bethel Church. Doris was a long-time key leader in the congregation, a wonderful supporter and encourager of her pastors, and a person of abilities and accomplishments almost too numerous to name. My trips back to the Hurt/AltaVista area seemed incomplete without a visit with Doris and Paul. My prayers and sympathy are with Paul, Doris' other family members, and all who miss this remarkable woman who touched so many people over 88 years of a life well-lived.

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**Dale Jones** - December 03, 2016 at 03:47 PM

LM

“ Linda Manis lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke



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**Linda Manis** - November 20, 2016 at 08:15 PM

JY

“ My sympathy to all of you on your loss. I had the wonderful privilege of meeting Doris when I began teaching home economics in Gretna and know the wonderful influence she had on so many co-workers as well as her students. I also know how she loved her family and shared stories of their adventures. Prayers. Joan S. Yeatts

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**Joan Yeatts** - November 20, 2016 at 02:01 PM

BY

“ *Betty Yeatts lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Betty Yeatts** - November 19, 2016 at 11:17 PM

BY

*Mrs. Cocke was my teacher, oh so many years ago. May she RIP. Sending prayers and thoughts to her loved ones, friends and family.*

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**Betty Yeatts** - November 19, 2016 at 11:20 PM

BS

*Dear Linda and family. I am deeply saddened to learn of Doris's passing I have some very fond memories of you both in the Dames of the Court of Honor. God Bless  
Bonnie Shank Shelton*

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**Bonnie Shank Shelton** - December 09, 2016 at 11:45 AM

JP

“ *Jane Pillow lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Jane Pillow** - November 19, 2016 at 09:12 PM

ML

“ *Mario Paul & Patti Lanier lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Mario Paul & Patti Lanier** - November 19, 2016 at 12:10 AM

JR

“ *Julie Rountrey lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



Julie Rountrey - November 18, 2016 at 09:56 PM

BC

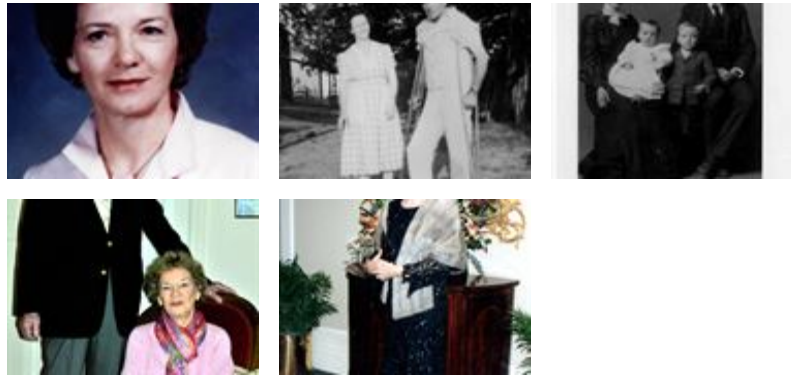
“ *Butch & Glenna W. Carr lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



Butch & Glenna W. Carr - November 18, 2016 at 09:15 AM



“ *35 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 18, 2016 at 08:18 AM

HB

“ *Heather Bryant lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Heather Bryant** - November 18, 2016 at 01:13 AM

HB

*Thank you Mrs. Cocke for the wonderful influence you had on all of your students. You were loved by so many!*

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**Heather Bryant** - November 18, 2016 at 01:21 AM

TF

“ *Trisha Frazier lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Trisha Frazier** - November 18, 2016 at 12:01 AM

JW

“ *Joan Woodson lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Joan Woodson** - November 17, 2016 at 08:12 PM

JU

“ *JudithHedgpeth lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**JudithHedgpeth** - November 17, 2016 at 07:56 PM

SC

“ *I was also in Mrs. Cocke home economics class at AHS. She was by far one of my favorite teachers. RIP Mrs. Cocke Love and Prayers to family*

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**Shirby Watlington Clements** - November 17, 2016 at 07:13 PM

LP

“ *Linda Mayberry Pierce lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Linda Mayberry Pierce** - November 17, 2016 at 05:56 PM

KW

“ *Kathy And Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Kathy and Ray Walker** - November 17, 2016 at 05:17 PM

TH

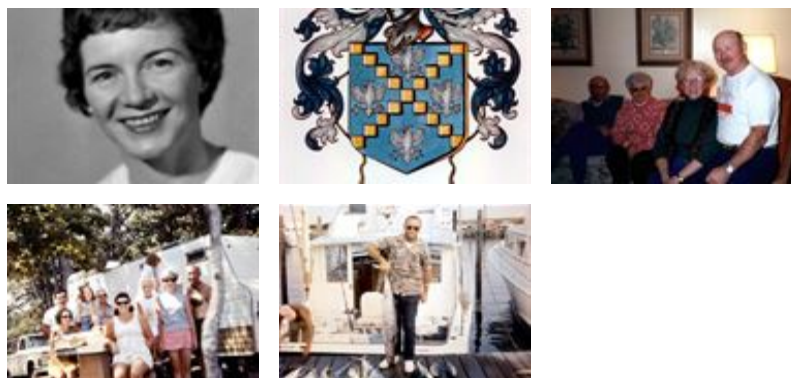
“ Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke



Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson - November 17, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 17, 2016 at 03:21 PM

JD

“ Joyce Dalton lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke



Joyce Dalton - November 17, 2016 at 02:53 PM

CA

“ *Connie & C.j. Austin sent a virtual gift in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**connie & c.j. austin** - November 17, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ *Cindy Stewart lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Cindy Stewart** - November 17, 2016 at 11:20 AM

MS

“ *Doris was one of a kind, a joy to talk to, she was very proud that she was a teacher, and took pride in what she did, I will miss my talks with her!!!!*



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**marybeth seay** - November 17, 2016 at 10:57 AM

VR

*I remember being a student in her Home Economics class decades ago. She was such an inspiration and encouraged her students to always put their best efforts into each and all projects. I still at times long for some of those delicious recipes that we would make. RIP Mrs. Cocke! Thanks for everything!!!*

*Vivian Robinson Rhodes*

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**Vivian Rhodes** - November 17, 2016 at 01:21 PM

TS

“ Tammy Cook/ Back Then/ She Was My School lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke



Tammy cook/ back then/ she was my school - November 17, 2016 at 10:42 AM

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JF

“ JOYCE D FISHER lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke



JOYCE D FISHER - November 17, 2016 at 09:52 AM

LM

“ Lisa Moore lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke



Lisa Moore - November 17, 2016 at 09:41 AM

TH

“ I was lucky enough to be one of Mrs. Cocke's students. She taught me to cook, sew, balance a budget & successfully run a household. I have passed on many of her lessons to my daughters. She made a difference in so many lives. I'm grateful to have known her as a teacher. Rest in peace.

Teresa (Blevins) Hubbard - November 17, 2016 at 08:56 AM

TC

“ Tracey Monroe Calloway lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke



Tracey Monroe Calloway - November 17, 2016 at 08:53 AM

AG

“ Angie Gledhill lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke



Angie Gledhill - November 17, 2016 at 08:14 AM

AK

“ Mrs.Cocke was my Home Econonics teacher for 4 years at Altavista High School and was loved very much. She was always willing to go the extra Nile to help you do your best. She was truly an inspiration to me and I learned a lot from her. May God give you peace and comfort during this time.

Ammie Coffey Keatts - November 17, 2016 at 07:49 AM

PK

“ Mrs. Cocke was not only the best teacher but just a great person she was a real influence in my life . Didn't have a lot growing up but she was always there for me . Always showing kindness and love for her students. She will be reaping great rewards in Heaven! Condolences to the family you are going to be missing a sweet lady.

Patricia Kelly - November 17, 2016 at 06:56 AM

CS

“ I met Mrs Cocke while my children attended AHS 1990's and later in water aerobics at the YWCA. She was a great motivator and encourager I will miss her.

Celeste Shirlen - November 17, 2016 at 06:50 AM

JB

“ Mrs. Cocke was a wonderful teacher and mentor. I have many treasured memories of her and FHA and her classroom. She greatly influenced my life. She will be greatly missed. My family's thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

Jan Bryant - November 17, 2016 at 06:11 AM



“ Deborah Irby lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke



Deborah Irby - November 17, 2016 at 05:19 AM

DM

“ *Dot Rorer Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**dot rorer mitchell** - November 17, 2016 at 04:41 AM

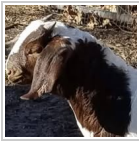
MH

“ *Marlo Henderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Marlo Henderson** - November 16, 2016 at 11:39 PM



“ *Glenna Floeck lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Glenna Floeck** - November 16, 2016 at 11:37 PM

CW

“ *Connie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Connie Wilson** - November 16, 2016 at 11:15 PM

MM

“ So very sorry for your loss !!!  
I love Doris and Paul very much !!  
She will be greatly missed !!  
I always loved visiting with them and seeing  
them at church !!! Doris was a very sweet and  
caring friend whom I was so fortunate to know !!

Thinking of you !!!

Madelyn Meadows & Family

Mama always loved Doris as a teacher and friend also !! Sweet  
memories !!



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**Madelyn Meadows** - November 16, 2016 at 09:02 PM

GG

“ Gwen Goggin lit a candle in memory of Doris  
Lanier Cocke



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**Gwen Goggin** - November 16, 2016 at 08:52 PM

ME

“ Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of  
Doris Lanier Cocke



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**Mary Edmonds** - November 16, 2016 at 08:41 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Ritzer Shirey lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Kathy Ritzer Shirey** - November 16, 2016 at 08:33 PM

JT

“ *Was privileged to be in her Home Economics class at AHS. She made a positive, endelable impact on me. Blessings to family I pray.*



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**Judy Turner** - November 16, 2016 at 08:23 PM

  
JoAnne Dalton

“ *JoAnne Dalton lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**JoAnne Dalton** - November 16, 2016 at 08:18 PM

AM

“ *Aurora A Mata lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Aurora A Mata** - November 16, 2016 at 07:58 PM

AM

“ *She always let me use the Home Ec kitchen to show my Spanish how to make Spanish-style hot chocolate and the French students how to make a crock madame. Those were the days! You'll be sorely missed, Doris!*

*Aurora A Mata(formerly Tolley)*

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**Aurora A Mata** - November 16, 2016 at 07:57 PM

GW

“ *Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Gwenda Willard** - November 16, 2016 at 07:57 PM

SF

“ *Doris was such a lovely Lady. May she rest in peace. God bless the family.*



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**Shirley Forloines** - November 16, 2016 at 07:49 PM

CH

“ *Connie Payne Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**connie payne hall** - November 16, 2016 at 07:45 PM

JF

“ *Judy Fich lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



**Judy Fich** - November 16, 2016 at 07:37 PM

AR

“ *Andy And Jodi Robertson lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



**Andy and Jodi Robertson** - November 16, 2016 at 07:37 PM

KC

“ *Mrs.Cocke was a wonderful teacher and friend to so many.She was so proud of her students and I was so excited to enter her classes of learning.She left me with some sweet memories.Thank you,and now may you rest in peace.*



**Kay and Ray Caldwell** - November 16, 2016 at 07:33 PM

PW

“ *Pamela Irby Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



**Pamela Irby Wyatt** - November 16, 2016 at 07:30 PM

DT

“ *Diane Burnett Trisler lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



**Diane Burnett Trisler** - November 16, 2016 at 07:18 PM

AK

“ *Thoughts & prayers for the family.. Many fond memories.Alice Krantz Keesee*



**Alice krantz keesee** - November 16, 2016 at 07:12 PM

GD

“ *Glenn & Phyllis Dalton lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



**Glenn & Phyllis Dalton** - November 16, 2016 at 07:10 PM

CS

“ *Clarsie Q. Strouth lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



**Clarsie Q. Strouth** - November 16, 2016 at 07:02 PM

PP

“ *Pat Puckette lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Pat Puckette** - November 16, 2016 at 06:57 PM

NJ

“ *Nancy James lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**nancy james** - November 16, 2016 at 06:26 PM

RC

“ *Ruth Cox lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Ruth Cox** - November 16, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ *Ellyn Cox lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Ellyn Cox** - November 16, 2016 at 05:22 PM



“ *Ellyn Cox lit a candle in memory of Doris Lanier Cocke*



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**Ellyn Cox** - November 16, 2016 at 05:20 PM