



Dorothy Barker Kerr

April 19, 1932 - March 17, 2025

Dorothy Barker Kerr, 92, of 107 Marysville Rd., Altavista died March 17, 2025, at the home of her daughter. Dot was the devoted wife of the late Hebert "Hoover" Barker and, later, the late Carlton Kerr. She often spoke of how blessed she was to have experienced such love and companionship twice in her life, treasuring the memories she made with both of them.

Born on April 19, 1932, in Campbell County, Dot was the daughter of the late Alexander Brown and Jeter Manuel Mitchell. After losing her father at a young age, she was lovingly raised by her stepfather, the late George Mitchell.

A woman of resilience and faith, she was a devoted member of Lambs Community Church and a proud retiree of Timken. She faced life's challenges with grace, leaning on her steadfast belief in God. Dot had a generous heart, dedicating her time and love to her family, church, and community.

Dot is lovingly survived by her daughter and caregiver, Vickie Barker Pedro and her husband, Mike, of Altavista, daughter Pam Viar of Gretna, and daughter-in-law Kathy Kerr, of Lynchburg; and her son, W.C. "Wimpy" Kerr and his wife, Juliet, of Rustburg. She also leaves behind three brothers, Ray Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, and Glenn Mitchell with his wife, Dale; and one sister, Ginny Bryant and her husband, Ron. Dot was a proud Granny Kerr to seven grandchildren: Heather Hudson (Tim), Josh Pribble (Amanda), Sherri Sicili

(Randy), Crystal Reed (John), Nick Viar (Sarah), Jenny Sims (Steve), and Jessica Kerr. Her love extends even further to her fifteen beloved great-grandchildren: Addie, Miles, Liam, Aaron, Blake, Trey, Camden, Mikayla, Caleb, Adley, Sawyer Ann, Bodie, Lizzy, Luke, and Johnny.

She was welcomed into eternity by her son, Dennis Kerr; four; sisters, Mary Cash, Lena Hannah, Joyce Hamlett, and Aneta "Sissy" Krantz; as well as her brothers, Jimmy Mitchell, Franklin Mitchell, and George "Doodle" Mitchell. She also endured the heartbreaking loss of her precious grandchildren, April Pribble, Heath Pribble, and great-grandson Wyatt Viar. Though deeply missed, there is comfort in knowing she is reunited with them, undoubtedly sharing stories and laughter once again.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 21, 2025, at Lambs Community Church by Pastor W.L. Pillow with interment to follow in the Barker Family Cemetery, Hurt.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Thursday, at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Centra Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Barker Family Cemetery

7700 Telegraph Rd
Hurt, VA 24563

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lambs Community Church
2591 Lambs Church Rd.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Barker Kerr*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - March 20, 2025 at 08:25 AM

FJ

“ *I always loved Dot and Carlton. I attended church with them at the Baptist Tabernacle in the 1970's-80's. I affectionately called them "Mom and Pop". Now they are reunited in Christ. Wonderful people.*

Frank M. "Marty" St. John - March 21, 2025 at 08:41 PM

DD

“ *Donna and Ron Dauenhauer purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy Barker Kerr.*



Donna and Ron Dauenhauer - March 20, 2025 at 03:21 PM

RC

“ *Randolph And Joyce Coffey lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Barker Kerr*



Randolph and Joyce Coffey - March 20, 2025 at 03:07 PM

CR

“ Corrie, Kevin, Eian & Reece purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Barker Kerr.



Corrie, Kevin, Eian & Reece - March 20, 2025 at 06:58 AM

ES

“ Eric Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Kerr



Eric Scruggs - March 20, 2025 at 12:15 AM

CP

“ So, sorry for your loss.
Our Thoughts and Prayers are with all of you.
Sincerely,
Connie Pugh
Joe Gilbert



Connie Pugh - March 19, 2025 at 06:38 PM

AK

“ VICKIE AND ALL THE FAMILY THINKING OF YOU ALL WITH PRAYERS AND HUGS. DOROTHY WAS A VERY SPECIAL LADY



Alice krantz keesee - March 19, 2025 at 01:53 PM

CS

“ *Dot was a prayer warrior for others and so very kind. I was blessed to know her years ago thru attending Baptist Tabernacle Altavista. Her husband Carlton sang bass in the quartet with my husband Dennis. I played the piano for them. Those were such great times. God bless all those she left behind until you meet again.*

Celeste Shirlen - March 19, 2025 at 10:57 AM

NA

“ *Vicki and Family,
Thinking of you all at this difficult time. Dorothy make a good coconut pie.
Love,
Nancy Ashwell*

Nancy Ashwell - March 19, 2025 at 08:44 AM

JP

“ *Johnny Parker lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Kerr*



Johnny Parker - March 19, 2025 at 07:07 AM

JR

“ *Granny Dot was a Pray warrior 🙏 she was always faithful to ask about others and letting you know she was praying for you and them, May sweet memories bring comfort during this difficult time and in days ahead
Love and Prayers*



JoAnn Rice - March 18, 2025 at 11:13 PM

SJ

“ Steve, Jenny, Lizzy, Luke, and Johnny purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dorothy Barker Kerr.



Steve, Jenny, Lizzy, Luke, and Johnny - March 18, 2025 at 07:53 PM

SJ

“ Steve, Jenny, Lizzy, Luke, and Johnny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Barker Kerr.

Steve, Jenny, Lizzy, Luke, and Johnny - March 18, 2025 at 07:53 PM

SB

“ Love & Prayers to the family. Dorothy was a very special and precious lady. She was loved by everyone. Sue & Edwin



Susan Blackstock - March 18, 2025 at 05:40 PM

JL

She was a very nice lady married to my favorite uncle Carlton Kerr

jackie kerr Lilly - March 22, 2025 at 02:36 PM

CK

“ I am so sorry for this loss to your family. She was such a sweet lady and always had a smile for me. Vicki I know how much great care you took of her. You are a special lady just like your mom. Lots of prayers and hugs for comfort 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�

connie kendrick - March 18, 2025 at 03:45 PM

PP

“ Vicky and rest of family, I am so sorry to hear of Dorothy’s passing. She was one sweet lady. Dorothy was a real Christian, devoted to her religion and church. I have known Dorothy all my life and love to talk to her whenever I would see her out. My thought and prayers go out to each family member in this time of sorrow.



Pat Puckette - March 18, 2025 at 03:33 PM