



Dorothy Hixson Stump

August 9, 1939 - May 21, 2024

Dorothy Hixson Stump, 84, of Lanexa, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was the daughter of Jacob Preston Hixson, of Erwin, Tennessee and Alice Wheeler Hixson, of Goodman, Mississippi.

Dorothy was born on the Wheeler family farm in Goodman, Mississippi on August 9, 1939 and moved to Newport News, Virginia with her parents in 1941, where her father worked at the Newport News Shipyard. She attended Pine Chapel Baptist Church, Sinclair Elementary School, John W. Daniel Junior High School, and graduated from Hampton High School in 1957.

She met her husband, John Daniel Stump of Mullens, West Virginia, in Newport News, where they were married in 1962. They lived and raised their three children in Newport News from 1963 through 1982, where Dorothy was an active member of South York Baptist Church, York County, VA; volunteered at her childrens' various school PTAs; regularly volunteered at her local

polling precinct; and worked for the Hampton Health Department from 1977-1982. In 1982, she and her family moved to Toms River, New Jersey, where Dorothy worked for the W.I.C. program at the Ocean County Health Department and fell in love with the beaches of the southern Jersey Shore.

In 2000, Dorothy and her husband returned to Virginia and settled in Lanexa, New Kent County, where Dorothy helped John build their dream house. She was an active grandparent, hosting birthday and paintball parties, cub scout sleepovers, summer camp weeks, and many trips to Busch Gardens. After her mother died in 2006, she assumed the role of Hixson clan matriarch, hosting Thanksgiving dinner for up to 50 family members and friends for over 17 years. Dorothy was an enthusiastic patron of New Kent wineries, particularly Gauthier Winery, where her cheese treats were a favorite of Rochambeau. She regularly attended Arts Alive performances in West Point and was an active poll volunteer in New Kent County. After the death of her grandchild Miles, Dorothy began volunteering at Proclaiming Grace Outreach thrift shop, which held a special place in her heart.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her father Jacob Hixson in 1988, her mother Alice Hixson in 2006, and her grandson Miles Reinke in 2015.

She is survived by her spouse, John Stump of Lanexa; her children, Karen Stump Reinke and husband David Reinke of Silver Spring, MD, John Daniel (Dan) Stump, Jr. of Poolesville, MD, and Kenneth W. Stump and wife Leigh Carroll Stump, of Newport News, VA; grandchildren, Jacob Reinke of Silver Spring, Haley Stump of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Aidan Stump of Newport News, and Owen and Abigail Stump of Poolesville; siblings, James Hixson of Fredericksburg, VA, Donald Hixson of Urbanna, VA, Robert Hixson of Urbanna, VA, Julie Hoyle of Gloucester, VA, and sister-in-law Barbara Stump Clifford of Ocala, FL; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held in August in honor of her 85th birthday, date and place to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America in Dorothy's honor.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Donna& John Britt lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Hixson Stump



Donna& John Britt - June 05, 2024 at 10:51 AM

FH

“ John, we met Dot on one of our many home viewings. We knew she was a special person and saw your devotion to her. We are sorry for the loss you and your family have suffered. Take comfort in the wonderful times you had together and the courageous way she faced life's joys and adversities.
Fred & Sue Hughes

Fred Hughes - June 03, 2024 at 02:03 PM

CC

“ John, our condolences go to you and your family. I am sadden to learn of you long time loving wife Dorthy passing. Our prayers are with you and yours.
Cliff & Susan Coffman

Cliff Coffman - June 02, 2024 at 10:50 AM

SM

“ Dot was a wonderful friend. Our condolences to John and the family. Sandra and Dave Mauney



Sandra Mauney - May 30, 2024 at 11:43 PM

AW

“ *Abbi Williams lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Hixson Stump*



Abbi Williams - May 30, 2024 at 09:39 PM

GB

“ *Cherish the beautiful memories you made together. As you navigate through this most difficult time, find comfort in knowing others care and share in your loss.*

Gloria Bagby - May 29, 2024 at 12:25 PM

KB

“ *Dorothy was such a a wonderful person. Great person to work with. I loved having her around. I became New Kent Co. Registrar of voters in 2011 but began working in the office in 2007. Before I retired in 2021, we had lunch together on occasion and she shared her life with us growing up in TN and the pain of the loss of her grandson. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her. My deepest sympathy to the family. May God continue to bless and comfort you during this time.*
Karen Bartlett



Karen Bartlett - May 29, 2024 at 09:58 AM

AA

“ *Ms. Dorothy was always a sweet lady that loved to smile I am so sorry to hear of her passing and my condolences and prayers to you Mr. J. Stump*

Alicia Akrie-Williams - May 28, 2024 at 04:05 PM

BC

Our sweet Dot was like a sister to me. I loved visiting and reminiscing with her. She taught me a lot and we always enjoyed being together. She was a great homemaker and always sweet and caring. We will miss her and all the good times we shared. Prayers for her wonderful family and especially my brother John. 🙏❤️🙏

Barbara & Ted Clifford - May 28, 2024 at 06:38 PM