



# Alice Malavasi Cook

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**A**lice Malavasi Cook, 95, passed away peacefully Tuesday July 7, 2020. Ms. Cook, known far and wide as Nanny was born July 17, 1924, daughter of Odone Malavasi and Lesta Sbravati Malavasi of Farrell, MS. Alice moved to Memphis, Tennessee in 1955, which would be her home for the rest of her life.

Alice was a successful businesswoman working in real estate and for the Conwood Corporation for many years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and devout parishioner of the Catholic Church. She was an avid golfer and a member of Chickasaw Country Club. Always active whether it be aerobics, Bible study, fencing or ball room dancing (both of which she took up in her nineties), Nanny was an inspiration and example to all. Her life was defined by her core principles: hard work, faith, love, and family. Her heartbeat, as she would say, was her family. Her mission was to love and care for those heartbeats, creating and leaving them a better world and life. Her gift was her time and unconditional love. She was always present, always available, and always full of love. Her legacy is her family and the incredible impact one person can have by thinking of others first, and truly giving of themselves at all times.

Undeniably her passing leaves a large void but because of how Nanny lived her life, loved, and taught those around her, she will always be here in spirit and her impact will not cease.

Alice is survived by her daughter Dr. Sherry Webb of Memphis, TN; daughter and son-in-law Sheila and Lance Cooper of Knoxville, TN; her sister Norma Weiland; her 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, husbands Calvin Verdane Smith and Lucius P. Cook and sister Gloria Keene.

A Visitation for Ms. Cook will be held on Thursday, July 16th at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5658 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, from 5-7PM with a Rosary at 6:30PM. A Graveside Service and Internment will be held on Friday, July 17th at 10am at Barbee Cemetery, Coahoma, MS. In keeping with the Covid-19 guidelines, all visitors must wear masks at all viewings and services.



# Events

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## Visitation

**Thursday**, July 16, 2020

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

**Memorial Park Funeral Home**  
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119



## Rosary

**Thursday**, July 16, 2020

6:30 PM CT

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## Graveside Service

**Friday**, July 17, 2020

10:00 AM CT

**Barbee Cemetery**  
Coahoma MS





## Tribute Wall

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ME

**Marilyn Elledge** posted:

My mother in law had a difficult transition when she moved to Brookdale Dogwood Creek....until Miss Alice befriended her. Miss Alice "adopted" her and my mother in law adored Miss Alice. We did too and we will always treasure her. Until the virus, I was a volunteer Arts and Crafts teacher at Brookdale. Miss Alice attended every class. She had fascinating stories, great creativity, and true enthusiasm for trying new things. She will always have a place in our hearts

July 30 at 6:15 AM

MR

**Mary Jean Rando** sent an Arrive in Style to the Cook family.



July 13 at 6:20 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cook family.



July 13 at 4:27 AM

MD

**Michaele Dethloff** posted:

What can you say about a special lady who treated you like a friend from the first time you met. A personality so bright that you are drawn in to her. Alice Cook was such a vibrant, strong, Italian grandma personality (I probably missed a few descriptions) who always made you feel like you mattered and was concerned about you and your family. Fly high my friend you are no longer bound by this earth. Until we meet again. - Michaele Dethloff

July 9 at 7:38 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Alice by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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