



Lois A. Tyson

July 23, 1927 - February 16, 2014

Lois Ethelyn Tyson (nee Askew), 86, a retired Realtor, died peacefully on February 16 in her home, surrounded by loved ones, in the Franconia section of Fairfax County, Virginia. She died from health complications due to pneumonia.

Mrs. Tyson and her husband operated Herb Tyson Realty in the Rose Hill Shopping center, from the mid-1960s to the mid-1980s. In the 1950s, she had worked for Duncan and Gifford Realty, in Norfolk, Virginia. In the 1940s, she worked for the Department of the Navy as a teletype operator. In the mid-1940s, Lois also sang for the USO, during World War II.

Mrs. Tyson was born in at Norfolk General Hospital, in Norfolk, Virginia in 1927. She was married briefly to Thomas F. Toby in 1946, and lived in Norfolk, and for a while in San Diego, California. In 1949, she married Herb Tyson, and lived in Norfolk and Jacksonville, Florida, and moved to Alexandria, Virginia in 1961. From the early 1970s until 1986, Lois and Herb also resided part-time in Fort Pierce, Florida. In the 1987, they relocated to Hampton, Virginia. In 2005, they relocated a final time to the Franconia area, where they shared a home with their daughter Sharon who cared for them until their passing.

In the prime of her life, you would find Lois fishing, cooking, sewing, crocheting, playing cards, enjoying her Grandchildren, traveling up and down the east coast, and telling stories of her youth & living on a houseboat. Anyone she met instantly became family and most people ended up calling her Grandma. Her life's mission was to take care of everyone, and she did it well.

Mrs. Tyson is survived by her children, Tom Tyson, Sharon Blackwell, and Herb Tyson, III. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by one son, one granddaughter and two great grandsons. Her husband, Herb Tyson, died in 2007. Her sister, Linda A. Jones, died in 1984, and her brother Reuben S. Askew, died in 2003.

Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Lois, Mrs. Tyson, no matter who she was called—she will be deeply missed.

Funeral service at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 12 Noon. Interment Fairfax Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Station 5 Franconia, 6300 Beulah St, Alexandria, VA 22310.

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“ My condolences to the family during this difficult time, I am truly sorry for your loss. Please find comfort and hope in God's promise found at Revelation 21:3,4.

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“ May your family be blessed with the fond memories of Lois Tyson. We know one of her grandchildren whose lovely nature I am certain was influenced by the love of her grandmother. May your dear family experience peace at this time.

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“ My deepest sympathies go to the family.

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“ I did not get to meet her in person but we know and love family members who told us about her, She will be missed. She is now with the Angels watching over us. Hugs love and prayers to all the family and friends.

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“ Our condolences to the entire family for the loss of Lois "Grandma" Tyson. We never had the honor of meeting her but knowing some members of this wonderful family the last couple of years we know she is not only a special angel now but, she was also a special angel on earth.

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