



## Virginia "Earline" Pankey

May 17, 1940 - September 18, 2020

### Obituary of Virginia "Earline" Pankey

We celebrate the homegoing of Virginia "Earline" Pankey who entered into eternal rest on Friday, September 18, 2020 at Roane Medical Center surrounded by her loving family.

Virginia "Earline" Pankey was born on May 17, 1940 to the late George Washington and Alice Stewart Martin (Kingston, TN). She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Charles Leroy Pankey, Sr., 3 sisters: Beatrice Cowan, Marvin Alice Kirk, and Pauline "Kitty" Martin and 3 brothers: George Anderson Martin, Fredrick Lewis Martin and Carl Edward Martin. She graduated from Campbell High School (Rockwood, TN) and attended Knoxville College (Knoxville, TN) for one year.

She was also a very proud member of Cowan's Chapel United Methodist Church, where she served in various capacities/offices and she especially enjoyed being in the kitchen. "Earline" loved to cook and she was very peculiar about what she prepared and served. She always made sure that whoever walked through her doors, experience much love and good food to eat.

"Mrs. Pankey", as often referred to by students, staff, and friends, was employed by the Roane County School District as a Cafeteria Worker and Manager for 50 years. She dearly loved working at the school and serving

others.

She leaves to cherish her memory 3 loving and devoted children: Charles Leroy (Hylene) Pankey, Jr., Sheila Denise (Barry) Lurry, Brian LaVon (Rosealyn) Pankey, her devoted sister, Barbara Boatwright and two special nieces: Carolyn Bush (Steve) Roddy and Diane Eddie. Her 5 grand-children: Ra'Shanda Nicole Pankey, Amadea Hylene Pankey, Shakara Chaz Pankey, Brandon Leroy Lurry and Bradley Lydell Lurry. 3 sister-in-laws: Bernice Moore, Oak Ridge, TN, Shirley (Carl) Martin and Joyce Martin, both of Kingston, TN. She also leaves to cherish her memory a host of Nieces, Nephews and Cousins, and many friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2:30pm Thursday, September 24, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Kingston with the funeral to follow at 2:30pm. Burial at Cowan Chapel Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Cowan Chapel Cemetery

606 Greenwood Street  
Kingston, TN 37763

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 24. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
215 N. Kentucky Street  
Kingston, TN 37763

## Service

SEP 24. 2:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
215 N. Kentucky Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Babs Salley lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Earline" Pankey*



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**Babs Salley** - September 26, 2020 at 03:56 AM



*Sending lots of love. We are so sorry for your loss.*

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**Babs Salley** - September 26, 2020 at 03:57 AM

MT

“ *Mark, Kim, Jordan, and Xavier Trent purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Virginia "Earline" Pankey.*



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**Mark, Kim, Jordan, and Xavier Trent** - September 24, 2020 at 09:16 PM

TC

“ *Tasha Willis Clemons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virginia "Earline" Pankey.*



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**Tasha Willis Clemons** - September 24, 2020 at 08:55 AM

BM

“*Sorry to hear Ms. Pankey passed. She was a good lady and hard worker.*”

*~Bobby Monday*

**Bobby Monday** - September 24, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“*Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia "Earline" Pankey.*”



September 24, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“*Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Earline" Pankey.*”



September 23, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“*Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Earline" Pankey.*”



September 23, 2020 at 12:42 PM

PK

“ *Life Without You*  
*The sun will still rise in the east*  
*and darkness will fall at night*  
*but to your family now the*  
*days are not as bright,*

*The birds will sing, the flowers will grow*  
*the wind will whisper too,*  
*but to your family it will never, ever be*  
*the same world without you.*

*It is hard to let you go, and do know*  
*that you leaving has caused the family*  
*great pain, but because you were so*  
*special, earths loss is Heaven's gain.*

*Rest easy and we will see you later!*

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**Pamala Kline-Cleveland** - September 23, 2020 at 07:06 AM

CP

“ *So sorry to hear of Mrs. Pankey's passing. You're in my thoughts*  
*and prayers. I will always remember her as the "lunch lady". All of*  
*us kids knew she wouldn't let any of us go hungry.*

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**Carol Crowe Phillips** - September 22, 2020 at 09:57 PM

LE

“ Lisa Ewing lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Earline" Pankey



Lisa Ewing - September 22, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Virginia "Earline" Pankey.



September 22, 2020 at 04:19 PM

PT

“ Pat Taylor lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Earline" Pankey



Pat Taylor - September 22, 2020 at 01:35 PM

VW

“ New Century United Methodist Church family will miss you Ms. Pankey. To the family, Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.



Viola Talley Woods - September 22, 2020 at 01:17 PM

SC

“ Miss Pankey (Earlene to us) was one of the most gracious , loving ladies that I had the privilege to work with !!! She knew that I was usually one of the teachers that had to eat the latest lunch and would save me some of my favorites . She and my husband would always tease me and say that she was his girlfriend . I came to love this precious woman who was a true giving Christian lady ! She is probably making ‘angel food ‘ cakes in heaven ! 😊

Sheila Crabtree - September 22, 2020 at 12:48 PM

NH

“ Nancy Stone Harman lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Earline" Pankey



Nancy Stone Harman - September 22, 2020 at 12:19 PM

PE

“ Pecola Ewing lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Earline" Pankey



Pecola Ewing - September 22, 2020 at 11:01 AM

YB

“ Mrs. Pa key is the person who got my son to school in Elementary school. I would tell him if he went to school he could get some of Mrs. Pankey’s biscuits. School food was amazing when she worked at our school. She was a wonderful lady. Every time I saw her in the cafeteria it was a blessing. She always encouraged me! Our loss heavens gain!!!

Yvonne Boswell - September 22, 2020 at 09:43 AM

KL

“ Kathy Lawson lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Earline" Pankey



Kathy Lawson - September 22, 2020 at 08:39 AM

KC

“ Prayers for the family. She was a wonderful and exceptional lady.



Karin Conatser - September 22, 2020 at 07:29 AM

JG

“ Janie Giles lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Earline" Pankey



Janie Giles - September 22, 2020 at 06:12 AM

BB

“ Betty Blue lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Earline" Pankey



Betty Blue - September 22, 2020 at 01:11 AM

PH

“ Pamela Harvey lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Earline" Pankey



Pamela Harvey - September 21, 2020 at 09:03 PM

PH

*I worked with her in school cafeteria at Kingston High School. She was great person and a very great person to work for, we all worked hard but still had a good time. She will be missed .*

Pamela Harvey - September 21, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Virginia "Earline" Pankey.



September 21, 2020 at 04:12 PM