## Obituary

Lois Elizabeth Smarr Hanes was born to the late Robert and Annie Mae Mauney Smarr on June 6, 1925.

Mama grew up in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and graduated from Atkins High School at 15 years of age. She then enrolled at Winston-Salem Teachers College (WSSU) where she earned a bachelor's degree in education.

She met our daddy, Norris Henry Hanes, while he was serving in the United States Army. They fell in love, married and became the proud parents of three children: Norris, Jr., "Teddy," Lois Anne and Thomas Albert, "Al."

Mama was a lifelong member of Grace Presbyterian Church where she served in many ministries of the church. Her favorite was singing in the choir! When she became ill and was no longer able to drive, she attended First Baptist Church (Highland Avenue) with her daughter.

Grandma began her professional career teaching in the public schools of Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County. And she eventually went to work for and retired from Fairchild-Burns Company. Mama was active in the community and played a vital role in the founding of The Best Choice Center and East Winston Restoration Association. Her social activities included membership in the Pollyanna Club.

Mama was a generous and caring person. She loved her family and made sure that each of them knew how important they were to her. She loved and respected all who knew her. We will miss Mama!!

"Great" peacefully transitioned from this life on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert, Jr. "Bubba," and Forest.

Along with her devoted and loving children, many memories of Mama will be cherished and shared by her children-in-law, L. Faye Price Hanes, John Young, Jr., and Judie Carpenter Hanes; her grandchildren; Norris III, Adrian, Shonta Young Sellers, Okeyma Young Wright, Thomas Jr., Devin and Delana; 12 great grandchildren, who lovingly called her "Great," and her dog, Willie, who she called her "little boy." She is also survived by her only uncle, Lander Mauney; her cousin, Earline Penn; many great cousins who loved her dearly and longtime friends who became extended family members.

### Order of Memorial Service

Opening Hymn "He Knows How Much We Can Bear"

Prayer Rev. Glenn Pettiford

Scripture Rev. Thomas Albert Hanes

Old Testament New Testament

Solo "Go Rest High" Mr. James Smith

Eulogy Dr. Darryl Aaron

Moments of Reflection/Music Melody of her favorites Mr. Derensky Cooper

"If I Can Help Somebody"
"When I've Done The Best I Can"
"He Looked Beyond My Fault"
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Benediction Dr. Darryl Aaron

Recessional/Hymn of Celebration "Victory is Mine"

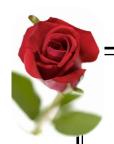
Repass immediately following in the David R. Hedgley Fellowship Hall where the family will receive greetings from friends.

#### Acknowledgement

The Family of Lois Smarr Hanes thanks each of you for the comforting words, loving thoughts and sympathy expressed in so many ways during this time of sorrow. Mama touched so many lives individually and we know she was loved and will be missed by us all. We ask for your continued prayers as we move forward together. Mama will always be in our hearts.

Special thanks to Hospice and Palliative Care of Winston-Salem and Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home for their kindness, love and support during this time of transition and loss.

Donations may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care in memory of Lois S. Hanes.



#### A Mother's Love

~Helen Steiner Rice

A Mother's love is something that no on can explain, It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain, It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . .

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking . . . It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . . .

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand





# Homegoing Service in Loving Memory of Mrs. Lois Smarr Hanes



June 6, 1925 - December 2, 2015

Saturday, December 12, 2015 11:00 AM

First Baptist Church 700 North Highland Avenue Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Reverend Dr. Darryl Aaron, Senior Pastor/Eulogist Reverend Glenn Pettiford, Assistant Pastor