



Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer

July 2, 2025

Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer, 95, died peacefully on July 2. She was preceded in death by spouses Everette Coates, Sr., and Brooks Farmer. She is survived by her son, Everette "Rhett" Coates, Jr.

Dolores attended Pan American Business School and worked at various office positions before her 30-year career at Chesapeake Corporation (formerly West Point Paper Mill, currently WestRock). During most of those years she served as receptionist at corporate headquarters, the first voice heard from the switchboard, or the first face seen upon entrance by most people. She was an active member of West Point First Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School.

Dolores enjoyed life and had varied hobbies: fishing, boating, bridge, needlecraft, and tennis. After retirement and moving to Florida, she enjoyed singing karaoke and reciting her favorite poems at Elks and Moose Clubs.

In 2016 Dolores moved back to Virginia, first to Brookdale Senior Living in Williamsburg. For the past year or so, she has been a resident of Heritage Green in Mechanicsville. They know her as DeeDee and have provided above-and-beyond dedication and love. During these final months, the dedicated workers at Ascend Health Hospice have spent many quality hours with Dolores, caring for her social as well as her health needs.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, August 16, 2025 at Sunny Slope Cemetery, 2400 King William Rd., West Point, VA.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sunny Slope Cemetery
King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Sue Kurfees lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



Sue Kurfees - August 16, 2025 at 06:42 AM

LK

“ Lori Kerby lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



Lori Kerby - July 24, 2025 at 08:15 PM

BS

“ Betty Kacmarski Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



Betty Kacmarski Sullivan - July 15, 2025 at 06:31 AM

DF

“ Donna Fudala lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



Donna Fudala - July 13, 2025 at 10:45 PM

VB

“ Vic And Sharon Britton lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



Vic and Sharon Britton - July 13, 2025 at 10:19 AM

LB

“ Rhett, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your mother, Delores. What a beautiful woman she was. So bright and cheerful, always smiling and a heart full of love. I have many fond memories of her through the years.

Sincere condolences. Lynne Norman

Lynne Norman Brown - July 12, 2025 at 04:37 PM

PL

“ Plunard lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



Plunard - July 12, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ Beverly Edwards lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



Beverly Edwards - July 12, 2025 at 01:10 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



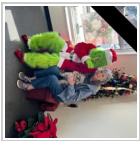
Thomas Widgeon - July 12, 2025 at 07:06 AM

BE

“ *Bev&JimRoss lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer*



Bev&JimRoss - July 11, 2025 at 09:42 PM



“ *Margaret Ogg lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer*



Margaret Ogg - July 11, 2025 at 08:12 PM

JP

“ *Rhett*
So sorry to hear about your Mother. We send you our love and sympathy.

Judy and Glenn Palmer - July 11, 2025 at 07:38 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Lockley lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



Carolyn Lockley - July 11, 2025 at 02:35 PM

LS

“ Linda South sent a virtual gift in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



Linda South - July 11, 2025 at 11:08 AM

JR

“ John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



John and Vickie Roane - July 11, 2025 at 10:45 AM

PC

“ Pamela S Carter lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer



Pamela S Carter - July 10, 2025 at 11:15 PM

AW

“ *Avril And Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer*



Avril and Gerald Williams - July 10, 2025 at 08:32 PM

GC

“ *Dear Rhett, family and friends,
I am sorry to hear of your Mother' passing.
She was a very outgoing lady. When I first
went to work at the Mill I was her relief
operator. She taught me a lot about our job.
Cherish your precious memories.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)*



Gloria Couch - July 10, 2025 at 03:11 PM

FC

“ *Francis Chandler lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rotella Coates Farmer*



francis chandler - July 10, 2025 at 03:06 PM