



Mrs. Doris C. Staton

February 9, 1943 - October 26, 2024

On February 9th, 1943, the late Joe and Ernestine Coppage welcomed their fourth child in Martin County, NC and named her Doris Dean Coppage. Educated in the public school system of Martin County, she received her high school diploma. She then went to live with her big “Sister” in Brooklyn NY and trained to use office machines and worked briefly for the IRS.

Doris or “Gal” as her siblings called her, went from New York to Connecticut after marrying Seamore Staton, Jr, who was her husband of 60 years. They left Connecticut and returned to North Carolina and shortly thereafter moved with their three children into their home in Parmele where her husband still resides.

Mrs. Staton worked at several jobs but is remembered for her years at Blue Bell where she put the snaps on Wrangler jeans. She’s remembered even more for her many years as a laundress at the now closed Ray’s Washtub in Greenville NC. This was her happy place as she insisted folding laundry gave her peace. Her faithful clients were also happy when she worked, insisting that when Mrs. Doris folded your clothes you did not need an iron.

In addition to her skills in a laundry room, Mrs. Doris could cook! Her 7-layer chocolate cake as well as her 3-layer chocolate pecan cake left you wanting more. And anyone who was ever privileged to have a slice of her sweet potato

cake would swear it was the best thing they had ever eaten. Her chicken and pastry, her collard greens, and her potato salad were also much appreciated by everyone who tried it.

Doris, raised in the church, was a long-time member of Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Parmele. While there, she sang in the choir until esophageal cancer attacked her body. She stepped down from the choir and stepped up to the finance committee where she served until dementia caused her to give it up. Failing health caused her to eventually walk away from the church but never from God. Her quiet faith remained even when her memory faded. Some days she couldn't recognize family members, but if you recited the 23rd Psalm, she'd say it with you.

Mrs. Doris Staton was proof that only God can determine the length of our days. In 1996 when diagnosed with cancer, the doctors said she had two months to live. They were wrong. They were wrong again in October 2023 when they said she had only six months before dementia would cause her body to shut down. God gave her six more months besides.

Preceded in death by her parents and five of her siblings, these memories and more will continue to be cherished by her husband, Seamore Staton, Jr; her children, Donna Robinson (Jeffrey) of Raleigh, NC, Dutchess Horton (Aaron) of Winterville, NC and Dwayne Staton of Greenville, NC; her grandchildren, David Robinson of Raleigh, NC, and Brianna and Marquita Horton of Winterville, NC. She also leaves five siblings: Irma Taylor of Greenville, NC, Ida Mae Coppage of Parmele, NC, Willam Coppage (Irene) of Bethel, NC, Jesse Coppage (Maggie) of Parmele, NC and Tom "Melvin" Coppage (Barbara) of Raleigh, NC, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, "in-loves", cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Cemetery

328 Cemetery Road
Bethel, NC 27812

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Wynn Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
191 Package-Craft Road
Bethel, NC 27812

Celebration of Life Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - November 02, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ *Demetrius Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris C. Staton*



Demetrius Moore - November 02, 2024 at 09:27 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences goes out to the Staton family, praying that God will give you strength, peace and comfort at this time and the time to come 🙏❤️*



Mildred and William Little - October 31, 2024 at 10:14 AM

DW

“ No words can express how sorry I am for your loss; please accept our sincerest sympathy during this difficult time. May her memory live on forever in your heart, bringing peace and comfort to the family. The pain of losing someone so close can feel unbearable but remember that even though they are no longer physically with us, Mrs. Doris spirit lives on in your hearts and minds as you grieve at her passing. To the family I want you to know that our support is with the family during this difficult time, sending warm thoughts and comfort while we honor Mrs. Doris memory. She was a wonderful person with a beautiful smile and I enjoy working with her at Blue Bell. If you come to work down she will lift you up with that smile and kind words.



Johnny & Doris Wilkins and Family

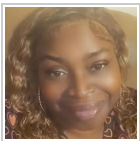
Doris Wilkins - October 30, 2024 at 07:27 PM

BH

“ Barbara Hollis-Carr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris C. Staton



Barbara Hollis-Carr - October 30, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ Auntie will be truly missed. I light this candle in remembrance of the loving angel our Father has gained. We are praying for all family and friends. We love you Auntie.



Mishika Coppage - October 30, 2024 at 09:13 AM

MS

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Miko Sharpe - October 29, 2024 at 08:00 PM

AN

“ *Whenever my kids and I came in to NC she always made us feel welcomed*

AJ Nash - October 29, 2024 at 04:27 PM

TA

“ *Travis Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris C. Staton*



Travis Andrews - October 29, 2024 at 07:47 AM

WL

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. May God continue to provide the comfort you need during this difficult time and the days ahead.*



William & Debra House Lee - October 29, 2024 at 07:25 AM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris C. Staton



Cecily Sene - October 29, 2024 at 12:35 AM

MT

I light this candle in memory of Doris C Staton

Mary Taylor - October 30, 2024 at 02:21 AM

VW

“ Vivian Whitfield-Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris C. Staton



Vivian Whitfield-Daniels - October 28, 2024 at 11:09 PM

LL

“ My Sincerest Condolences to the family 🙏



Leticia Lucas - October 28, 2024 at 10:52 PM

LA

“ *Lois Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris C. Staton*



Lois Andrews - October 28, 2024 at 08:55 PM

LA

“ *God has picked a beautiful rose. I light this candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Staton*



Lois Andrews - October 28, 2024 at 08:51 PM

WB

“ *My sincerest condolences to you and your family.*



Wanda Baker - October 28, 2024 at 08:35 PM

FE

“ *Taylor and Edgerton Family
A rose 🌹 has left us for a better place.
Family, we will miss her but her legacy will be
with us always. Love is unconditional*



Faye Taylor & Michelle Edgerton - October 28, 2024 at 08:31 PM

DF

“ Debra Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris C. Staton



Debra Fleming - October 28, 2024 at 07:48 PM

HD

“ From the siblings of the late Elbert Brown and late Rosie Brown Little, Dutchess, you and your entire family have our sincere condolences and prayers. 🙏



Hazel Brown Davis - October 28, 2024 at 06:33 PM

DC

“ To my Staton family, I'm really going to miss Aunt Doris. My thoughts and prayers are with my family. Rest in love ❤️



Delvelyn Crandall - October 28, 2024 at 06:25 PM

MC

“ Matthew And Priscilla Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris C. Staton



Matthew and Priscilla Cooper - October 28, 2024 at 03:52 PM

JP

“ *Joyce Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris C. Staton*



Joyce Purvis - October 28, 2024 at 01:01 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - October 28, 2024 at 09:49 AM

DF

“ *Donnie M. Lloyd And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris C. Staton*



Donnie M. Lloyd and Family - October 28, 2024 at 09:46 AM