



Lucille Hazelwood Otey

April 15, 1922 - June 10, 2020

Martha “Lou” Lucille Hazelwood Otey, 98, of Lanexa Va, passed away June 10, 2020. She was the daughter of the late James Volasca “Volly” Hazelwood and Tabiatha Ann Hicks Hazelwood.

Lou was born on Hicks Island in Lanexa, VA. She was a lifelong resident of James City County and according to Lou, she just couldn’t understand why anybody would want to live anywhere else.

Lou began her career with the WJCC school systems as a bus driver, then on a lark she went in to help a friend one day in the Matthew Whaley cafeteria. That day turned into more than 20 years of service. She eventually became the cafeteria manager at James Blair High School, and then went on to open the cafeteria when Lafayette High School opened. Lou retired from Lafayette High School in the late 70’s. Anyone who attended school when she was in charge knows she never let a child go hungry, and her “hot rolls” were legendary. Back then they made everything from scratch and it was delicious. Lou also worked closely with her husband in the development of the Chickahominy Haven neighborhood. She loved God, her family, and the river. Lou never got tired of looking at her river, something she was blessed to do since the early 1960’s.

Lou was a lifelong member of Liberty Baptist Church. She was a long standing member of the Toana Garden Club.

Lou was preceded in death by her husband and high school sweetheart; Gerald J. Otey, Sr., and her seven brothers and sisters.

Lou is survived by her son; Gerald J. Otey, Jr. (Gail), three grandchildren; Aimee O. Potash (Chris), Cathleen Cueto (Micky), Jessie Bowmer, Kenny Bowmer, and eight great-grandchildren.

A funeral will take place 2 PM, Saturday, June 13th at Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery, Lanexa, VA.

Please wear a face mask and follow all social distancing guidelines if you are planning on attending the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department: 3135 Forge Road, Toano, Va. 23168, or to Liberty Baptist Church: 15810 Liberty Church Rd, Lanexa, VA 23089.

Cemetery Details

Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery

15810 Liberty Church Rd.
Lanexa, VA 23089

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Lanexa, VA 23089

Tribute Wall

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“*Lou was not only a relative, but a special friend. I will always cherish my memories of the good times our families shared. My love to Jerry and rest of the family. She will truly be missed.*”



Norma Wyatt - June 11, 2020 at 10:46 PM

GM

one of the finest Ladies I've ever known. She was a bright spot in many people's life. She's in Gods loving arms Now, Job well done life well lived.

Guy Mahone - June 12, 2020 at 11:32 AM

RH

Lou was a wonderful lady, our thoughts and prayers are with Jerry and his family.

Ryland and Anita Hazelwood

Ryland Hazelwood - June 14, 2020 at 08:00 AM

MB

Wonderful lady I have know for years, back from my school cafeteria day and Dr Bedell's office. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Mary T. Bailey - June 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM