



## Louise Hildegarde Fudala

March 13, 1942 - January 5, 2025

Louise Hildegarde Fudala, (Hosfield; Cooke) passed away peacefully on January 5, 2025, in Richmond, Virginia. She was 82 years old.

Born on March 13, 1942, in Norfolk, Virginia, to Dr. William and Evelyn Hosfield, Louise embodied a spirit of gentle determination that would define her life's journey. She graduated from West Point High School in 1959 and went on to graduate from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia and later from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where she earned her master's degree in biology, Louise demonstrated early on her passion for learning and teaching.

Her courage and independence shone through when she embarked on a transformative journey across Canada, leaving behind her beloved home of eighteen years in Halifax, Nova Scotia to forge her own path. For nearly two decades, she shared her love of science with students at Lakeland College, in Alberta, where her patient guidance and genuine interest in her students' success left an indelible mark on countless lives.

Life came full circle when Louise reconnected with Tommy Fudala, a childhood friend who had gone on to become a talented musician and entertainer. Their reunion led to a beautiful marriage at historic Christchurch in Middlesex County, Virginia (the very church her mother attended as a child) in

August 2015, writing a wonderful new chapter in both their lives.

Louise found great joy in supporting others in their pursuits. Her unwavering encouragement helped shape not only her own children's paths but also inspired those around her to reach for their dreams. She had a remarkable ability to make everyone feel valued and heard, creating a warm presence that drew people to her.

Her life's journey took her from West Point, Virginia to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Lloydminster, Alberta, and finally Richmond, Virginia but her heart remained constant in its capacity for kindness and understanding.

Louise is survived by her son, Hilary Cooke (April) of Edmonton, Alberta, and daughter, Jessamine Cooke-Plagwitz (Frank) of DeKalb, Illinois; her siblings, Richard Hosfield and Kathryn Fearon; and her beloved grandchildren, Malcolm and Meagan Kellett-Cooke, and Michaela and Franziska Plagwitz.

She was predeceased by her husband, Tommy Fudala, joining him very shortly thereafter, and her parents, Dr. William and Evelyn Hosfield.

Louise and Tom's family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m, Sunday, January 26, 2025 at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th St., West Point, VA, with a joint funeral service beginning at 2 p.m. Please note, there will be no procession to the cemetery following the service.

Those who knew Louise will remember her as she wished to be remembered: as a kind and supportive presence who made everyone around her feel valued and cherished.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Services for Mr. & Mrs. Fudala may be viewed with the following link: <https://vimeo.com/1051327129/441258bbeb?ts=0&share=copy>

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

JAN 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel  
417 11th St  
West Point, VA 23181  
(804) 843-2550

## Funeral Service

JAN 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jessamine Cooke-Plagwitz lit a candle in memory of Louise Hildegarde Fudala*



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**Jessamine Cooke-Plagwitz** - January 29, 2025 at 09:33 AM

RD

“ *Wanted the families of Louise and Tommy to know how sorry I am for their loss.  
I have so many memories of my friend Louise growing up together in West Point and Tommy during our High School years. Also seeing them later at a few class get togethers.  
May the Lord be with you and give you peace.*

*Rebecca Wyatt Drudge*

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**Rebecca Wyatt Drudge** - January 24, 2025 at 10:17 AM

VB

“ *To Richard, Joan, Kathy, Roger and the entire families of Louise and Tommy. I remember so well living across the street from the Hosfields in West Point. I played in the band with Louise and remember looking up to her as a very caring and solid person. She was always kind to everyone in the band and was also a very talented musician. It was always a joy being in the band and I just always thought of her as someone who could always be counted on to do her job. I was fortunate to know and work with a wonderful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.  
Vic and Sharon Britton*

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**vic and Sharon Britton** - January 17, 2025 at 11:19 AM

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“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



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**Thomas Widgeon** - January 16, 2025 at 07:06 AM

JB

“ *Prayers for a traveled soul of the Lord!!!*

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**Jerry Blanchard** - January 15, 2025 at 12:32 PM