



Mae F. Castens

January 16, 1919 - December 30, 2019

Minnie Mae Foust Castens (100), died on Monday, December 30, 2019 in Mount Vernon, Virginia. She was born on January 16, 1919 in Pittsylvania, Virginia to William and Minnie Mae Foust. Fiercely independent, a skilled researcher, DAR, Jamestown Society, and never waivering Washington sports fan. Mae is survived by her sister Margaret Howard of Virginia, her daughter Carolyn Kelley of Virginia, her grandchildren Kimberly Feeney (Charles) of Vermont, Colleen Kelley of Maryland, great grandchildren Ashley Ginsburg (Daniel), Lindsey Jaffe, Cory Jaffe, Allison Feeney, Molly Feeney, and 3 great great grandchildren Eden Ginsburg, Aurora Ginsburg, and Nikolai Ginsburg. Relatives and friends may gather at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 2-4PM. Interment Arlington National Cemetery on a later date.

Previous Events

Gathering

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
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Tribute Wall

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“ My grandmother, Minnie Mae Foust, was born at home in Pittsylvania County, Va, on January 16, 1919.

Smart as a whip, strong-willed and independent, her standards were high.

She was a powerful influence in my life and all that I know I learned from her.

She grew the best tomatoes.

She baked the best pound cakes.

She made the best mashed potatoes I have ever had.

Our shared love of gardening is one of the many things I inherited, but I've never grown a tomato as good as any of hers.

She was not just my grandmother. She was my mother, my sister, my first and lifelong best friend.

There are no words that can adequately express the love and care that she bestowed upon me, my children, and my grandchildren.

She was our keeper of wisdom.

She was our rock and our foundation.

She was a great lady

and a wonderful gift that we were lucky to receive.

Losing her has come too soon.

I am feeling that loss and loneliness more so than I have ever felt in my life. There is an emptiness in the space where my heart used to be, and I am numb.

When this cloud of loss shadowing my life lifts,

I know that her spirit will be revealed through the lives of my children and grandchildren.

I know that in this way, she will live forever and always remain in our hearts.

I know that I am a better person for having been fortunate to have her as my guide for as many years as I have had.

I know that I will miss her every day for the rest of my life.

May she be restored to her perfect form and rejoin her loving family who have gone before her until we are together again.

Colleen Kelley - December 29, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ *Mae F. Castens*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM