



Rev. Myrtle Frances Hatcher



Rev. Myrtle Frances Hatcher

Suffolk, VA

09.30.1945 - 02.08.2018

Birthplace: Virginia

Rev. Myrtle Frances Hatcher, 72, went to be with the Lord on February 8, 2018. She was the daughter of the late June D. and Rufus Cooper. She was predeceased by her son John Johnson.

Pastor Myrtle is survived by her husband John G. Hatcher, Jr.; sister, Angel Cooper of Staunton, VA; daughter-in-law, Marie Johnson; and 5 grandchildren.

Pastor Myrtle has served the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church for 33 years. Currently she has served for seven years as the Minister of Main Street United Methodist Church. Prior to her service at Main Street UMC she served as the District Superintendent of the Peninsula District for the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church; and served as the Pastor of Norfolk United Methodist Church in Norfolk, Galilee United Methodist Church in Edwardsville, VA and St James United Methodist Church in Hampton, VA.

She was active in her community and was a founding board member of CAPS Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 11 AM in Main Street United Methodist Church, 202 N. Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434 by Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. She will be open for viewing Monday-Thursday from 9 to 5 PM in the R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory, 509 W. Washington St. Suffolk VA 23434.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to CAPS, 157 N. Main Street, Suffolk, VA 23434 or to a charity of one's choice. Condolences may be registered at RWBakerFh.com

Service

Start Time: Friday, February 16, 2018 - 11:00am
Main Street United Methodist Church
202 N. Main St.
Suffolk, VA 23434
United States

Google Maps Link

[Directions to Main Street United Methodist Church](#)

Visitation

Start Time: Monday, February 12, 2018 - 09:00am
End Time: Thursday, February 15, 2018 - 05:00pm
R.W. Baker & Company Funeral Home
509 W Washington St
Wakefield, VA 23881
United States

Google Maps Link

[Directions to R.W. Baker & Company Funeral Home](#)

Guestbook

Bob and Midge Callis

Fri, 02/09/2018 - 06:58pm

This is a very sad time for us and for our church. We will miss Pastor Myrtle but we know she is with her Lord.

We will keep her family in our prayers.

Midge & Bob Callis

Bob and Midge Callis

Tracey Medeiros

Fri, 02/09/2018 - 06:59pm

Deepest sympathy and condolences to Pastor Myrtle's family. She was a very special lady with a loving kind soul. Her sermons always carried a positive and meaningful message of hope, Love, and peace. She will be missed greatly. God's Love and peace to her family and friends.

Tracey Medeiros

Julie and Everett irby

**Sat, 02/10/2018 -
07:44am**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pastor Myrtle's family. She was a wonderful person and did so much for our church. We always came away from service with an uplifting message ... she will be truly missed .
Wishing peace to her Family

Julie and Everett irby

Joann McClung

**Sat, 02/10/2018 -
08:19am**

So sorry for your loss, she was a great lady and will be missed by all.
John you and family are in our prayers.

Joann McClung

**Wayne and Kay B
Callis**

**Sat, 02/10/2018 -
08:20am**

Our prayers are with Myrtle Francis' family and her church family. She holds a special place in our hearts.

Peace be with her family.

Wayne and Kay B Callis

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Billy and Pam Hill

**Sat, 02/10/2018 -
12:27pm**

As Pastor Myrtle would often say, "It started out being just another ordinary day but you can expect things to change". Thursday was that type a day until I received the news of Pastor Myrtle's passing. It is the day I lost a dear, close friend, for whom I have the utmost love and respect. Every Sunday Pam and I looked forward to hearing a message where she took scripture and through story delivered a sermon that was practical, relevant, and challenging. She truly was a most talented and gifted lady, who was loving and caring and helped us become better people. She had accomplished God's plan for her here on earth, and he needed her by his side in heaven to continue to do her good works. May she rest in peace, and may God bring comfort to John and her family at this most difficult time.

Billy and Pam Hill

Donna Carroll

**Sat, 02/10/2018 -
12:33pm**

What a loss to Suffolk and Main Street United Methodist Church. She was such a beautiful example of a woman of faith. I was blessed to have heard a couple of her sermons and always felt so uplifted afterwards. My condolences to her family and church family. She has gone home to her God she loved and served so faithfully. My prayers are with you.

Donna Carroll

Woodie Rea

**Sun, 02/11/2018 -
12:49pm**

I don't think I have the words to adequately express what my friendship with Myrtle has meant to me. In many ways, Pastor Myrtle was a Pastor's Pastor. She loved people exactly as they were and she transformed a community - one person at a time. She was not afraid to laugh at the comedies in life, or shake her head at the absurdities of life. It is hard to fully digest that this woman who embraced life so completely has now passed...she will be sorely missed and forever loved.

Woodie Rea

Pat and Dean Tony

**Sun, 02/11/2018 -
06:26pm**

Our prayers are with Myrtle's family and church family. Myrtle's beautiful smile, advocacy for justice and loving spirit will continue to inspire other disciples to be faithful until Jesus calls.

Pat and Dean Tony

JW

**Mon, 02/12/2018 -
08:03am**

Dear family, may the God of all comfort (Psalm 83:18) strengthen you at this difficult time and may your cherished memories console you until the day you are reunited by means of the promised resurrection- Acts 24:15, John 5:28,29.

JW

Perry Mayer

**Mon, 02/12/2018 -
10:01am**

So very sorry to read of the passing of Pastor Myrtle. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this trying times.

Perry Mayer

**Akram and Glenn
Jenkins**

**Mon, 02/12/2018 -
03:12pm**

Words cannot express the pain and sorrow that is felt when a loved one passes. We know that the love that was felt between all family and extended family members will endure and help everyone through the remember sadness and the cherish moments of gladness!!

Akram and Glenn Jenkins

Juanita K. Colley

**Mon, 02/12/2018 -
03:27pm**

Pastor Myrtle sent me a note one day that said "I said a prayer for you today." That meant the world to me and I will never forget it. She prayed for those that the church might have marginalized. That was so thoughtful of her. I loved her and am going to miss her a little earlier than I'd planned. Peace to John, Angel, and family

Juanita K. Colley

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**Joseph and Nancy
Verdirame**

**Mon, 02/12/2018 -
04:43pm**

We are deeply saddened by Pastor Myrtle's passing. She always had a kind word. We will sincerely miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Joseph and Nancy Verdirame

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**David & Frances
Parson**

**Mon, 02/12/2018 -
05:51pm**

Our prayers are with Pastor Myrtle's family as well as her Main Street UMC family. Hold on to the good times and the memories. God is ever present and He will carry you through.

David & Frances Parson

**Linda and Albert
Weal**

**Tue, 02/13/2018 -
12:49am**

John (Frat):

Words cannot express the pain and sorrow that is felt when a loved one passes. Our condolences to you and entire Family. We know that the love that was felt between all family and extended family members will endure and help everyone through the remember sadness and the cherish moments of gladness!! Hold onto the great memories and remember the Gospel stated that "He" went to prepare a home for her not built by hands and if it was not so; "He" would have told us so. Myrtle sent up timbers for a many years and her home is now Completed. Just keep in you thoughts: 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13; And the greatest of These is LOVE!

Linda and Albert Weal

Bro. Rogers L. Barnes

Tue, 02/13/2018 - 07:37am

My sincerest condolences are offered to my dear brother and mentor, John Hatcher and the entire family. Although the fraternal bonds of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity brought us together, it has been the lifelong positive impact of Bro. Hatcher which has served as an example. May the loving memories of Myrtle keep you in the days ahead. God's mercies and peace be with you.

Rev. Rogers Barnes

Bro. Rogers L. Barnes

Janie Nuttall

Tue, 02/13/2018 - 11:14am

So sorry for all our loss of this beautiful spiritual leader. Condolence to John Hatcher on his loss. I was blessed to share the back holy row with you at Richmond District conference/training.

Janie Nuttall

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Debra (Debi) Straughter

Tue, 02/13/2018 - 12:06pm

This is a great loss for the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church. May the peace of Christ rest upon Rev. Hatcher's family and those she lead and touched. The work she has done in the vineyard speaks for itself. She will surely be missed.

Debra (Debi) Straughter

Richard Speirs

Tue, 02/13/2018 - 03:53pm

Pastor Myrtle, you were an awesome pastor who loved working with people and helping them grow spiritually. I know you are in a great place right now. May your family find blessing during their time of grieving. May God hold your family in his hands. It was an honor to know you and to have worked with you.

Richard Speirs

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Rev. Levi Stroud

Tue, 02/13/2018 - 04:14pm

Love and prayers for all family and friends of this dear servant of God. Peace

Rev. Levi Stroud

Ann Reilly

Wed, 02/14/2018 - 09:21pm

May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept my sincere condolences. You are in my prayers.

Ann Reilly

Ann Reilly

Addie Haynes Walker

**Thu, 02/15/2018 -
03:47pm**

Dear John, my prayers are with you and the Family. Myrtle was a light in so many lives. I will always treasure the times I spent with you both.
Blessing and love,
Addie
Addie Haynes Walker

Reggie L Carter

**Thu, 02/15/2018 -
05:48pm**

Pastor Myrtle was a shining jewel to the city of Suffolk. She has shown great vision and generosity to so many within the city, including our organization. On behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia, we express our deepest condolences to Mr. Hatcher and the Main Street Church family. "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal." We know that her life and legacy will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of every individual that she touched.
God Bless, comfort and strengthen you all,
Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia
Reggie L Carter

**CARL SMITH JR,
CARL SMITH III &
CRYSTAL LANE**

**Fri, 02/16/2018 -
07:57am**

Dear Cousin John,
We express our deepest condolences to you and your family. Mrs. Hatcher will be greatly missed but her love will forever be among you. She brought joy to all of our hearts each time we saw her. God Bless you and your Family.
Love Always,
Carl Jr., Carl III & Crystal
CARL SMITH JR, CARL SMITH III & CRYSTAL LANE

Kiersten Kvinge

**Tue, 02/20/2018 -
10:21am**

Please accept our sincerest condolences from United Way of South Hampton Roads at the loss of a wife, sister, mother, and grandmother. Rev. Hatcher had been a loyal contributor for many years and our community is a much better place because of her generosity.
Sincerely,
United Way of South Hampton Roads Staff
Kiersten Kvinge

Linda D Ray

**Wed, 02/21/2018 -
01:29pm**

My thoughts and prayers are with Myrtle Francis' extended family and church family. She was such an inspiration to me as a pastor and leader in the Virginia Conference.

Linda Ray

Linda D Ray



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