



Alva B. Clary

December 2, 1926 - February 15, 2025

Alva (Hayden) Banks Clary, 98, of Williamsburg VA, formerly a lifetime resident of Virginia Beach VA, went to be with the lord on February 15, 2025.

Preceded in death by her first husband, John T. Banks; and her second husband, Rawleigh Clary. She was so blessed to have married 2 wonderful men who loved her so much.

Born in Whitmell, VA to Thomas Walton Hayden and Emily America Smith. She had 2 brothers and 3 sisters who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, Emily B. Dill (Husband Douglas Dill), John T Banks III (Wife Diane); She had four grandchildren Aimee Kanagy, Jessica Micheletti, Cody Banks, and Jaime Hall all from Ohio; She had 10 great grand Children.

Alva Graduated from Averett College in Danville, VA and Ferrum College in Ferrum, VA where she met her first husband John. She taught 2nd grade and enjoyed her students. Her life was full of wonderful friends that she missed when moving to Williamsburg. She was an avid antique doll collector and took such pride in costuming her dolls. All her stitches were sewn by hand - no machine stitches allowed. She was a long-time member of the Norfolk Doll Club. She was a great cook thanks to her mother; Doug will miss her lemon chess pie. Cody always saw her happy and in a great mood and gave the best

hugs ever. Her kindness was seen and felt by all who knew her. She is very fondly remembered and sadly missed.

* PLEASE NOTE, DUE TO WEATHER, THE GRAVESIDE SERVICE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. It will now be conducted 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at Rosewood Memorial Park, Virginia Beach, VA*

Cemetery Details

Rosewood Memorial Park

631 North Witchduck Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Alva at Brookdale where my father also resides. I live in her former VB neighborhood and she missed it so much she asked me how it was there every time she saw me. I just found out about her passing and am so sorry that I missed her memorial service. She was such a beautiful, kind lady. My sincere condolences to her family.

Justine Homer - April 08, 2025 at 06:00 PM

SB

“ Miss Alva was the great-aunt of my husband, Tracy Beach, whose mother was the late Elizabeth Zufall. I met Miss Alva only once, at a family event (funeral for Tracy's granddad, maybe, which was some 30 years ago or so), but I never forgot her. I remember her as someone who was impeccably dressed and very dignified. I always wanted to get to know her, but it never happened and I never saw her again. I'm glad to know she had a large, loving family and lived an interesting and fulfilling life. I'll get to know her on the other side.

Sonja Beach - February 26, 2025 at 08:21 AM

VH

“ Brian & I just loved Alva to pieces. While doing handyman work for her in Virginia Beach, Brian became her good friend and he adored her. We were honored to know this lovely lady. God bless and keep her. Brian & Venetia Gatch/Currituck NC

Venetia Huffman - February 21, 2025 at 04:13 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - February 19, 2025 at 05:55 AM

DD

“ *My deepest condolences. Sending heartfelt sympathy and love.
Dana & James D*

Dana D - February 17, 2025 at 07:59 PM