



Dorothy Douth Minchew

August 10, 1927 - December 14, 2014

Dorothy Douth Minchew, 87, a native of Hopewell and lifelong resident of Lanexa, VA passed away December 14, 2014. She was a retired school teacher and a member of Liberty Baptist Church. Dorothy is survived by a son Marshall O. Minchew of Orlando, Florida; a sister Betty D. Hiat of Hopewell; a special friend Mary Nicely; and many extended family members. A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, December 18th in Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery, 15810 Liberty Church Road, Lanexa, VA 23089. Contributions may be made to Liberty Baptist Church (address above).

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Mrs. Dorothy Minchew was my Creative Writing teacher also at Hopewell High School. She gently encouraged all of her students to pursue putting their thoughts down on paper. Thanks in part to Mrs. Minchew, writing continues to be a sacred, satisfying endeavor for me 52 years later. I appreciate you, Mrs. Minchew.

Margaret Reynolds - July 07, 2025 at 02:24 PM

CJ

“ Mrs. Minchew was my 12th grade Creative Writing teacher. She was a joy and I looked forward to her class each day. I was blessed to have had her as a teacher.

Carla Johnson - March 09, 2015 at 07:47 PM

DM

“ Dot was such a great friend to my Mom Rachel McKown. They went a lot of places together and Dot shared in our family events, ie: weddings, showers and birthday parties. She and Oscar would travel with my parents Rachel and Percy. So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful lady.
God's blessings to you. Donna McKown Martin

Donna Martin - December 16, 2014 at 08:41 AM

SR

“ I have all the same wonderful memories that have been expressed here... I was also proud to call her Aunt Dot at HHS. And although she was not one of my teachers, she still taught me more about grammar and a love for proper language usage than anyone in my life. I always felt like she loved me like a daughter, and she was another mother to me. I will miss you so...
Susan

Susan Robertson - December 15, 2014 at 09:14 PM

JF

“ Aunt Dot what can I say about such a special person. Mom used to say you were her second mother because she spent so much time with you. And I loved spending the fourth of July at the river house. So many memories. I'm sad but also happy that you have made Angel status with your sister(my mas)) and brother and your niece (my mom Peggy). They were all waiting for you to come home. RIP Aunt Dot we will miss you dearly.

Jessica Henke Frickman - December 15, 2014 at 08:56 PM



“ Paula Winters Leslie lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Doult Minchew



Paula Winters Leslie - December 15, 2014 at 07:06 PM



Dear Alice & family,

I remember Mrs. Minchew from Woodlawn Elementary. I didnt have her as my teacher but I heard she was as hard and as good as Mrs. Cora Johnson. We dont realize when we are young why teachers are on us. They are hard on us because they love us & love their job. They want each child to strive to be better in everything we do for our future. They see the potential in us when we dont. They give their lives to teaching us in the best way possible.

I will keep you & family in my prayers.

Love, Paula & Bob Leslie

Paula Winters Leslie - December 15, 2014 at 07:15 PM

DS

“ *My Creative Writing teacher at Hopewell High School. My favorite class, taught by a wonderful woman whose laugh I can still hear. She was one of a kind.*

Diane S. - December 15, 2014 at 06:34 PM

TH

“ *This wonderful woman meant more to me than any words could ever express she was a huge spiritual influence on me I will miss you Aunt Dot I love you*

timothy hiatt - December 15, 2014 at 02:44 PM



“ *Inspiring as a teacher and as a human being. I learned so much from you Aunt Dot. You are my earliest memory of extended family. The surprise and wonder of finding your face smiling down at me, when I thought you were my Mamma (your twin). I guess I was 3 or 4 years old. All those trips to "The River" in the back of your brown station wagon piled up with sweaty kids, alternating between playing car bingo and singing hymns. The trips to Stuckeys, the Pottery, Forbes Candy shoppe and Williamsburg. The family stories and silly times. Treasured memories of summers on the Chickahominy River and Christmas Eve family parties are your providence. Love and miss you*

Tamara Hiatt - December 15, 2014 at 02:13 PM