



## Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland

April 10, 1927 - December 15, 2021

Mrs. Docia Mae Thomas Strickland, 94, of Royston, passed away Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at her home.

Born in the Red Hill community of Franklin County, Mrs. Strickland was a daughter of the late Ace Manley Thomas and Sara Jane Keller Thomas. Before her marriage to Arthur Jackson Strickland in 1947, she worked as a nurse for Dr. Stewart D. Brown, Sr. at the old Brown Hospital in Royston. After the birth of her children, she was a homemaker until the 1970s, when she opened Docia's Styles, a ladies' clothing store in Royston. Mrs. Strickland later worked for The Lion's Den, a men's clothing store in Royston, and at Dill's Food City as a cashier and manager of the floral department.

She was a member of Royston Baptist Church for 74 years having served as a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Agape Sunday School class, and served for many years on the House and Grounds Committee where she oversaw several beautification projects, both inside and outside the church. Mrs. Strickland's yard was well-known as among the most beautiful in Royston, as she spent much time cultivating many different varieties of flowers, trees, and plants. She was particularly gifted in growing roses, daylilies and African violets.

Mrs. Strickland was a great cook and some of her specialties included yeast

rolls, coconut cake and creamed corn. She had artistic talent, especially for painting ceramics, porcelain dolls and baskets. She was recognized by the Georgia State Senate and the Georgia House of Representatives on the occasion of her 90th birthday in 2017.

She was a strong-willed person who cared deeply for her family and was primary caregiver for her mother-in-law until her death and caregiver for her sister-in-law, husband and daughter until their conditions required admission to a skilled nursing facility.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jackson Strickland; son, Kenneth Thomas "Kenny" Strickland; daughter, Jane Strickland Hanley; grandson, Aaron Strickland; and all her siblings, Jimmie Sue Thomas Smith Martin, Everage Thomas, Rev. Robert Thomas, B.K. Thomas, William Thomas, Joan Thomas Gray and Oscar Thomas.

Survivors include her sons, Raymond Strickland (Margie) of Waynesboro, VA and Doug Strickland of Royston; grandchildren, Cassie Schlager of Royston, Sherri Cheek (Joey) of Carnesville, Carla Rothmann of Deltaville, VA and Jay Hanley of Watkinsville; great-grandchildren, Nick Schlager (Kellie Keener) of Hartwell, Natasha Rothmann of Durango, CO, Montana Cheek and Waylon Cheek, both of Carnesville; sister-in-law, Myrtle Thomas of Canon; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 19, 2021, in the Royston Baptist Church with Dr. Danny Barton officiating. Interment will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Royston.

The family will receive friends at the church from 1:00 p.m. until funeral hour on Sunday afternoon.

Flowers are optional; memorials may be made to Royston Baptist Church 767 Church Street Royston, GA 30662.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA and Bernstein Funeral Home in Athens, GA are in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Burch Street  
Royston, GA 30662

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Royston Baptist Church  
767 Church Street  
Royston, GA 30662  
<http://www.roystonbaptistchurch.org>

## Service

DEC 19. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Karen Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



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**Karen Martin** - December 25, 2021 at 09:04 PM

JH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Jay Hanley** - December 22, 2021 at 04:11 PM

JH

*Tribute video for Docia Strickland*

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**Jay Hanley** - December 22, 2021 at 04:20 PM

SM

“ *Ms Docia was a sweet lady and precious to talk to. My sincere Condolences to all her family.*

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**Shirley Macomson** - December 19, 2021 at 11:25 AM

GB

“ Greg & Barbara Beck lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland



Greg & Barbara Beck - December 19, 2021 at 04:57 AM

KM

“ Karen Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland



Karen Martin - December 18, 2021 at 02:07 PM

DJ

“ Diana Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland



Diana Johnson - December 18, 2021 at 11:16 AM

DJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all...

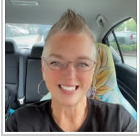


Diana Johnson - December 18, 2021 at 11:15 AM

CD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all your family. She was a very sweet and gracious lady.*

Christy DeCouto - December 18, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *Sherri and Cassie I am so sorry for your loss! Mrs. Docia was such a sweet woman! I have fond memories of swimming with the church group at her home, also shopping in her store! Prayers for your families at this time! Stephanie*

Stephanie Fortson - December 18, 2021 at 08:26 AM

MB

“ *Meliss Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



meliss brown - December 17, 2021 at 10:15 PM

TS

“ *Sweet Jane's Mama. There must be one more fine Christmas reunion in Heaven this year. I am so happy for Docia, her husband, Kenny, and Jane. My prayers are with those of you who remain on this earth. There is coming a day when no heartaches will come. Sincerely, Teresa and Mike Shirley, Bowersville.*

Teresa Shirley - December 17, 2021 at 07:53 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Pulliam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



Barbara Pulliam - December 17, 2021 at 07:28 PM

EC

“ *Evelyn Cress sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



evelyn cress - December 17, 2021 at 07:26 PM

JR

“ *June Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



June Robertson - December 17, 2021 at 06:45 PM

CD

“ *Carla Drake sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



Carla Drake - December 17, 2021 at 02:45 PM

CD

*Heavens flowers will be prettier now.*

**Carla Drake** - December 17, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *Nadine Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



**Nadine Hunnicutt** - December 17, 2021 at 01:45 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



**Brenda Wallace** - December 17, 2021 at 01:33 PM

DB

“ *Doris Brabson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



**Doris Brabson** - December 17, 2021 at 01:28 PM

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**Doris Brabson** - December 17, 2021 at 01:28 PM

MR

“ *Melody Roach lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



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**Melody Roach** - December 17, 2021 at 12:40 PM

CM

“ *Connie Moon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Docia Mae Strickland*



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**Connie Moon** - December 17, 2021 at 11:51 AM

TN

“ *May God lend you all the comfort, peace and strength you need now and in the days ahead. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Teresa Neese** - December 17, 2021 at 11:42 AM