



## Sarah Catherine Hance "Josie" Lines

January 24, 1921 - May 16, 2015

Sarah Catherine Hance "Josie" Lines, 94, died peacefully at her son's home in La Plata, MD on May 16, 2015.

Born January 24, 1921 at home in Island Creek (Calvert County), MD, she was the only child of Catherine Elizabeth Parran and Chesley Williams Hance.

She was raised on the family farm and loved the nearby Patuxent River where she boated, swam, fished and caught soft shell crabs. She attended the Island Creek Number 6 One Room School (25 pupils, 7 grades and 1 teacher) until 1934 when she transferred to Calvert County High School in Prince Frederick from which she graduated in 1938. An adventurous youngster, she often retold the story of walking across the Patuxent River with her father on the ice in the winter of 1938 from Calvert County to Sandgates in St. Mary's County and back again, over a mile each way. In February 1939, she entered the School of Nursing at University of Maryland University Hospital, Baltimore, MD, but did not finish due to illness. While at home for rest under medical care, she met her future husband Second Lieutenant Philip Dater Lines who was in the U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Meade, MD. They were married on August 8, 1942 at Ft. Jackson, SC. During WWII while Phil was in combat in Europe, she returned home to live with her parents and worked as a Special Duty Nurse at the local hospital. After the end of the war, her husband joined the MD Game and Inland Fish Commission (now DNR) and became the

Wildlife Field Superintendent for the five counties of the Southern Maryland Region. In 1948, they built a home in La Plata, MD where they raised two sons. Josie worked in the La Plata Post Office for many years, during which time she was active in the local American Legion Auxiliary, Cub Scouts, and Christ Episcopal Church La Plata. During the summers, the family traveled and camped throughout the United States. During her lifetime, she was proud that she had visited every state except Maine and Alaska. In 1969, she and her family moved back to her childhood home in Island Creek in Calvert County. There, she renewed her interest in gardening and raised championship daffodils which she entered in competition in local, state, regional, national, and even international shows. Josie was very active in Christ Episcopal Church in Port Republic, MD where she served two terms on the Vestry (first woman to serve) and co-hosted the Country Store Booth at the Tournament for many years. She also worked at the Prince Frederick Post Office until her retirement in 1982. She was a member and active supporter of many organizations including Calvert County Garden Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Washington Daffodil Society, American Daffodil Society, Friends of the One Room Schoolhouse, Calvert Historical Society, Calvert County Farm Bureau, and the Calvert Marine Museum. Throughout her life, she remained a generous and caring "people person". Many friends and acquaintances received gifts of flower bulbs and plants from her. In her later years, she knitted hundreds of caps for the poor and homeless through her knitting group "Caps for the Cold".

She was preceded in death by her husband of more than 52 years. She is survived by her sons David Freeman Lines and his wife Ann of La Plata, MD and Thomas Chesley Lines and his wife Susan of Indian Springs, AL. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, three nieces, two nephews, and many cousins.

The family will receive friends at son David's home in La Plata on Friday, May 22, 2015 from 3-6 PM. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2015, at 11 AM at Christ Church, Port Republic, MD. Interment will follow in church cemetery. The family will receive friends at a luncheon reception in the church hall following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Episcopal Church (Port Republic), Hospice, Grace Brethren Church (Waldorf) or the Calvert County Garden Club.

Funeral arrangements by Raymond Funeral Service in La Plata, MD.

# Previous Events

## Friends Received

MAY **22**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

David Lines' Home  
7970 Bel Alton Newtown Road  
La Plata, MD 20646

## Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church Port Republic  
Port Republic, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Catherine Hance "Josie" Lines

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Sarah Catherine Hance "Josie" Lines

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Ann and David My thoughts and prayers are with you in remembering the life of Josie. I had hoped to get by the house last Friday-but grandchildren's schedules got in the way. I first met Josie in 1969 when I bought the Prince George's St house that she and Phil built in 1948. She was thrilled that I would be living in her house with 2 little boys as she had. After I married Al he had wonderful stories to tell of going over to the house in his late teens to talk to Phil about his guns and other treasures. Josie and I met again at LP PT and Wellness. What a delightful lady-her graciousness and sharp wit were always present-even on the occasion of the fall and broken hip. What a beautiful and full life to celebrate and remember.  
Paddy Mudd

Paddy Mudd - May 27, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ Dick and I are so sorry and deeply saddened to hear of Josie's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow.  
With love and deepest sympathy,  
Mary Jane Harkness Nace

Dick & Mary Jane Harkness Nace - May 22, 2015 at 09:51 AM

MG

“ *Mattie And Lee Gootee lit a candle in memory of Sarah Catherine Hance "Josie" Lines*



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**Mattie and Lee Gootee** - May 22, 2015 at 07:43 AM

MG

“ *We first met Josie at her home in Calvert County MD. She was an impressive statuesque woman with a sharp wit and a warm comforting gaze. She was very gracious and showed me her garden and her tomatoe drying set-up. Much like what we had seen in Italy. She was very excited about a gift she had purchased for her grandson, Jeff, a beautiful slab of stone which he was to makes into a box! We were also fortunate enough to be involved in 'crab day' down by the water.for a few summers.The beer battered fish were fantastic! She made a lovely lasting impression on our lives which we will carry forward forever.*

*With love and respect for a beautiful soul*  
*Lee and Mattie Gootee*

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**Mattie and Lee Gootee** - May 22, 2015 at 07:41 AM

RL

“ *Robin L. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sarah Catherine Hance "Josie" Lines.*



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**Robin L.** - May 21, 2015 at 05:19 PM

KL

“ *Josie made me feel like family. Always. All my love to the family as you remember this sweet lady.*

*Karen Hosea Lees*



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**Karen Lees** - May 20, 2015 at 06:32 AM

FW

“ *David and family,  
I am very sorry to hear of your loss, I never met your mother but after reading her obituary, I could see your mother live a full life enjoying herself and her family. I will be thinking and praying for you during this time.*

*Francis Warring*

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**Francis Warring** - May 19, 2015 at 09:45 AM

DS

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**Debbie Salter** - May 18, 2015 at 02:38 PM

CR

“ *That picture is the way I will always remember Josie, along with her great laugh, fabulous crab dip and terrific ability to roll with whatever came her way. I grew up at the river, camping there every summer, and my kids grew up there after me. Such a generous, loving spirit! We often joked about trying to figure out exactly how we're related-- I'm just grateful to say that we were.*

*Carol Ann Randolph*

*Daughter of Hellen Randolph, Josie's cousin*

*(which I think makes me Josie's cousin once-removed)*

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**Carol Ann Randolph** - May 18, 2015 at 02:11 PM