



Lois White Yates

February 21, 1913 - March 29, 2020

In an ever-changing world, there are few people who can be a face and presence of a small town, and Henderson County lost one of our own today, Sunday morning, March 29, 2020. Mrs. Lois White Yates who just celebrated her 107th birthday on February 21st died at her home after a long, fulfilled life.

One of two children, she was born in 1913 to the late John William “Will” and Effie White in the Ebenezer community of Henderson County. Mrs. Lois was a lifelong resident of the county, attended Scotts Hill High School and up to the year 1929 played basketball on the gym’s dirt floor. For her entire life, she took pride in reading, learning, finding new experiences and sharing her knowledge with anyone that shared her interest. For example, it was her goal to cook at least one new recipe each week and at the age of 105 she had her first manicure. In her younger years she worked at Salant and Salant, became an excellent seamstress and retired after thirty-five years. In addition to sewing for her family, countless years her sewing skills won her numerous blue ribbons and championships year after year at the local fair.

Mrs. Yates had many loves, one was her church at First United Methodist where she was a faithful and the oldest member ever of the church, and her Deborah Sunday School Class as well. But her biggest love was that of her family and everything they experienced together. It could have been the cross-country travel to research her family genealogy that dates to the 1400’s or the frequent antiquing trips or maybe it was the slumber party that she would host every year for her four granddaughters each night before Thanksgiving. As you can see, Mrs. Lois fiercely loved her family. She and her late husband, Olvie T. Yates are survived by a daughter Janice (Tommy) Patterson; five grandchildren: Carla (Andy) Becker, Cathy (Greg) Maples, Jerri Lynn (Robby) Sims, Jaclyn Burleson and Jared Patterson; there are eight great grandchildren: Rachel and Megan Becker, Macy (Nathan) Ginn, Max and Madlyn Maples and Lena, Lila, and Lona Sims. Mrs. Yates lost her daughter Joy Maness in October of 2017 and Joy’s husband, Harold in 2012. She was lovingly called “Aunt Lois” by so many nieces and nephews that spanned many generations.

Private, family only graveside services for Mrs. Lois Yates will be Wednesday at New Hope Cemetery in the Shady Hill community with Rev. Chris Haynes officiating. Because of the Covid-19 concerns, and respecting the 10 or less group size, for the safety of everyone's family there will be no visitation or services at Pafford Funeral Home. The Yates family will hold a celebration of life service at a later date at the First United Methodist Church of Lexington. In lieu of flowers, honorariums can be directed to one of Mrs. Yates' causes, the Deborah Sunday School Class or the Food Pantry at her church. And as all of her friends and family know, as Mrs. Yates would say, "Keep on, Keeping on".

Cemetery Details

New Hope Methodist Cemetery

4770 Shady Hill Rd.
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 1 (CT)

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Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall

GM

“ 1 file added to the album *Graveside Service Video*



Greg Maples - April 15, 2020 at 12:56 PM

MS

To Janice and all of Mrs. Yates family, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness (Galatians 5:22) and your Mother reflected all of these virtues. May the Lord give you and your family peace during this time knowing that one day you will be with your Mother again. She is now in the arms of Jesus. Martha Ann Yeiser Siler

Martha Siler - April 16, 2020 at 06:19 PM

RS

Prayers for the family 🙏. Very Sad, I've been remembering the good times that I had with My visits that I had with Lois and Joy. May God Bless you Janice and Jaclyn and give you much comfort in your time of need. May God Bless You Always. Lois and Joy's Friend (Row).

Rowena Smith - April 16, 2020 at 06:35 PM

MJ

Prayers for you and yours. It was a beautiful service . We love you.

Mouse, Phyllis and Jeff - April 16, 2020 at 11:37 PM

MJ

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Mouse, Phyllis and Jeff - April 16, 2020 at 11:38 PM

SR

Prayers to you and the Family! Beautiful Service!

Sheila Ryals - April 18, 2020 at 11:33 AM

MW

“ Mickey Wilson lit a candle in memory of Lois White Yates



Mickey Wilson - April 01, 2020 at 06:21 PM

RS

“ I will really miss Lois and Joy, I use to Visit with them and talked about the old times. I would help Lois and Joy pick up branches in the yard after Storm's. Prayers 🙏 for the Family and May God bless you always.



Rowena Smith - April 01, 2020 at 09:52 AM

JA

“ Joani Gardner Arnold lit a candle in memory of Lois White Yates



Joani Gardner Arnold - March 31, 2020 at 08:49 AM

JA

Janice, prayers for you and your family during this difficult time. Your mother was a precious Lady.

Joani Gardner Arnold - March 31, 2020 at 08:51 AM

LL

“ Lisa LewisEvans lit a candle in memory of Lois White Yates



Lisa LewisEvans - March 31, 2020 at 02:09 AM

BS

“ I am so sorry for your great loss 🙏



Bonnie Seawright - March 30, 2020 at 04:16 PM

BW

“ I didn't know Ms Lois or her family, but what a celebration of life she lived. We should all strive to leave memories like her. God Bless u and keep u in your time of sorrow

Beverly Carrington Wall - March 30, 2020 at 09:39 AM

DD

“ Donna Darrough lit a candle in memory of Lois White Yates



Donna Darrough - March 30, 2020 at 09:19 AM

DW

“ Debbie Wright lit a candle in memory of Lois White Yates



Debbie Wright - March 30, 2020 at 07:45 AM

EV

“ Elizabeth Vineyard lit a candle in memory of Lois White Yates



Elizabeth Vineyard - March 30, 2020 at 02:09 AM

DB

“ What a delightful person we were all blessed to know for these many years!

Rest in peace, dear Lois.

I know, Janice, your beautiful family and Joy's children are a tribute to Lois every day, and will come together in love and support for each other that will honor her dignity and wisdom; strength and dedication as mother and grandmother.

My heart is with you all.

Sincerely,

Dian

Dian Brown - March 29, 2020 at 09:08 PM

DA

“ *Danny&SheliaBeecham lit a candle in memory of Lois White Yates*



Danny&SheliaBeecham - March 29, 2020 at 09:03 PM

DA

So sorry Janice

Danny&SheliaBeecham - March 29, 2020 at 09:04 PM

RT

“ *Robert & Amy Thurston sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois White Yates*



Robert & Amy Thurston - March 29, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ *Mary Sego lit a candle in memory of Lois White Yates*



Mary Sego - March 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Maness Thomas lit a candle in memory of Lois White Yates*



Kathy Maness Thomas - March 29, 2020 at 08:09 PM

SR

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs Yates. Our prayers are with you all at this sad time. Bob and Stella*

stella Rhodes - March 29, 2020 at 08:02 PM

TF

“ A very sweet & loving lady! So many beautiful memories!
Thoughts & prayers 🙏 to the family



Teresa Franklin - March 29, 2020 at 07:51 PM

PW

“ Peggy Wentworth lit a candle in memory of Lois White
Yates



Peggy Wentworth - March 29, 2020 at 07:31 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois White
Yates



Rhonda Sanders - March 29, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ Roy Gurley lit a candle in memory of Lois White Yates



Roy Gurley - March 29, 2020 at 06:32 PM