



Virgie L. Choate

December 20, 1924 - February 7, 2023

Virgie Laverne Choate, born on December 20, 1924, wife to the late James Carlton Choate, oldest sister of Ora Dee Barclift and the late Frances Gayden, departed this earthly life on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at the age of 98.

Virgie is survived by her 4 children: Keith Choate (Bidella) of Twin City, GA, Darryl Choate of Portsmouth, VA, Shona Swinson of Swainsboro, GA and Juan Choate (Twana) of BunnLevel, NC; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, sister-in-law, Sara Choate Brown and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mama, Grandma, Mama Choate or Aunt Virgie, (as she was affectionately known by many), was known for her cooking. Virgie's meals were exemplary and those who had the distinct honor to partake in those culinary experiences were always left satisfied. Holidays and family gatherings were nothing short of amazing when we knew that Virgie would be in the kitchen rattling pots and pans. Known for her legendary gumbo, crab meat stuffed prime rib, lip-smacking chicken and dumplings and finger-licking sweet potato pies you can only imagine the joy she provided to family and friends near and far over the years.

In honoring Virgie's wishes, she will be cremated and will be honored during a private committal for immediate family only, at a later date. The family will be

receiving guests at the home of Darryl Choate on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

The family would like to thank Autumn Care of Portsmouth, VA and Trinity Hospice Facility for their compassionate care during Virgie's short stay as well as family and friends that have sent their support and prayers during this time.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ I Edward Earl Fortson, at exactly 4:45 p.m. on Saturday 2/25/2023, I found about the passing of Ms. Vergie Choate! I am deeply saddened and express my heartfelt condolences to the entire family. May the happy memories and happy family times sustain you today and in the future.

The section was called Lincolnsville on Glasgow Street behind the Blue Haven Motel and my family lived next door to the Choates. I remember when every one of the children was born. Not only was she a great cook, she was a great mother and every one in that block admired Ms. Virgie. On one occasion, I had the pleasure of taking her shopping and she would always offer me money and I refused. She said, "If you don't take it, I am not going to call you any more." The last thing she cooked for me was two ducks, stuffing and lima beans. Delicious!!

There is something special about those raised in the Lincolnsville. Ms. Virgie was extremely special, especially to the two sisters, Ms. Tootie and Ms. Eunice, and Ms. Ethel Eure.

May she Rest In Peace.

*Edward Earl Fortson & Family
Formerly Fortson's Market
1820 Elm Avenue
Portsmouth, VA*

Edward Earl Fortson, Sr. - February 25, 2023 at 05:07 PM

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“ To my classmate, Darryl and the rest of the Choate family. I am truly sorry for your loss, and I wish to offer my condolences. May God comfort and strengthen you during this sad time. You are definitely in my thoughts and prayers.

Cynthia Madkins - February 12, 2023 at 12:50 PM

LW

“ I remember when my grandma had my uncle's and family came to Atlanta and bought so much food with her for my mom's birthday party. I am truly going to miss her and some of the things that came out her mouth and that cooking her gumbo or that crab imperial to die for love you shake baby !!

Lepete Williams - February 10, 2023 at 10:49 PM

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“ Whoever you hold in the heart of you, is forever and always a part of you.

R.I.P grandma.



Brian - February 10, 2023 at 05:02 PM

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“ My condolence to the family of Virgie. I know you through your daughter, Shona. Peace to the entire family. Bernice Ryles

BERNICE RYLES - February 10, 2023 at 03:19 PM

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Sorry for your loss. She was an awesome and amazing women. Thank you for sharing this information . Blessings to you and the family.

Y. Perrin - February 13, 2023 at 02:52 PM