



## Ila Mae Ball Cothran

October 26, 1923 - September 4, 2013

Ila Mae Ball Cothran passed away on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 held in the loving arms of her three daughters. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Edwin Cothran, Sr., her brother Kenneth Ball, and her parents, Volney and Gladys Couch Ball. She is survived by her four children Angela Cothran Farmer (Michael), William Edwin Cothran, Jr. (Karen), Janet Cothran Gross (Wayne), and Courtney Cothran Seed (Jeff); five grandchildren, Justin and Jeremy Hudson, Gregg and Emily Cothran, and Catherine Baxley; and two great-grandchildren, Chloe and Jackson Hudson.

Born October 26, 1923, Ila Mae spent her early years in Richmond, VA where she followed in her mother's footsteps and became a nurse at Johnston Willis Hospital. She soon met the love of her life "Ed", quickly married and moved to Altavista, Virginia to begin her life as a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker. Her family was the greatest joy in her life. She loved to sew, cook, play bridge and shop! She created so many happy family times at home, their house at Smith Mountain Lake, and many shopping adventures.

After the death of her husband, Ila Mae moved to Richmond and spent the past twelve years living in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Michael Farmer where she continued to spread her love and family devotion. Due to the progression of dementia, she spent the last 3 months of her life at the home of Robert Tapp, her caregiver. The family would also like

to thank Alyssa Duncan for her tender care and attention.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday September 15, 2013 at 2:00 pm at Lane Memorial United Methodist Church in Altavista, VA by the Rev. Alan Combs followed by interment at Green Hill Cemetery in Altavista, VA.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lane Memorial United Methodist Church  
1201 Bedford Avenue  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ Hi, I did not know Ila personally but I know how very hard it is to lose a loved one in death and I wanted to express my deep sympathy. At times like this, Ive found Jesus Christ's words at John 5:28,29 to be very comforting where he promised that "the hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out to a resurrection of life." I look forward to that day. Feel free to contact me at the email address listed and again, I'm so sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers.

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**Ashley Roncaglione** - September 20, 2013 at 10:21 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ila Mae Ball Cothran.



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September 13, 2013 at 03:15 PM

WA

“ Janet, Courtney, Angela and Edwin...I pray for The Holy Spirit to come and bring healing, comfort and peace as you mourn the loss of your mother. This season will pass but the memories of mom will last forever!

Wayne

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**Wayne** - September 12, 2013 at 06:24 AM

JM

“ Sorry for your loss my deepest sympathy to the family Jan Maschal



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**Jan Maschal** - September 11, 2013 at 05:31 PM

GC

“ Angela, Edwin, Janet & Courtney,  
Wish we could be there with you. All our Love.

*Gil and Becky*

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**Gil Cothran** - September 11, 2013 at 02:31 PM

TH

“ Sorry to hear this news. I have such good memories of 'going up to Courtney's house' to play as a child. She was always so warm and welcoming and kept a beautiful home. Prayers to the children and their families.....

*Tish Thompson Harner, Alpharetta, GA*

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**Tish Thompson Harner** - September 11, 2013 at 01:43 PM

MS

“ So sorry for you loss. My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire family.

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**Mike Southern** - September 11, 2013 at 09:51 AM

SL

“ Martha, Catherine, Phyllis and family, We are sorry for your loss of Ila Mae. She has a better and an enduring possession for herself in heaven. Hebrews 10:34.  
Sang-il, Sae Hee (Paul) and June Lee

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**Sang-il & June Lee** - September 11, 2013 at 07:49 AM

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“ Nancy F. Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of Ila Mae Ball Cothran



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**Nancy F. Roark** - September 11, 2013 at 07:04 AM

PI

“ Paul VanKerckhove II lit a candle in memory of Ila Mae Ball Cothran



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**Paul VanKerckhove II** - September 10, 2013 at 08:33 AM

GT

“ Janet, Edwin and families -  
So sad to hear of your Mom's passing. Keeping you in thoughts and prayers.  
Gary L. Thomas & family

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**Gary L. Thomas** - September 10, 2013 at 05:28 AM