



Pansy "Pam" Dillard Coates

October 11, 1923 - July 7, 2020

Pam Dillard Coates, 96, of Fairview, NC, came to the end of a life filled with wonder and curiosity, July 7, 2020. Surviving are her children Carole, Alan, and Curtis and their spouses, as well as four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Pam was valedictorian of her class at Sylva (NC) High School where her classmates awarded her five senior superlatives. A state and national 4-H Club winner, she was selected to lifetime membership in the NC 4-H Honor Club. She attended Western Carolina and Berea colleges before marrying J. B., her husband of sixty years.

During WWII, Pam was a "Calutron Girl" in the Secret City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. A stay-at-home mom, she was a church library volunteer; an avid gardener, reader, and crossword puzzler; and a superb talent with needle and thread. She was a long-time 4-H leader and Home Demonstration Club member and was named County Homemaker of the Year. She learned clogging and the mountain dulcimer and was a keen Elderhosteler. In retirement, Pam and J. B. founded and operated Scentsations, an herbal and craft business.

Due to COVID-19, a memorial service will be scheduled later. Memorial gifts may be made to the library of First Baptist Church, 5 Oak Street, Asheville,

NC 28801, where she was a member.

Tribute Wall



“ Pansy "Pam" Dillard Coates

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ Brenda Walker lit a candle in memory of Pansy "Pam" Dillard Coates



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Curtis Coates - July 09, 2020 at 12:00 PM



This photo really shows her generous spirit and sense of joy. Bet she was smiling at a grandchild.

Carole Coates - July 12, 2020 at 06:21 PM

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It was a pleasure to have had the honor in assisting in Pam's care for the last 7 years. She one of the sweetest ladies that I have ever met. She was always happy sitting and reading, working on puzzles and best of all loving on our facility cat "Sebastion" until his death a year ago. She always had the most loving and caring spirit and would lite up the room with her smile.

Thank you family for sharing her with us! I loved her dearly! "Miss Beautiful" I will see you later.

Sharon Moody Former Activities Director

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