



Julia Cooke Obituary

September 20, 1922 - September 3, 2010

Julia W. Cooke, 87, formerly of Albany, GA and Pinetta, FL, died Friday, September 3, 2010 at Magnolia Manor in Americus, GA. Julia was born in Madison, FL on September 20, 1922 and moved to Albany, GA when she was 10, after the death of her father. She met and married Harry J. Cooke when he was stationed in Albany while in the Air Force during WWII. They had been married for 55 years at the time of Harry's death in 2001. Julia and Harry lived in Texas and Nebraska, then returned to Atlanta in 1950 while Harry attended Georgia Tech. Upon his graduation in 1953, they moved to Columbia, S.C. They lived in Columbia for 12 years and were one of the charter families of Virginia Wingard Memorial United Methodist Church. They were selected as Family of the Year there in 1964. Their four children were born in Columbia. In 1966, they returned to Albany, GA, where Julia was an active member of First Methodist Church of Albany and the local garden club. She worked in Civil Service at the Marine Corps Logistics Base until her retirement. After retirement, Julia and Harry took up ballroom dancing, earning their bronze certification from the Arthur Murray Studio. They were active members of the local ballroom dancing group for many years. Julia was a lifetime Flower Show Judge and earned her certification as a Master Gardener in the 1970's. One of her greatest joys was gardening, flower arranging, and sharing plants and cuttings with friends and neighbors. She was also an accomplished cook and cake decorator. She was already making the currently popular "doll cakes," in which the cake appears to be the skirt of a doll's dress, for her daughter in the

1960's. She designed cakes that appeared to be trains, rockets, farms and other subtleties for her children's birthdays and shared these ideas with friends as well. She loved crafts, from ceramics to fabric painting, and did needlepoint also. She was a woman of strong religious faith and supported her church in every way, from teaching Sunday school and Bible School to providing fresh flower arrangements weekly. She was a member of a Methodist circle and also had served on the Alter Guild. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Crape Myrtle Chapter # 163. Julia was predeceased by her husband, parents, brother and sisters, and is survived by her four children: Robert Cooke of Cordele, Kathryn Cooke Davidson and her husband David of Marietta, David Cooke and his wife Lee of Tucker, and Richard Cooke of Tallahassee, FL, along with eight grandchildren, a niece, and two nephews. The family would like to thank the staff at Magnolia Manor for their loving care and attention these past four years. We would also like to thank Henry Burdeshaw, a life-long friend, who loved, visited, and supported our mom until the very end.

Tribute Wall



“ *Julia Cooke Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



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“ *Thinking of you Robert, please call on me if I can do anything for you. Rhonda*

Rhonda Lamb-Heath - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *There are just so many gracious and beautiful adjectives one could use to describe such a Lady as Julia. She will always be fondly remembered. I know she and Harry are now tipping the light fantastic.*

John Boydston - September 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Family and friends, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you in you memories and reflections as you walk this part of the journey of life.*

Joy Wilson - September 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *May the grace of God bring healing during this difficult time of loss...what a special lady! I am so glad to be kinfolk.Love you each...EW*

Rev. Eugene and Florie Wigelsworth - September 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *To the family and friends of Mrs. Julia Cooke, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I csn tell Mrs. Cooke had and eventful and cherished life. She was an expert craftsmen that im sure will be greatly missed. When I lost someone that I loved dearly in death I gained comfort from a scripture found at Revelation 21:4. This scripture is comforting because it brings out that one day there will be no more tears of saddness, no more pain, and best of all no more death! I hope this scrpiture and thought bring you comfort in your time of need*

TDP PDT - September 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Mrs. Cooke, I am very sorry I did not get the chance to know you personally; I feel certain my life would have been made richer thereby. But it already has been, for you gave me and the world a priceless gift in your son Robert and his family...and for this I am indebted to you beyond measure. Sleep a well-earned, peaceful rest and know that you will be remembered and missed profoundly.*

Matthew G. Leger - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My condolences to the Cooke family. I am sure that she will be missed by all. I remember her as being a very nice lady.Joe Burdeshaw*

Joe Burdeshaw - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Family, We are truly sorry to hear of the passing of Julia. Thank you so much for calling and telling me of her passing. Al and I both have MANY fond memories of both Julia and Harry. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. She is most definitely in a better place, and Harry finally has his dancing partner back!! with much love, Shirley and Al Ford*

Shirley Ford - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will always remember Julia Mae when she and Harry would come to Madison, Fla. to the Coody Reunion, we always had a ball when we were together. Julia Mae and my Grandmother Lois were 1st cousins, that was my connection with her so we were 2nd or 3rd cousins. she also was a big help to me in getting the genealogy together on the family. What a remarkable lady. My prayers are with you all.*

Chan Rains - September 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM