



Margaret Stokes

March 30, 1915 - November 1, 2003

Mrs. Margaret D. Stokes, age 88, of the Baptist Valley section of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, passed away Saturday, November 01, 2003 in a Claypool Hill, Virginia nursing home following a lengthy illness. She was born in Powhatan, Virginia and was the daughter of the late Cheslea and Katherine Stapelkamp Dorset, both Powhatan, Virginia natives. She had made her home in the Chesapeake, Virginia area most of her life prior to moving to Tazewell County in 1993. She was a retired school teacher and guidance counselor for 45 years at Great Bridge High School in Great Bridge, Virginia. She was a graduate of Manchester District High School in Richmond, Virginia and attended Harrisonburg State Teachers College and received her B.S. Degree from Richmond Professional Institute of William and Mary College. She was a member of the Memorial United Methodist Church of Appomattox, Virginia and had been a member of the Virginia Alpha Delta Cappa since 1956. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Chester S. Stokes, six sisters, and four brothers. Survivors are: One Daughter: Mrs. Hazel Wyatt and husband Jerry of Cedar Bluff, Virginia Two Sisters: Miss Anne Dorset of Appomattox, Virginia Mrs. Irvin (Gerry) Walker of Lynchburg, Virginia Three Grandchildren: Leslie Patton and husband, Michael of Cedar Bluff, Virginia Rebecca Wyatt and fiancé Jim Foringer of Pittsburgh, PA Emily Brooks and husband, Tony of Maryville, TN Two Great Grandchildren: Megan Patton and James Patton Graveside services for Mrs. Margaret D. Stokes will be conducted Monday, November 3, 2003 at 11:00AM at the Riverside

Cemetery in Norfolk, Virginia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 9, Appomattox, VA 24522 and the Oak Grove United Methodist Church at Great Bridge, VA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Stokes*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



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January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Mrs. Stokes was just a wonderful person. I really enjoyed working with her at Great Bridge. She was always a lady...I think sometimes she was amazed at what the children came up with (as we all were).*

Barbara Russel - November 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Margaret, Geraldine always thought a lot of her and we spoke of her often. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.
"cricket" and Nancy*

D C "cricket" Jessee - November 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Please Post This 2nd Message. I Was Performing Spell Check When I Accidentally Forwarded The First Posting

In February 1970, as a high school Senior, I was transferred from Crestwood High School to Great Bridge High School due to redistricting. This was a very devastating time for me as I was new to the school, a high achiever, but very shy and a member of a large family (6 sisters & 4 brothers) who were for some reason not very supportive and at times very cruel. Mrs. Stokes however was the only person in whom I reluctantly confided.

As I strived to graduate and despite those obstacles, Mrs. Stokes was of great comfort to me. Although she had only known me for a brief period of time, I never ever believed that I would go to college (being the 5th and middle child; no one in my family had ever gone to college), she enabled me to meet a college recruiter named Mr. George Williams from St. Augustine's College located in Raleigh North Carolina. That night in June 1971, I proudly stood and accepted my diploma and received a surprised announcement of a 4 year scholarship to St. Augustine's College in Raleigh N.C. My family eventually came around as they were proud to attend my college graduation on Mother's Day, May 1975 as I received a B.A. Degree in Early Childhood Education.

I have since received a Master's Degree in Human Resources, relocated to Philadelphia, married and have one son who is now a freshman at the University Of Pa.

My parents have since passed away in 1994 & 1995 respectively. However my siblings continue to reside in Chesapeake, Va. Each year since relocating to Philadelphia, Pa. in 1978, I would return home to Chesapeake with my family during the first 3 weeks in July. I still return home this to this day. I have looked through newspapers and searched the internet in hopes of finding someone who could provide me with the means of contacting Mrs. Stokes to inform her of the enormous impact that she made upon my life. Although I am here in Philadelphia, I read the Virginian Pilot each day. Sorrowfully, I regret that I was unable to contact her prior to her death. I am hopeful that you will find comfort in knowing that she greatly

contributed to the degree of success that I enjoy today. Greatest of all is that as she believed in me back in 1971, it has taken all of 50 years "for me to believe in me." She was a great inspiration to me. I will be forever grateful.

Dianne Turner-Whitt - November 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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LB

“ Dear Hazel and Family,
LaMont and I are truly saddened to learn of Margaret's death. She and Chester were such dear people; we were friends with her dear friends, the Careys. I, too, taught at Great Bridge High, so that is where I first met her. LaMont and I would see Chester at football games. How blessed we were to have known them. When I was Alpha President-Elect and later, President, Margaret and I would correspond about Alpha activities, and she would always send a check for our altruistic activities, her way of participating with us. It was my honor and privilege to know her as a colleague at Great Bridge High and to have been her sorority sister. She will be missed. Our sympathy to you and your family.
LaMont and Linda Warren

Lottie B.WAters - November 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ HAZEL AND FAMILY, SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR MOTHER'S EXPIRING. SHE WAS A DELIGHT TO CARE FOR. GLAD I GOT TO MEET HER. GOD BLESS YOU AND FAMILY.NILA STILWELL

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