



Jackie Soyars

May 22, 1943 - August 2, 2023

Jaqueline Marie “Jackie” Soyars, 80, of 204 Brentwood Drive, Danville, VA went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at her residence after being in declining health for the last several years.

Jackie was born on May 22, 1943, a daughter of the late John Letcher Cole and Erma Davis Cole. She spent all of her life in the Danville and Pittsylvania County areas where she was a graduate of Dan River High School, Class of 1961. She went on to work for the Pepsi plant in Danville, J. T. Townes Printing Co. and then went to work in accounts receivable for C.I.T. Corporation until her retirement. After her retirement she spent nine years attending to her mother at Riverside Healthcare and she also spent time visiting and helping others in the community until her health failed in 2020.

Jackie was faithfully cared for by her devoted caregivers, LaDona Wade, Virginia Hyler, and Kim Bowling for the past three years. They not only took care of her needs, traveling for doctor appointments, trips outside the home that made her happy, taking her to get her favorite milkshake from Cookout, and going to the Dan River Dam (which she jokingly called Niagara Falls). They would get Jackie her favorite Happy Meal from McDonalds, take her on drives in the country, and take her to Outback to get her favorite meal of steak and shrimp. This was just a few of many things that her sitters did that made Jackie’s life more pleasurable.

Jackie was a devout Christian and a member of United Baptist Church for over 35 years. She held various positions in the church, the most recent being Deacon. In addition to her sitters the family would like to thank her best friend, Peggy East, for making sure she could get to and from church on a weekly basis.

Jackie was a caring and compassionate person, she not only cared for others around her but family meant the most to her. Her niece Amy Nash said "My Aunt Jackie wasn't just my aunt but more like a second mom to me. I looked up to her because she taught me many things over the years. I had many problems growing up and she was always right there beside me every step of the way. We enjoyed our beach trips together most of all. I will truly miss her for she was my rock and my best friend."

In addition to her parents, Jackie was predeceased by her husband, Richard C. Soyars; brothers, Hubert "Tuck" Cole and John D. Cole; her sister, Jean Cole Adams; her step-son, Tony Soyars; and her longtime friends, Billy Adams, Sandra Stevens Anderson, and Barbara Richie.

She is survived by her brother-in-law, Edwin Terry Adams, Jr.; nieces, Terri Ann Adams and Amy A. Nash (Donnie); childhood friend, Tommy Richie; step brother-in-law, David Soyars; step-daughter, Kelly Soyars; nephew, Bryan Gibson; great niece, Mayzee Gibson; great nephew, Cole Gibson; longtime friends, Linda D. Searce, Linda M. Lute and Joyce E. Scott.

A graveside service will be conducted on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. at Highland Burial Park with the Reverend Carl Burger officiating.

The family will receive friends prior to the service at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel from 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Danville/Pittsylvania County Cancer Association at 223 Riverview Dr. Suite J, Danville, VA 24541.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Soyars family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel
703 North Main Street
Danville, VA 24540
(434) 793-5511
info@wrenn-yeatts.com
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

Graveside

AUG 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Highland Burial Park
3049 North Main Street
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Tribute Wall

RP

“ So sorry for the loss of this sweet lady!she will be missed.



Rachel Patton - August 06, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ Jackie was so good to my mother, Ella Ryan, visiting her while she was in Rehab at Riverside, stopping by her house on Meadowbrook. She always brought her books and a smile. It meant so much. My deepest sympathies to all whose lives she touched.

Kim Clifton - August 05, 2023 at 11:21 AM

WM

“ Jackie, along with her three siblings, and I were second cousins. I remember when we were kids we'd gather eggs from old nests and prepare for an egg war because most of them were rotten. I remember, too, the old mill pond next to the Cole family's home where we would swim and play for hours in the cooling water to escape the endless summer heat. All fond memories, now I rejoice in the promise that the whole family is together again and suffering no more. Jackie was the oldest child, and she took it upon herself to watch over her beloved brothers and sister. When they were all gone, she could finally lay down to rest. Thank you, Jackie, for always being there for everyone. You were loved, and you will be missed.

Woody McCain, Martinsville VA.

Woody McCain - August 05, 2023 at 02:29 AM

NP

“ Terri and Amy I am so sorry for your loss of Jackie. Jackie and I were in the same class and graduated together at Dan River High. She was always such a sweet person. May the Lord be with you all during this time of grief.

Nina Peek - August 04, 2023 at 08:26 AM

LB

“ Sending our love and prayers to all..... Lucy Ellen and Bo

Lucy Ellen Barringer - August 04, 2023 at 07:15 AM

TS

“ I don't know if I knew Jackie or not but,I think I carrier the news paper to her mother on 58 east.if it was her family,new Tucker before his passing he played football for Dan River. Miss Jackie RIP and prayers for the family. Tommy Sellers

Tommy Sellers - August 03, 2023 at 07:04 PM

PE

Miss you Jackie and always will.

Peggy East - August 08, 2023 at 07:48 PM