



Earlene "Cookie" Sampson

April 9, 1947 - October 6, 2025

Earlene Sampson, affectionately known to all as "Cookie", departed this life at the age of seventy-eight on October 06, 2025 at Tidal Health in Seaford, Delaware. She was the daughter of the late Elder William Wesley Sampson and Clara Elizabeth Sampson.

She attended public schools in Dorchester County. Most of her working years were spent at Coldwater Seaford in Cambridge, MD and Preston Trucking 151 Line in Preston, MD. Her last job was private housekeeping in Talbot County. In the 1980's and 1990's, she also did Jheri curls as well.

Cookie was well known in and around the community for her exceptional cooking skills. Everything was homemade including the dumplings, waffles and beef soup. She loved cooking Caribbean foods for her husband and family. Cow foot soup was always a request in addition to the Granny's jerked ribs requested by her grandson. If something was not perfect, she did not mind giving her opinion about your cooking. According to her sister Margaret, if she gave you a recipe, she always left out a main ingredient which was the secret to the recipe.

Decorating for different seasons of the year was something she loved. Riding and shopping with her husband Lewis, sister Margaret and daughter Lynette were important and special. On Fridays she loved eating crabs with her son Rhett. Traveling and listening to old school music were also among her favorite things to do.

Cookie had a smile that would light up a room. You could feel the warmth and

genuineness of her heart. When she gave advice, it wasn't based on gossip but came from the heart. She was a good wife; mother; stepmother; grandmother; great-grandmother; sister; aunt and friend.

Cookie is survived by her husband of 34 years, Lewis Harris; daughter, Lynette Sampson; son, Rhett Sampson (Dionne); grandson, William Sampson; bonus daughter, Sherry Lake (James); stepdaughter, Tricia Ann Harris; bonus grandson, William Beasley Jr.; and bonus great granddaughter, Nora Beasley. She is also survived by two sisters, Geraldine Adams and Margaret Sampson. Additionally, she is survived by seven sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law: Beulah Grey; Louise Riley; Maggi Mills; Georgia Harris; Venetia Harris; Faith Harris; Lebert Grey and Conrad Harris- all of Jamaica and sister-in-law, Evelyn Sampson of Hurlock, MD. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, as well as, special friends - Clara Jean Banks, Sandra Lee, Ann Barnes and Pastor Vanessa Dobson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Leon Sampson and Wendell Sampson; two sisters, Geneva Sampson and Mary Agnes Sampson; and great -grandson, Ja'Brion Johnson.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hurlock United Methodist Church
502 South Main Street
Hurlock, MD 21643

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and/or the Make-A-Wish Foundation in memory of her great-grandson, Ja'Brion Johnson.

Funeral Service

OCT 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - October 13, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ *Bernice Jones lit a candle in memory of Earlene "Cookie" Sampson*



Bernice Jones - October 14, 2025 at 08:12 AM



“ *Kim Boggs Webb lit a candle in memory of Earlene "Cookie" Sampson*



Kim boggs webb - October 13, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ *Our prayers go out to the family. May God bless you all.*

Peter H. Singleton - October 11, 2025 at 10:25 PM

GT

“ Cookie I am going to miss you when my Mom passed you asked was there anything I needed I said some chicken and dumplings lord did you come through with them and when I say delicious they where that. Your family was there for me and I felt the love. When I would see you that smile you had would light up the room you where just a sweet person. I am going to miss you .



GWENDOLYN TURNER - October 11, 2025 at 05:58 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - October 11, 2025 at 07:25 AM

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Cookie was a very nice person and will be missed by many. My condolences to the family.

Doretha Sampson

Doretha Sampson - October 10, 2025 at 09:14 PM

DW

The Class of 1965, Mace's Lane High School Cambridge mourns the passing of our dear classmate and friend. Little did we know that celebrating our 60th class reunion with her on August 23, 2025 would be our last time seeing her. Family, we are here.

Dr.Barbara Woolford - October 12, 2025 at 10:24 PM

AB

“ Alisa Banks lit a candle in memory of Earlene "Cookie" Sampson



Alisa Banks - October 10, 2025 at 08:41 PM

YS

“ Yolanda Sampson lit a candle in memory of Earlene "Cookie" Sampson



yolanda sampson - October 10, 2025 at 06:00 PM

AD

To the family may God give you the strength to be strong because she was truly a beautiful woman in 

Anna Dawson - October 12, 2025 at 04:37 AM

HJ

“ Harry & Julie Jones lit a candle in memory of Earlene "Cookie" Sampson



Harry & Julie Jones - October 10, 2025 at 05:11 PM