

**A Celebration of the Life  
of  
Janet Hunter Cooke**  
March 4, 1940 – July 9, 2025

**Funeral Service**

11:00 a.m. Monday, July 14, 2025  
Berea Baptist Church

**Officiating**

Rev. Jason Wise

Visitation	Tribute Video
Congregational Hymn <i>"It Is Well with My Soul"</i>	410 v 1, 2, 4
Invocation	Rev. Jason Wise
Family Remarks	Judy C. McCreery
Message	Rev. Wise
Special Selection <i>"Five More Minutes"</i>	Scotty McCreery
Benediction/Closing Prayer	Rev. Wise
Congregational Hymn <i>"Victory In Jesus"</i>	426 v 1, 2, 3

**Interment**

Processional to Memory Gardens

**Pallbearers**

Bill Dawson	Steve Harris
Steve Durham	Fahey Harrell
Scotty McCreery	Quentin Gregory

Janet Hunter Cooke, 85 of 1041 Northside Rd, Elizabeth City, died Wednesday, July 9, 2025, in Wake Medical Center, Raleigh, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Cooke was born in Norfolk, Virginia on March 4, 1940, and was the daughter of the late Abner Benton Hunter, Sr. and Lillian Nash Hunter. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Perry "R.P." Cooke; and by brothers, A.B. Hunter, Jr. and Steven P. Hunter.

Mrs. Cooke grew up on the family farm in Camden County, NC. After high school, she attended Chowan College but later graduated from Elizabeth City State University. She was a retired elementary teacher with Gates County Schools. She loved her students and fellow teachers at Sunbury Elementary and TS Cooper. She took great pride in being the wife of State Trooper and Magistrate, R.P. Cooke, whom she met after he stopped her one night in 1960. She was his faithful companion and helpmate for 46 years until he passed in 2007. Mrs. Cooke was a dedicated member of her cherished church, Berea Baptist, and served in her Sunday School class and Adult Choir. She is also a member of South Mills Chapter #240, The Order of The Eastern Star. Her exuberant nature and joy for life (and hugs) will be missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are her daughters, Judy C. McCreery [Michael] of Garner and Barbara C. Zeiger [Roger] of Gasburg, Va; a brother Harry Nash Hunter [Kerri] of Daytona Beach, FL; three grandchildren, Ashley McCreery, Scotty [Gabi] McCreery and Morgan Batten and great- grandchildren Madison, Avery and another great-grandson due in September.

Contributions in her memory can be made to the General Fund of Berea Baptist Church, 2033 North Road St, Elizabeth City, NC, 27909.

*The family would like to give a special thank you to  
the North Carolina Highway Patrol and  
the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Department.*