



Etta Cox Coffey

August 12, 1923 - October 10, 2018

Etta Cox Coffey, 95, of 8375 Gladys Road, Altavista died Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at Guggenheimer Health and Rehab. She was the wife of the late George James Coffey.

She was born August 12, 1923 in Evington, a daughter of the late Willie Thomas Cox and Lucy Cox Cox. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. Etta enjoyed fishing, gardening, canning and singing.

She is survived by one son, Randolph Coffey and his wife Joyce of Altavista; one daughter, Deborah C. Payne and her husband Darrell of Altavista; four grandchildren, Donna Lanier (Terry), Jeremy Payne (Kara), Ray Coffey (Robin) and Chris Payne; four great grandchildren, Jill Sexton (Justin), Jordon Payne, Carly Payne and Brett Coffey; one great-great grandson, Easton Sexton; and a special friend, Myrtle Wade.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Melvin and Bennie Coffey; three sisters, Virginia Little, Betty Little and Katherine Hensley; and five brothers, Tom, John, Reed, Charles and Edward Cox.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Calvary Baptist Church by the Rev. Wayne Draughn and Randolph Coffey with interment to follow in Altavista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Friday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the home of Deborah and Darrell Payne.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church, 2635 Tabor Road, Gladys, VA 24554.

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
226 Riverbend Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - October 12, 2018 at 09:58 AM

MC

Randolph and Joyce i am so sorry to hear about your mother Randolph! You all are in my prayers!

Madeline Clark - October 12, 2018 at 05:12 PM

IK

I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Coffey's death. It's hard losing a loved one. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Dimp

inez Keatts - October 15, 2018 at 07:52 PM

BT

“ *Debbie and Darrell,
I was so sorry to learn of Mrs. Coffey's recent passing. Thinking of you and your family during this sad time. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Becky R. Thomas

Becky R. Thomas - October 18, 2018 at 09:56 AM

Sheila
Little

“ *Sheila Little lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Sheila Little - October 13, 2018 at 11:11 AM

RC

“ *Ruth Coc lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Ruth Coc - October 13, 2018 at 01:03 AM

BC

“ *Etta Alice Coffey was my second Mom as her Daughter Debbie has been my best friend since we were just kids, hollering across the hill to each other. I was always welcome at her house and learned so much from her, still making her potato salad that I have always loved. She always put up with Debbie and I making a lot of noise, how I don't know. Rest In Peace mama#2!*

Becky Clay - October 12, 2018 at 10:03 PM

PP

“ *Paulette Payne lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Paulette Payne - October 12, 2018 at 02:17 PM

MC

Randolph, I am so sorry to hear of your mother' s passing but we know she is with our savior now. God bless you my friend and prayers for comfort and peace. MAC Calhoun.

Mac Calhoun - October 12, 2018 at 08:27 PM

JB

“ *Mrs. Coffey was quite a woman. Once you met her, you would never forget her.*

To Randolph and Joyce, we share your sorrow, and also with Darrell and Debbie.

To the remaining family, we also share your sorrow.

Love You

Jerry & Bonnie

Jerry & Bonnie Butlere - October 12, 2018 at 10:39 AM

GW

“ Dear Randolph & Debbie and all her other family members,

If you knew Aunt Etta, you KNOW she didn't hold back on what she thought or said! She told it just like it was, whether it was a reference to something personal, or a reference to your spiritual needs, it was the "gospel", and sometimes it wasn't pretty, but she didn't hesitate to tell the whole truth..... She could quote the Bible, tell you how to cook, tell you how to can, tell you how to prepare & cook deer meat, potato salad, and ho-cakes! If you went to a homecoming at church, she'd pull you to the side and take you to HER food, before it was all gone, because you knew it wouldn't last very long! Aunt Etta was special and helpful to a lot of the family, you could count on her if someone got sick or had a long illness, she'd help and do whatever she could. She was always willing to share what she had without hesitation. I can recall numerous times that we would get stuff together and take a family in need, and it didn't have to be someone in church, it could be anybody we heard about! She was a "mess" though, with her tales and talk of her younger days. She sung in quartets and trios all her life, with her unusually deep alto voice. I know she loved playing her guitar, and loved any opportunity for all of us to come to her house and play and sing together. We've sung together on radio programs, at homecomings, at family gatherings, and I think the most special times were at the "Old Fashioned" Baptizing services we'd have by the creek. Those memories of us singing and playing together, even though she corrected me a LOT, will always be cherished. I'll miss her, and I know you will too. I love you Aunt Etta, enjoy your new Heavenly Home!

GLEND A WOOD - October 12, 2018 at 10:39 AM

NF

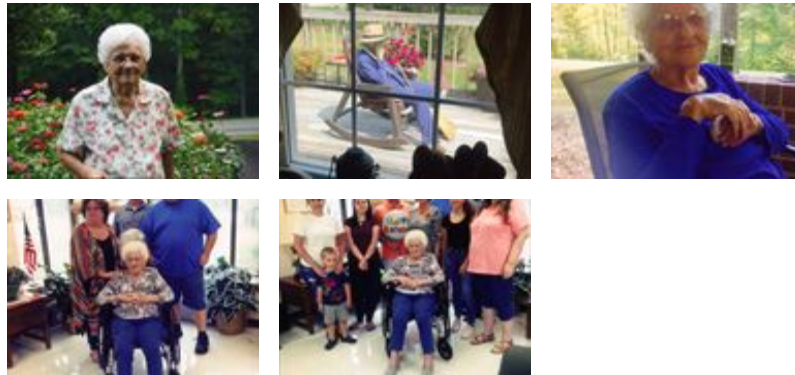
“ Nathan, Lisy, & family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Etta Cox Coffey .



Nathan, Lisy, & family - October 12, 2018 at 09:07 AM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - October 12, 2018 at 08:54 AM

AK

“ Thoughts & Prayers for the Family & Friends.
Alice Faye Krantz Keesee



Alice Krantz Keesee - October 12, 2018 at 08:27 AM

GG

“ *Gwen Dawson Goggin lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Gwen Dawson Goggin - October 12, 2018 at 07:16 AM

LC

“ *my thoughts and prayers are with the family as a wonderful woman joins her heavenly father. she will be missed and always in our memories .*



lloyd catron - October 12, 2018 at 05:34 AM



“ *Dorothy Brooks lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Dorothy Brooks - October 11, 2018 at 10:26 PM

DL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Donna Lanier - October 11, 2018 at 09:55 PM

“Granny lived and loved the simple life. She loved cooking, sewing, working in her garden and canning the vegetables. She loved to sing and play the guitar and she LOVED to fish. She was a hard working woman. She wasn't interested in material things. She didn't like to shop. She was content to stay up on the hill and do the things she enjoyed. She loved her grandchildren and she played with us, wrestled with us, and entertained us with her mischievous ways. One of our favorite memories happened when she took me, Jeremy, Chris and Ray with her to town. We were caught by the red light in front of Vista Food. Granny was driving a 1968 Impala with a 327, fender skirts and all (according to Jeremy). A vehicle pulls up beside of us and granny looks over and says, I wonder if he wants to race (while revving the engine)? We laughed at her. Granny says, watch this. When that light turned green, granny hit the gas, pinned all 4 of us back against the seat and took off. She was just laughing. I can hear her now, hollering, woooooooooo, weeeeeeee! The four of us were laughing so hard and so proud that our granny had left that other car in the dust! Yes, Granny was a character to say the least. Another side of Granny was her caring side. She loved cooking for others, especially when there was a death or illness. I recall many meals that she cooked for the preachers and their families when her church held revival services. She loved having people to her house to eat and she was an amazing, good old, southern cook! She was well known for being such a good cook. If you didn't believe it, you could just ask her and she would tell you, "I'm the best cook in this country"! I could go on and on telling stories about our Granny. Granny loved her simple life. She didn't have a lot. No money to leave to us. No material things to be divided up. Yet, she and Papa made us rich. They gave us the gift of knowing Jesus. They lived for Him, they taught us about him. They always went to church and took their children to church. They sometimes took the grandchildren to church and always encouraged us to live for the Lord. I recall each time that Granny gave me a card, she would write the words "I love you Donna. Always live for the Lord". Granny and Papa gave to us what no money could ever buy. They gave us a Christian heritage. They made us rich. Rich in knowing the joy of

living simply, giving to others, and knowing Jesus. For these things I am forever grateful! I love you Granny and will see you and Papa again one day! Thank you for being a good, good, Granny!

Donna Lanier - October 11, 2018 at 09:48 PM

LR

“ *Larry Aand Nadine Roach lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Larry aand Nadine Roach - October 11, 2018 at 07:57 PM

LM

“ *Lucinda Mattox lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Lucinda Mattox - October 11, 2018 at 07:49 PM

EB

“ *Family,*

So sorry for your loss. Such a sweet and kind lady.

Love & Prayers,

Edwin & Sue Blackstock



Edwin & Sue Blackstock - October 11, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Bob Williams lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Bob Williams - October 11, 2018 at 06:53 PM

RD

“ *Robert & Bonnie Dawson sent a virtual gift in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Robert & Bonnie Dawson - October 11, 2018 at 06:26 PM

DC

“ *Praying for all of you at this difficult time. Saying goodbye is never easy. May God give grace in the days ahead. In Christ, Rev David & Linda Critcher*

David Critcher - October 11, 2018 at 04:47 PM

GH

“ *Gary&Debbie Hensley lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Gary&Debbie Hensley - October 11, 2018 at 04:35 PM

DI

“ *Dianne Irby lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Dianne irby - October 11, 2018 at 03:50 PM

KM

“ *I have always loved Aunt Etta. I know she is happy in heaven as she has back with so many loved ones who have gone on before. She is singing with my Daddy and Mrs Gunter and John S Cox. The Friendship Quartet is back together again! I wish I could hear them! Sending love to Debby and Randolph and all the rest of the family. Kathy Sue (Little) and Tony Martin*

Kathy Martin - October 11, 2018 at 03:25 PM

EP

“ *Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Eddie Puckette - October 11, 2018 at 03:23 PM

CW

“ *I am heart Broken - yet rejoicing that Etta has gone to be with the Lord. I loved her and George and their sweet family so much! She made the best potato salad ever! Mom and I send our love to you all!*



Cindy Nicks Wall - October 11, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ Aunt Etta, what an awesome and kind lady!!! I will miss you!

Brenda Cox - October 11, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ Vickie Cocke lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey



Vickie Cocke - October 11, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ Randolph & Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you all at this time.



Mary Edmonds - October 11, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ Billy & Diane Davis lit a candle in memory of Etta Cox Coffey



Billy & Diane Davis - October 11, 2018 at 02:08 PM

TD

“ I am going to miss this spunky little lady. She would call me every night when she was still well. She would say my name and then ask for Lynn. They would spend the next 15 minutes talking about their gardens or deer hunting whichever was in season. A lot of those calls would involve an invite to come down there where she would have supper. Fried apples, hoecakes and fatback were always on the table. I am going to miss you Aunt Etta. I love you

Teresa David - October 11, 2018 at 01:57 PM

JK

“ Judy Kirby-Cordle sent a virtual gift in memory of Etta Cox Coffey



Judy Kirby-Cordle - October 11, 2018 at 01:24 PM

DM

“ Dot Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Etta Cox Coffey



dot mitchell - October 11, 2018 at 01:13 PM

DM

I am so sorry about this ,but I know she is in a better place. may she rest in peace

dot mitchell - October 11, 2018 at 01:16 PM

KC

“ Love Myrtle Gene Tony Kim & family ❤️



Kim Cox - October 11, 2018 at 12:47 PM

CH

“ *Connie Payne Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Etta Cox Coffey*



Connie Payne Hall - October 11, 2018 at 12:29 PM