



Doris Cowan Barker

October 20, 2023

Appalachia, Virginia

Doris Cowan Barker, age 90, of Appalachia, VA, passed away peacefully into the arms of her Heavenly Father at her home on October 20, 2023. She was born in Appalachia, VA, on August 9, 1933. She spent all of her life there until she moved to Big Stone Gap in 2003 with her husband Jim Barker.

Doris began her career in banking at the First National Bank of Appalachia shortly after high school and remained there for 41 years, retiring in 1993 when the bank was First Union. She was an active member of the Appalachia First Baptist Church for 77 years, and she served on the Hospice Support Group Board of Directors. Doris often wrote beautiful poetry, and she published a book of her poems called Thoughts on Everyday Things. Doris enjoyed keeping in touch with friends and family, going shopping, attending church, writing poetry, and spending time with her two cats, Susie and Sally.

She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas F. Jones, Sr. and Sibyl Johnson

Jones; her brother Thomas F. Jones, Jr.; an infant daughter, Lisa Cowan, and her

husbands Jack Cowan and Jim Barker.

Doris is survived by her brothers Jesse Jones (Lara) of Abingdon and Winston Jones of Carrollton, GA; step daughters Kathy Barker Denmark (Gordon) of Lexington, KY, Karen Barker Peterson (Mark) of Dublin, Ohio, and Molly Barker

Johnston (Joe) of Findlay, Ohio; special sister-in-law and friend Joyce Jones, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of people whose lives she touched.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 am until noon on Monday, Oct 23, at the

First Baptist Church in Appalachia. A graveside service will follow at the American

Legion Cemetery at 12:30 with Dr. Nick Brewer officiating. In lieu of flowers, the

family requests that memorial contributions be made to the First Baptist Church

of Appalachia, 401 Kilbourne Ave. Appalachia, VA 24216 or to PAWS of Southwest

Virginia P.O. Box 576 Coeburn, VA 24230.

Cemetery Details

American Legion Cemetery

Big Stone Gap, VA

Previous Events

Receive Friends

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Appalachia First Baptist Church
Appalachia, VA 24216

Graveside Service

OCT **23**. 12:30 PM (ET)

American Legion Cemetery
Big Stone Gap, VA

Tribute Wall

TW

“ Aunt Doris you will be remembered by the Walter Cowan family, may you rest in peace with the Lord.

Troy Welch - January 11 at 03:49 PM

PK

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Doris. I knew her from long ago when I worked at Wise County National Bank in Norton. I used to run into her at Picadilly in Kingsport about every Sunday evening after church. My condolences goes out to the family and her many friends.

Phyllis (Presley) Kennedy of Norton, Va.

Phyllis Kennedy - October 26, 2023 at 10:16 PM

LK

“ Lisa Kirk lit a candle in memory of Doris Cowan Barker



Lisa Kirk - October 25, 2023 at 12:08 AM

LT

“ Lynne Tull lit a candle in memory of Doris Cowan Barker



Lynne Tull - October 23, 2023 at 11:12 PM

SF

“ Sincerest sympathy. It was a pleasure to work with Doris at the bank in Appalachia. RIP my friend.
Love and Prayers, Tommy and Shirley M. Fisher



Shirley Fisher - October 23, 2023 at 09:46 PM

MA

“ Mike Allen lit a candle in memory of Doris Cowan Barker



Mike Allen - October 23, 2023 at 07:52 AM

GH

“ Geraldine R Huff lit a candle in memory of Doris Cowan Barker



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RM

“ Roy L. Munsey lit a candle in memory of Doris Cowan Barker



Roy L. Munsey - October 22, 2023 at 10:41 PM

DF

“ *David Fuller Fraley lit a candle in memory of Doris Cowan Barker*



David Fuller Fraley - October 22, 2023 at 07:47 PM

TS

“ *Tommie Sizemore lit a candle in memory of Doris Cowan Barker*



Tommie Sizemore - October 22, 2023 at 11:22 AM

MK

“ *Mimi Kulp lit a candle in memory of Doris Cowan Barker*



Mimi Kulp - October 22, 2023 at 09:44 AM

KK

“ *Kathy Kleineick lit a candle in memory of Doris Cowan Barker*



Kathy Kleineick - October 21, 2023 at 07:14 PM

JF

“ *John Counts Fraley lit a candle in memory of
Doris Cowan Barker*



John Counts Fraley - October 21, 2023 at 06:36 PM