



Barbara Lester Starling

July 7, 1931 - July 27, 2015

Barbara Lester Hancock Starling, 84, of the Brosville Community died Monday, July 27, 2015 at Roman Eagle Rehabilitation & Health Care Center.

Mrs. Starling was born in Danville, VA on July 7, 1931 a daughter of the late James Howard Lester and Irene Gillie Lester.

Mrs. Starling worked as a receptionist for Roman Eagle Memorial Home until her retirement in 1992, and attended Tree of Life Ministries.

She was first married to Harold Otwa Hancock, who died on July 16, 2004; she married James Edward Starling, who died on December 7, 2009.

Survivors include a daughter, Ellen "Beth" Craven, and husband, Craig; two sons, Sam Hancock, and wife, Martha; John Hancock, and wife, Francine; two step-daughters, Veronda S. Osborne, and husband, Dale; Lisa S. Hodnett, and husband, Randy; a step-son, Tony Starling, and wife, Leslie; two grandchildren, Shane Hancock, Morgan Craven; step-grandchildren, Dale Marshall, Thomas Osborne, Jeremy Osborne, Courtney Starling, Kristen Starling, Holly Conner, Joshua Edger, and Coles Sherman.

In addition to her husbands she was predeceased by a sister, Corinne L. Newcomb.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 31, 2015 at 2:00 PM from the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel conducted by the Rev. Joe Hopkins and the Rev. Michael Turner.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial donations be made to Brosville Fire & Rescue or to the Danville Life Saving Crew.

Online condolences at www.wrenn-yeatts.com

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel

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Tribute Wall



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John Hancock - August 02, 2015 at 03:24 PM

“ Tomorrow at her memorial we will acknowledge and share both our joy in the gift that her life was to us along with the pain that her passing brings.

In sharing the joy and the pain together, may we lessen the pain and remember more clearly the joy.

Mom was 84 when she passed away on Monday, July 27th while at Roman Eagle Nursing home. It's hard to say goodbye.

We wish that we had more time, and perhaps that during that time we had spent more of it together.

We wish that so much of her life had not been lost to her blindness and recent illness and that things could have been different for her, and for us.

While we know that she is at peace and that her struggles are at an end, there is pain and sadness. But even though she is gone, she has left the legacy of her love and perseverance. The ways she touched our lives will remain, and I ask you to keep those memories alive by sharing them with one another.

How many people in this world have it so much easier than our mom did. How many never had to face half the trouble she faced, and yet lose sight so easily of what is truly important. Many of us get distracted by insignificant things in life, many of us focus on our little problems, and forget that which is most important.

For those of you who have a mother, please hug her today! Don't take one minute for granted.

Everything Mom went through, she always managed to keep her Christian priorities straight. What can be more important than loving and showing your love for God and your family? How can some of us who are blessed with so much forget to be thankful to God? Mom kept her faith through all of her life and recent declining health.

This is a wonderful legacy. This is a wonderful example to follow. Keep focused on what is truly important, not only when your life is easy, but when it is difficult too.

I thank you mom for showing me what true unconditional love is and I thank God for the very special gift he gave to you and me with

granting us the opportunity to have a proper good bye until one day when we meet again.

John Hancock - July 30, 2015 at 10:06 PM



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John Hancock - July 30, 2015 at 12:19 PM



Mom's 83rd Birthday with Francine Hancock

John Hancock - July 30, 2015 at 12:19 PM

MC

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Morgan Craven - July 30, 2015 at 01:19 AM

MC

I took this on the last night I was able to see my Grandmother and talk with her, last Saturday. I miss her so much and will carry her and my memories with me forever.

Morgan Craven - July 30, 2015 at 01:21 AM

CC

“ *Candace Morgan Craven lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lester Starling*



Candace Morgan Craven - July 30, 2015 at 01:16 AM

JS

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Barbara's family, S.E and Martha, Craig, Beth and Morgan, John and Francine. You were the "love" of Barbara's life. She was always so proud of each of you and your accomplishments. I will definitely miss her phone calls, our visits, our sharing and our wondering "whose turn is it to call next time." It was always so comforting to come to Danville and spend time with her and my Uncle Jim. She will always have a special place in my heart.*

I will be thinking of you during this most difficult time and pray your heart is joyful with memories and peaceful with faith and hope and love.... and my caring, May each of you be surrounded by God's rich blessings.

*My love to you,
Peggy Stanhagen*

John and Peggy Stanhagen - July 29, 2015 at 06:02 PM

TW

“ *Thomas, April, Brian Cole, & Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lester Starling*



Thomas, April, Brian Cole, & Wyatt - July 29, 2015 at 05:35 PM

JS

“ John And Peggy Stanhagen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lester Starling



John and Peggy Stanhagen - July 29, 2015 at 05:19 PM

VO

“ Barbara faced many challenges in life here on earth. Those barriers are now gone as she lives now in heaven with her Lord and Savior. Free from pain and suffering. Close to the loved ones that have passed before her.

Barbara did not let the loss of her vision keep her from doing things she enjoyed. Even though it seemed impossible to many, her faith in God helped her through the difficult times. She loved her family and her church. Most every time you talked to Barbara, she talked about her family. She was a strong supporter for her children and enjoyed sharing their accomplishments. I have no doubt she will continue to love her family through her angel wings.

S.E., John and Beth, your Mom is with you now more than ever. When you least expect it, she will be that little voice in your head giving you advise or telling you to "re-think" what you are doing.

Morgan-you are the sunshine in your Grandmother's days. She loves you dearly. Keep her memory alive.

I hope you all find comfort knowing she is now free of pain and at peace in heaven.

Love to you all,
Veronda

Veronda Osborne - July 29, 2015 at 02:30 PM

MC

Thank you so much for your kind words here. Reading this made me smile. I will keep her memory alive for as long as I live. I'll always remember the good times we shared. Love you too.

Morgan Craven - July 30, 2015 at 02:07 AM

DH

“ *Dawn Hankins lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lester Starling*



Dawn Hankins - July 29, 2015 at 01:17 PM

FH

“ *Francine Daniel Hancock lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lester Starling*



Francine Daniel Hancock - July 29, 2015 at 12:15 AM

FH

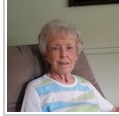
Barbara was a very loving mother and mother-in-law. She will be missed greatly. May she rejoice in heaven. She was blind but now she can see!

Francine Daniel Hancock - July 29, 2015 at 12:25 AM

RN

When I go to her at Tree Of Life and speak to her she would always say, "Ray, I can't see you, but I know your voice and I love you". She was always so sweet.

Ray Nanney - July 29, 2015 at 05:56 AM



Barbara, I will miss you but I know you are in a better place with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I enjoyed the times we spent together. Thank God, Now you can see Jesus and your loved ones that have gone on before you. Praise God! Love you ! <3

Gladys Lance - July 29, 2015 at 11:40 AM

DH

Barbara was one on my Mom's dearest friends. May they enjoy walking the street of Heaven together. God bless her family during this time. She is not here but you will see her again.

Dawn Hankins - July 29, 2015 at 01:16 PM

MC

“ *Morgan Craven lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lester Starling*



Morgan Craven - July 28, 2015 at 09:40 PM

EC

“ *Ellen Beth Hancock Craven lit a candle in memory of Barbara Lester Starling*



Ellen Beth Hancock Craven - July 28, 2015 at 09:31 PM

EC

It's truly an honor to celebrate and share mother's new life with our Lord on my birthday! I love and miss you mom!

Ellen Beth Hancock Craven - July 28, 2015 at 09:39 PM

GL

*God Bless all the family during this time of sorrow in the loss of their precious children and grandchildren, she loved all of you so much.
Love, Gladys Lance.*

Gladys Lance - July 29, 2015 at 11:46 AM