



# Doris Julianna Otteson Hawkins

August 19, 1926 - January 15, 2024

Doris Julianna Otteson Hawkins, 97, passed away on January 15, 2024. She was born August 19, 1926, in New York City to the late Gerald John and Edith Yundt Otteson. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Gerald Robert Otteson, and her husband of nearly 68 years, Jack Emmett Hawkins.

Doris attended George Washington University where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She moved to New Orleans, LA. when she married Jack. She eventually became a real estate agent and broker and was a member of the Million Dollar Club for 25 years. She also taught Sunday School at New Orleans Bible Church for many years. In 1979, an avid history buff, she joined the New Orleans Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Doris was also interested in politics and often worked at the New Orleans voting polls.

When she moved to Blacksburg, VA, she joined the Virginia Alleghany Chapter of D.A.R. She served in various positions for 25 years, among them Regent and Chaplain, and the DAR Regents Club of Virginia. She was a member of Riverview Baptist Church in Ripplemead, VA. where she worked in the nursery. She was later an associate member of Harvest Baptist Church in Blacksburg, VA.

Doris was an avid bridge player, taking every opportunity to play with friends. She was a whiz at it, as many players can attest, perhaps because she started playing at 8 years old. She also was an excellent seamstress, making dresses, quilts, costumes, and dolls for her four daughters, and had an incredible gift for cooking, especially New Orleans-style dishes.

Doris was also a wonderful playmate for all of her children and grandchildren. She would join them in sledding, tubing, skating, hiking, baseball, badminton, jacks, and every card game possible.

She leaves her daughters: Ellen (Terry) Schenck, Marilyn (Jon) Eisenback, Jean (Jim) Ebel, and Jan Hawkins. Also seven grandchildren, Brian (Ashley) Eisenback, Justin (Molly) Eisenback, Jordan (Katherine) Eisenback, Rachel (Shawn) Dunham, Ruth, Andrew (Caroline), and Abby Ebel. Her seven great-grandchildren are Maddie, Emma, Sloan, Hawthorne, and Olivia Eisenback; and Ledger and Meyer Dunham.

A special thanks to the Good Samaritan Hospice nurses and attendants Theresa Bailey,

Connie Kidd, and Lottie Simmons, who provided wonderful care for Doris. We couldn't have done it without them.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Riverview Baptist Church, Harvest Baptist Church, or the Gideons International Bible fund.

Arrangements are by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, VA. Visitation is Saturday, January the 20th from 10 am to 11 am, and a service follows at 11 am.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Some very fond memories of being neighbors with Doris and Jack. She was such a sweet and helpful woman with a great spirit! We would share our garden vegetables, she would move around her pottery rabbit for me to find as a kid and her contagious laugh. Just a very loving and caring woman overall. I know she is in Heaven with her friends and family. - Nik Schafer

Nikolas Schafer - January 25, 2024 at 08:02 PM

KF

“ I didn't know Doris well because I joined DAR after she held offices in the organization. However, when I did have occasion to speak with her, she was always helpful, giving me advice, telling me how to find a certain bit of information, etc. She was, in the very best sense of the phrase, “a classy lady” and I'm sorry she is no longer here.

Karen Finch - January 18, 2024 at 06:17 PM

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“ My memories of Doris are very few, unfortunately. But I remember a classy lady who always had a smile. I remember her with her husband standing in the same place at church. I remember her at her 95th birthday cookout with 2 other 90+ friends. She was having fun. Last year she was at our soup church dinner as a celebrity.

*I learned more about her from Jean only in the last 2 years. I wish I could have known her more. But I was always worried about germs since I babysit 7 grandkids.*

*Her children and grandchildren are blessed to have a mother like her. Joy in the home is important.*

*I know she is in heaven having fun with all of her friends that have gone before her and rejoicing she is pain-free.*

*To all of her family, I pray that they will remember her joy and her smile. And that it will help them through tough times and to share memories make the great-great+ grandkids smile.*

Nancy Austin - January 18, 2024 at 05:24 PM



“ Full Heart was purchased for the family of Doris Julianna Otteson Hawkins.



January 18, 2024 at 11:48 AM

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“ Charlotte T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Julianna Otteson Hawkins.

Charlotte T. - January 18, 2024 at 11:48 AM

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“ What a fine lady Doris was! A dear friend of my mom, and just a delight to all who knew her ! She called my dad Tommy Tuck! He loved her jolly spirit ! My deepest sympathy to all the girls and their families! ❤️

Charlotte Tate Burgess - January 18, 2024 at 11:40 AM