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Ruth Hooks Proctor Hartsfield

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On the evening of December 26, 2012, my mother passed away gently and peacefully, from complications related to pneumonia and respiratory failure. Born Edna Ruth Hooks (6 February 1925 in Apex, NC), she lived a long life, full of energy and passion, almost entirely in Wake County, NC.

She had a way of drawing people to her, especially the three extraordinary men who were her partners along the way: Grover Proctor, Sr. (my father; son of Henry and Mary Hinton Proctor), John Hartsfield (my step-father), and E.P. King (her "gentleman friend" right up to her last breath).

Her funeral was on Sunday, December 30, with Pastors Steve Tillis and Daniel Thennes leading the service. She is buried in the Apex Cemetery, between her two husbands.

Below is her obituary, published in *The News and Observer*.



Ruth Hooks Proctor Hartsfield, 87, passed away peacefully on Wednesday in Raleigh. Born in Apex, NC to the late Bennett Hardy Hooks and Bertha Holland Hooks, she was predeceased by two husbands, Grover B. Proctor, Sr. and John Hartsfield; sisters Louise Hooks Burchette and Alma Hooks Northcutt; and brother James Bennett Hooks.

She graduated from Apex High School and Hardbarger Business College, and worked as a legal secretary and as the secretary of the Chemistry Department at UNC-Chapel Hill. She was Director of Volunteer Services at Richmond (VA) Memorial Hospital (now Memorial Regional Medical Center). Always a great patriot, Ruth was a founding member and past President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 10,001 (Raleigh), and a life member of the national organization. She was an excellent cook and owned her own small bakery in Cary, NC for a few years. A great lover of music, she was an accomplished pianist and wrote the words for the hymn "Dear Father, Hear the Prayer."

Ruth is survived by her son Grover B. Proctor, Jr. and daughter-in-law Adrienne Proctor of Cary; her gentleman friend E.P. King of Raleigh; her sister-in-law Ruth "Sister" Proctor Covert of Sanford; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. She was a longtime member of Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church, and more recently attended Emmanuel Baptist Church, both in Raleigh.

