



Dorothy Haley Swanson

June 15, 1920 - January 23, 2016

Dorothy Frances Haley Swanson, 95 of Swansonville, Virginia died in South Boston, Virginia on January 23, 2016 after a lengthy illness.

She was born on June 15, 1920 in Pittsylvania County to the late James Thomas Haley and Eva Holland Haley. The oldest of twelve children, Dorothy was unwavering in her love and devotion to her siblings. She was preceded in death by her brothers Nelson, Udell, Boyd, James, Leonard, and Audrey Haley and by her sisters Pauline Swartz, Angele Baker, Mildred Haley and Melissa Wood.

She is survived by her brother Raymond Haley and her sister-in-law Ila Haley and brother-in-law Melvin Wood.

Dorothy attended Madison College and was a long time elementary school teacher at Whitmell School. She kept up with her first grade students long after they had children of their own.

She married the late Thomas Amick Swanson during World War II and was devoted to him until his death in 1985. She is also predeceased by two children James C. (Jimmy) Swanson and an infant son Frank Thomas Swanson. She is survived by children Ray Swanson (Debbie) of Greensboro, North Carolina; Charles Swanson (Julia) of Richmond, Virginia; Anne Puryear (Mickey) of South Boston, Virginia; Sue Robertson of Richmond, Virginia;

Johnny Swanson of Burlington, North Carolina; and daughter-in-law Nancy Swanson of Danville, Virginia.

Her grandsons Paul, Ryan, Michael, and Cameron Swanson and Tom and Michael Puryear and granddaughters Blair Swanson and Mary Yeaman were the delights of her life. As were her three great- grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She had a wide range of interests: travel, local politics, flowers, quilting, gardening, animals, and disabled children. Dorothy could be counted on to know the name of every flower or flowering bush.

The family wishes to thank Sentara Woodview in South Boston for their gracious loving care of their mother and grandmother.

A funeral service will be held at Swansonville United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 30th at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Linwood Cook officiating. Interment will follow the service in the church cemetery.

The family requests that any donations be made to Swansonville United Methodist Church, 16492 Franklin Turnpike, Dry Fork, Virginia 24549.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home is respectfully serving the Swanson family.

Cemetery Details

Swansonville United Methodist Church Cemetery

16492 Franklin Turnpike
Dry Fork, VA 24549

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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16492 Franklin Turnpike
Dry Fork, VA 24549

Tribute Wall



“ SO SORRY RAY!!!!

James Irvin - July 06, 2016 at 04:42 PM



“ *Ray, Anne & Family,*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Pam Setliff Patterson

Pam Patterson - February 02, 2016 at 10:15 AM



“ *Ray, Anne and family,*

I am so sorry to hear that your mom passed. She was my third grade teacher and I will always remember reading about Clara Barton (my first chapter book) in her classroom. She knew my mother well from their own high school years and was so kind to me even when I talked while I was supposed to be monitoring the classroom for her. She had such a kind and sweet demeanor. There are many, many students who will remember her with a warm feeling in their hearts.

*Thinking of you,
Evelyn Still*

Evelyn Still - January 30, 2016 at 09:10 PM

BW

“ Ray I am certainly sorry to here about your mother. I remember her well as one of my teachers in school.

Barry Waller

Barry Waller - January 30, 2016 at 02:00 PM

KH

“ *Deepest condolences & heartfelt sympathy...*



Kathy Edwards Hamlett - January 30, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Dorothy Haley Swanson.*



January 28, 2016 at 05:41 PM

CL

“ *Claudia, Meredith, Greg and London purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Haley Swanson.*



Claudia, Meredith, Greg and London - January 27, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Haley Swanson.*



January 27, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ *Don Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Haley Swanson*



Don Reynolds - January 27, 2016 at 03:59 PM



A good and caring teacher!

Don Reynolds - January 27, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ *Dorothy Wright Chludzinski lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Haley Swanson*



Dorothy Wright Chludzinski - January 27, 2016 at 03:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dorothy Haley Swanson.*



January 27, 2016 at 02:35 PM



“ *ray debbie michael cameron swanson purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dorothy Haley Swanson.*



ray debbie michael cameron swanson - January 27, 2016 at 01:11 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Mrs. Swanson death. She was my first grade teacher in 1948. Her son Jimmy and I were in the same grades.*

Clinton Adkins

Clinton Adkins - January 27, 2016 at 10:17 AM

TD

“ I am glad I got the pleasure to meet mrs.Swason thru her daughter Anne she was a very sweet lady she was loved by her children and grandchildren very much. Anne you Mikey and the boys are in my thoughts and prayers may God lay his hands on you all thru this time of sorrow like you said she is in heaven flirting and dancing haha I remember sitting on the porch talking to her and she saw my tattoos and ask me now why did you let those children draw on your stockings they just ruined that good pair of stockings. I will never forget that day we shared

Tanya Dudley - January 27, 2016 at 06:17 AM

TD

Sorry pops bear my phone changed your name from mickey to mikey

Tanya Dudley - January 27, 2016 at 06:25 AM

TL

“ Anne I,m sorry to hear about your mother,never forget the time she came with you to work,she was the most beautiful and kind lady. May god be with you'll

Tammie loftis

tammie loftis - January 26, 2016 at 08:03 PM

TF

“ Ray, Charles, Anne, Johnny and Sue:
Beth and I have wonderful memories of your mother in Swansonville and particularly at church. We extend our heartfelt condolences to each of you.

Tom Francis and Beth Griffith

Tom Francis - January 26, 2016 at 03:28 PM