



## Evelyn Black Cooke

October 7, 1925 - April 12, 2024

Evelyn Black Cooke, 98, passed away at home with family in attendance on April 12, 2024. She was born in Wilmington, North Carolina and soon moved to Hamlet and attended school. After graduating from high school, she attended Flora McDonald taking a business course for 1 year in Red Springs, North Carolina. She met her husband in Hamlet while he was working on the railroad. They married in 1944 and moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. After her husband, Nolan, was discharged from service, they moved to his hometown of Apex. There they lived for 78 years and raised 3 children. Evelyn worked downtown Raleigh for the State Department for 1 year, worked as a Teacher's Assistant at Apex High School for 6 years, worked in the office of Sherill Brinkley for 6 years, worked with preschool children in "Sunbeams" at Apex Baptist Church for 4 years, then Superintendent of the Junior Department for 10 years. She was an active member of the Women's Circle and the Women's Auxiliary Association at the church that focused on Missions.

She demonstrated true love and a testimony to their whole family of how hard work and dedication can sustain a Christian marriage. Part of that hard work was canning and freezing vegetables every summer to feed her family throughout the year. She also spent a good amount of her time behind a sewing machine making outfits for the ladies of the family.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, W. Nolan Cooke of 78 years and her parents, Stuart Wallace Black and Beulah Anderson Black, her brothers: Stuart Wallace Black, Jr. and Kenneth Austin Black.

She was survived by son Lynn Black Cooke, wife, Linda Howerton Cooke, daughters: Faye Cooke Moore, husband, James Ronald Moore (Ronnie), Elizabeth (Beth) Cooke Sears, husband, John Bruce Sears, 4 grand children and 15 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Apex Baptist Church at 2:00pm, service will begin at 3:00pm followed by burial at Apex Cemetery.

Family will be gathering at 203 Wrenn St, Apex, NC at other times.

In Lieu of flowers, please send donations to Apex Baptist Church in her memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Apex Cemetery

100 Upchurch St  
Apex, NC 27502

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Apex Baptist Church  
110 S. Salem St  
Apex, NC 27502

## Funeral Service

APR 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Apex Baptist Church  
110 S. Salem St  
Apex, NC 27502

# Tribute Wall



“ Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Evelyn Black Cooke



Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. - April 16, 2024 at 08:37 PM

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“ She and her husband always greeted new people to the neighborhood and were always lending a helping hand. They were also generous to neighbors with the produce from their garden. What an example for the younger generations to aspire to.

Susan J. Dixon - April 16, 2024 at 03:43 PM



“ 149 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. - April 16, 2024 at 12:08 AM

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“ Heaven gained another beautiful Angel. My prayers are with you all.



Marion Woody - April 14, 2024 at 07:49 AM

RA

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Cooke. She was a lovely lady and a devoted wife and mother. She and her husband were wonderful people, and they raised a great family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Ruth Achurch

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**Ruth Dawson Achurch** - April 13, 2024 at 12:12 PM