



## Dorothy G. Vance

February 5, 1934 - June 6, 2025

On Friday, June 6, 2025, in the early morning hours Heaven gained a saint and one family lost the cornerstone of their foundation.

Born February 5, 1934, Dorothy Grace Whitehead Thomas Vance, daughter of the late Joseph Madison Whitehead and Kate Leola Osborne Whitehead, graced the world with her presence. She was a shining light in her family and community. In her family, there are no “halfs” or “steps;” you don’t have to always like each other, but you will always love one another. Even at the age of 91, she was an avid reader and was constantly with a book and her Bible. She taught her family by example what it meant to be a Christian and to love everyone as Jesus loves us. She also enjoyed gardening and loved her flowers. She was not the best swimmer, but as her grandchildren can attest to, she could coach from the side of the pool. If you arrived at her house hungry and left the same way, it was your own fault. She filled her family’s bellies as well as their hearts. When her family was all under one roof, she was at her happiest. She was a founding member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church at Claypool Hill, Virginia.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Troy “Joe” Thomas and Erschell Vance; brothers, Leo, Dale, and Ralph; sisters, Lily Kate, Ethel, Ima Jean, Faye, and Frances; sons: Scott Vance, Alex Thomas, John Thomas, Steve Vance, and Troy “Pal” Thomas, Jr.; two grandsons,

Jermev Wayne Pinkerton and Cody Patrick Thomas; and one great grandson, Remington Bradley Lofton.

Those left to cherish her memory are:

Daughters:

Charlene Pinkerton and husband, Jerry of Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Sandy Dye of Jewell Ridge, Virginia

Son: Kenny Thomas and wife, Marsha of Jewell Ridge, Virginia

Daughters in Law: Cindy Thomas of Lebanon, Virginia; Carolyn Vance of Lebanon, Virginia; and Donna Vance of Richlands, Virginia

Sisters: Willa Dellamae Wilson of Saltville, Virginia and Esther Carol Clear and husband, Barney of Rich Valley, Virginia

Brothers: Robert "Buddy" Whitehead and wife, Yvonne of Elizabethton, Tennessee and Gilbert "G.C." Whitehead and wife, Retta of Saltville, Virginia

Sixteen Grandchildren, Twenty-One Great Grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews also survive.

Special thanks to the Clinch Valley Medical Center Staff; the Oakwood Fire and Rescue Crew; and the doctors and nurses at Bristol Regional Medical Center ICU 2 for treating Dorothy like your own.

Mommmaw you will forever be missed and loved more than we could ever express and never forgotten.

Funeral services for Dorothy Grace Whitehead Thomas Vance will be conducted Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 1pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel

in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Carl Howell officiating. Interment will follow at the Crabtree Cemetery in Tannersville, Virginia. Grandsons and Great Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Friends may visit with the family from 12pm until 1pm on Tuesday prior to the funeral at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. Memorial contributions may be made to: Covenant Presbyterian Church, PO BOX 143, Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia, oversees arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Crabtree Cemetery

Tannersville, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy G. Vance



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**Hurst-Scott Funeral Home** - June 13, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ GlendaRB Altizer lit a candle in memory of Dorothy G. Vance



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**GlendaRB Altizer** - June 13, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ Marie Carden purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Dorothy G. Vance.



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**Marie Carden** - June 10, 2025 at 09:43 AM

LB

“ *She was one of the best great aunts you could ever wish for. So sorry for your loss we greatly be missed*



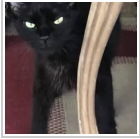
Leola May Blevins - June 09, 2025 at 08:19 PM

ER

“ *Ermel and I are so sorry to hear about Dorothy. Our love and prayers to the family and friends.*



Ermel and Pat Ringstaff - June 09, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ *Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Vance*



Davie Horton - June 09, 2025 at 07:39 PM

KK

“ *Dorothy will be missed; she had a big heart and a kind soul. Keeping family and friends in our thoughts and prayers. Dan and Kathy Krisky*

kathy dye Krisky - June 09, 2025 at 02:47 PM

RA

“ *Ruby Asbury lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Vance*



**Ruby Asbury** - June 09, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Vance*



**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - June 09, 2025 at 08:26 AM

SM

“ *Sandra Dean Magee lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Vance*



**Sandra Dean Magee** - June 09, 2025 at 06:18 AM

IS

“ *Sandy, Charlene and Kenny, I am so very sorry for your loss of your beautiful mother. Love, hugs and prayers. Iris Stilwell*



**Iris Stilwell** - June 08, 2025 at 09:38 PM

JW

“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Vance*



Judy West - June 08, 2025 at 08:25 PM

CP

“ *My deepest sympathy to all the family. My prayers are with you.*



Carolyn Baldwin Pyles - June 08, 2025 at 07:05 PM

BW

“ *Charlene and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May all your happy memories comfort you during this brief period of separation.*



Brian Wright - June 08, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy G. Vance.*



June 08, 2025 at 07:22 AM

LN

“ *Leroy & Angie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Vance*



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**Leroy & Angie Nelson** - June 07, 2025 at 05:17 PM