

Gwendolyn Claudette Hardy Hutcheson



On Friday, May 8, 2026, God called Gwendolyn Claudette Hardy Hutcheson home to eternal rest at the age of 85 at VCU Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill, VA. Claudette was born September 15, 1940, the fifth of nine children born to the late Casey and Theora Wood Hardy. She grew up in Chase City, VA and attended school in Mecklenburg County, having graduated from West End High School in 1958.

Claudette was baptized at an early age and joined the fellowship Concord Baptist Church. Over the years, she served as Deaconess, on the Kitchen Committee, Missionary, Beginner's Sunday School teacher, and led the Children's Word during worship service.

Claudette was married to the love of her life, Nathaniel Hutcheson, for 63 years and cherished every moment. From this union, a son, Nathaniel, Jr. and a daughter, Tracey, were born.

Having worked for short periods of time at several jobs over the years, including in Mecklenburg County Public Schools as a Teacher's Aide, and at Craddock-Terry Shoe and Hamco Apparel factories, Claudette felt her most important jobs were those of wife and mother. A woman with a heart as big as the sky, she loved children, unofficially "adopted" many and baby sat for a number of them. She was very proud of her own children. Among the many reasons were for Nathaniel (AKA Jinx) establishing his own business and Tracey, for retiring early and being a "good figure-outer (problem solver). Of her grandchildren, whom she was loving called Gammy and Granny, she often would say "you all are growing up too fast; you were just born the other day."

In her leisure time, Claudette enjoyed listening to Gospel music and entertaining her family. She had a great sense of humor and often laughed at herself. While she was a very careful driver, she admitted, "I'm not a good backer upper." But, she was a good Christian woman who loved the Lord and gave Him glory for what He did in her life. One of her favorite sayings was "Hallelujah to the Glory."

In addition to her beloved parents, Claudette was preceded in death by brothers, Kelsey L. and Edwin T. Hardy, and sister, Estell H. Carter.

She leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate her life: her devoted husband, Nathaniel P. Hutcheson, Sr., son, Nathaniel P. Hutcheson, Jr. (Nancy); daughter, Tracey H. Lassiter (Jarious); granddaughter, Janae Hutcheson; grandson, Chay Lassiter (future granddaughter-in-love, Kayla Quick); brother, Alfred J. Hardy (Annie); sisters, Joan H. Gee, Hilda H. Terry (Marshall), Wanda H. Royster (John), and Alice J. H. Miller; sisters-in-laws, Shirley Hardy, Florence Hutcheson, Magdalene Hutcheson, Christine Holmes and Lillian Stewart; brothers-in-laws, Garland

Carter, Norman Hutcheson, James Hutcheson (Carolyn), George Hutcheson (Dera), and Henry Smith; nieces, nephews, a host of loving cousins, extended family members and dear friends, who will cherish her memory forever.

A graveside memorial service was conducted at 12:00 noon Friday, May 15, 2026 at Concord Baptist Church Cemetery, Chase City, VA with Rev. Raleigh M. Bagley, II delivering the eulogy.

Arrangements by Giles-Harris Funeral Home and Cremations Service, Chase City, VA.