



Mrs. Marie Frances Sayles Hocutt

October 21, 1922 - May 25, 2016

Marie Frances Sayles Hocutt, 93, a resident of Brookdale Shelby, passed away May 25, 2016, at Wendover Hospice in Shelby, NC.

Born October 21, 1922, in Buncombe County, NC, Mrs. Hocutt was the daughter of the late Hall Fletcher Sayles and Cora Elizabeth Herron Sayles. She was also preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Hilliard Manly Hocutt.

Mrs. Hocutt taught social studies for 20 years at North Rowan High School in Spencer. She attended Oakley High School in Asheville and graduated from Mars Hill Junior College in 1942 and Woman's College in Greensboro (now UNCG) in 1944.

She was a devoted pastor's wife during her late husband's pastorate at Oakdale Baptist Church in Spencer, 1955-1970, and during his service as associational missionary of the Buncombe Baptist Association, 1944 -1955. In her later years, she was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Spencer, where she sang in the choir for 35 years, taught Sunday School, and served as a Deacon.

Mrs. Hocutt was an active member of the American Association of University Women and was a volunteer for Rowan Helping Ministries, Friends of Rowan Public Library, Crop Walk, and Dial Help. She was a pink lady at Rowan Medical Center, a donor and volunteer for the Red Cross bloodmobile, and volunteered at the polls in the Spencer precinct. She played the violin in the Salisbury Symphony.

Around Spencer, Mrs. Hocutt was known as the “walking lady,” having logged 25,000 miles of walking following her retirement from teaching. She also enjoyed traveling and had visited 6 of the 7 continents.

Mrs. Hocutt is survived by her 4 children: Kathryn Hocutt Hamrick and husband Cline of Boiling Springs; Cynthia Hocutt Headrick of Seymour, TN; Broadus Manly Hocutt and wife Samala of Charlotte; and Janice Elizabeth Hocutt of Raleigh. She is survived by 8 grandchildren: Jason Hamrick (Amy), Leif Hamrick, Spencer Hamrick (Erika), Miles Hamrick (Alyssa), Adam Hocutt (Mallory), Ray Hocutt (Joanna), Audrey Wilson, and David Wilson. She is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren: Morgan Hamrick, Aaron Hamrick, Logan Calvert, Levi Hamrick, Isaac Hamrick, Austin Hamrick, Trevor Hamrick, Megan Hamrick, Leighton Hamrick, Colson Hamrick, Kayla Hocutt, and Kallie Hocutt. Love and heartfelt thanks to Brookdale Shelby and to Wendover Hospice for the loving care they extended to our beloved mother and grandmother.

A memorial service for Mrs. Hocutt will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 27, at Boiling Springs Baptist Church in Boiling Springs, NC, with the Rev. Bonnie Doughtie officiating. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at Summersett Funeral Home in Salisbury, with the Rev. Franklin Myers officiating. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the funeral. Interment will follow at the Oakdale Baptist Church cemetery in Spencer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 156, Spencer, NC 28159.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Hocutt Family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakdale Baptist Church Cemetery

Spencer, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

JT

“*Mrs. Hocutt was one of the finest ladies I have known. She touched the lives of many people and always left them a better person. My love and sympathy to all of her family.*

Jane Buie Truesdel

Jane Buie Truesdel - May 30, 2016 at 07:11 PM

MO

“*I had the great pleasure of serving as her pastor during some of her pre-retirement days. We would walk the streets together visiting new people moving into Spencer. Though she had some painful memories, she always acted with Grace and Christlike love for others. She was one of those bright lights in town and in her church. She was beyond doubt a good and faithful servant of Our Lord. We are all better for having had the opportunity of knowing her. I appreciate the care and love surrounding her from her family in those final days. She deserved the love and our praise ! God Blessed us all by knowing her!*

M. Wayne Oakes - May 28, 2016 at 11:31 PM

 Steve
Oakes

“*Mrs. Hocutt was a wonderful lady. I also had her as my teacher. I remember her helping me with Backyard bible studies for kids in the neighborhood. She was a strong Christian lady and I am lucky to have known her. God bless her family in this time.*

Stephen Oakes (son of Rev. M Wayne Oakes)

Steve Oakes - May 28, 2016 at 11:19 PM

KP

“ On behalf of the Salisbury Branch of AAUW we send our sympathy to the family of Marie Hocutt. She was a dedicated member and always was interested in the issues from AAUW. May your wonderful memories of her bring you peace and comfort.



Kathy Pulliam - May 28, 2016 at 02:58 PM

RR

“ I had Ms. Hocutt back in the early 80's. I remember acting up in her class (stupid peer pressure and just being a kid). Ms Hocutt always welcomed me back into class as if nothing had ever happened -- she would just give me that stern look. I always wanted to apologize to her for my stupid behavior. She taught more then just social studies---she taught life. Ms Hocutt was one of the teachers I still thought about throughout my life and I use her stern glances in my life now.
A truly wonderful woman.

Richard Reavis - May 27, 2016 at 07:15 PM

JL

so sorry to read about your mother's passing. please accept my sympathy. ill call. Joan Lafleur

joan lafleur - May 29, 2016 at 01:28 PM

AK

Mrs. Hocutt was my teacher in 1972. After I became a teacher myself, I appreciated her evn more because I could understand how hard she worked to prepare meaningful lessons for us and to control sometimes unruly students. She is definitely unforgettable, and her Christian values shone through her every day. I hope that my students will remember the same kinds of things about me someday that I remember about her. You were blessed to have been a part of her family, and my prayers are with you.

Anne Greenland Kennedy - July 02, 2016 at 09:14 PM

M,

“ *Much love, Geneva, Wanda, Dick, Veronica, Kathy , Luis purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Marie Frances Sayles Hocutt.*



Much love, Geneva, Wanda, Dick, Veronica, Kathy , Luis - May 26, 2016 at 09:09 PM

MH

“ *Mrs Marie Hocutt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Frances Sayles Hocutt*



Mrs Marie Hocutt - May 26, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Frances Sayles Hocutt.*



May 26, 2016 at 01:06 PM

TK

“ *VERY SWEET LADY!!*

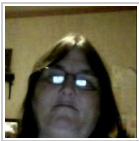
TERESA KNIGHT - May 26, 2016 at 10:03 AM

DR

“ I always looked forward to my visit with Ms. Marie. She was such an inspiration to me. We would talk about family, she always enjoyed sharing with me about her family. We would talk about Boiling Springs church and her church in Spencer. I would get the "Open Windows" and her Bible out to read for her a couple of days "to catch her up" or "get her ahead".....she always wanted to know title of devotional (and sometime the author of that devotional), where the Scripture was from. So many times she knew what that Scripture said BEFORE I even read it. You see, she had a cassette player and she listened to the Bible from "cover to cover".finishing the entire Bible, and then starting over again. Her discipline and knowledge and eagerness to know and share was something to behold. I will miss my time with her, but she left her mark on me and so many people in her earthly journey. She is now enjoying her heavenly journey as she is seeing all she read/listened to during her life here. She is walking, seeing, and I know just so excited about all she read is now a reality for her. God bless each of your her family....wow you have so many memories to cherish.

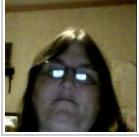
*Diane Rabon
Boiling Springs NC*

Diane Rabon - May 26, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ Mrs Hocutt was my high school Social Studies Teacher in school .she was a great teacher .

Brenda Morris - May 26, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *Mrs hocutt was my Social Studies Teacher at North Rowan High School She was a great lady.Share a memory of Mrs. Marie Frances Sayles Hocutt or send condolences to the family.*

Brenda Morris - May 26, 2016 at 08:51 AM



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brenda morris - May 26, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ *mrs. honcutt was my preacher wife when I was and child and she was my school teacher when I was in high school at north rowan high school. she was a sweet lady and a good Christian lady too..i went to oakdale Baptist church in spencer where she and husband was the preacher....so sorry to the family.....Kerry jo brown Sivula*

kerry jo brown sivula - May 26, 2016 at 07:56 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. She and Rev Hocutt were such a large part of my family's life growing up. She is such a special lady and will be missed.*

Richard Noles - May 26, 2016 at 06:14 AM

AH

*Dear Family,
What a precious lady was your Mother and Grandmother. I got to know her when my husband pastored at Oakdale. She always had a smile and an encouraging word. Our loss is Heavens gain. May our Lord and Savior give you strength and peace during this difficult time and in the days ahead.*

*Love and prayers,
Ann Heard*

Ann T. Heard - May 26, 2016 at 10:06 AM

TL

“ Rev. Hocutt and his wife were stalwarts in the Spencer community during my childhood. Their influence and love were inspirational to all who knew them. God bless the family and please know that their influence lives on.

tad lanning - May 25, 2016 at 10:25 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs.Hocutt's passing.You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I loved your Mom and your Dad.

Sandra Swinson Beck - May 25, 2016 at 08:27 PM

TT

Please accept our deepest sympathy at this very trying time. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. The Rev. and Mrs. Hocutt were so much a part of my younger times. They were very important people

Tom & Dixie Talbert - May 29, 2016 at 01:33 PM