



Barbara Jane Vandercook

March 24, 1936 - September 21, 2019

Barbara “Jane” Panter Vandercook (83) passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 21 at The Hearth Memory Care Center in Hendersonville, TN.

She is survived by her son, Jack Vandercook, Jr. of Hendersonville, TN, her daughter, Kim Sonnen (Tom Sisung) of Denver, CO., her honorary daughter, Jammie Breedlove of Hendersonville, TN and a brother, Ronald Panter of Hendersonville, TN. She is preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, J.D. Vandercook.

Vandercook was born on March 24, 1936, in Old Hickory, TN, to Clearance and Lena Panter of Old Hickory, TN. She graduated from DuPont High School in 1954 and Middle Tennessee State University in 1958. In college, she was a cheerleader and Vice-President of the Associated Student Body. After graduation, she spent the next 34 years as a high school teacher in the Metropolitan Nashville School System. She taught American Government, History and Civics for 26 years at Maplewood High School. She also served as the school’s athletic director, cheerleading sponsor, Honor Society, and Academic Olympics sponsor. In 1986, Vandercook transferred to the new Hunter’s Lane High School, where she taught U.S. History.

Over the years, Vandercook received many honors including Metro Teacher of the Year and the Tennessee Council of Social Studies Outstanding Teacher

award. She also authored two textbooks for Prentice Hall Publishing. However, the recognition she was most proud of came from past students and their stories.

After retiring, Vandercook served as a volunteer and a volunteer board member at Skyline Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 4-8 PM on Tuesday, September 24 at Phillips & Robinson Funeral Home Hadley Chapel, 1700 Hadley Ave. in Old Hickory, TN. A funeral is scheduled for 11AM, Wednesday, September 25 at the funeral home, followed by burial at Beech Presbyterian Cemetery (Hendersonville, TN).

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Beech Presbyterian Cemetery

3216 Long Hollow Pie
Hendersonville, TN 37075

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Hadley Chapel
1700 Hadley Ave
Old Hickory, TN 37138
(615) 847-1010
info@phillipsrobinson.com
<https://www.phillipsrobinson.com/>

Service

SEP **25.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Jane Vandercook*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane Vandercook.*



September 24, 2019 at 07:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane Vandercook.*



September 23, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane Vandercook.*



September 23, 2019 at 04:29 PM

DC

“ *Debbie Harvey and Claire Callahan purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Barbara Jane Vandercook.*



Debbie Harvey and Claire Callahan - September 23, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane Vandercook.*



September 23, 2019 at 03:36 PM

GC

“ *Greenwood Village IT Group with condolences purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Barbara Jane Vandercook.*



Greenwood Village IT Group with condolences - September 23, 2019 at 12:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane Vandercook.*



September 23, 2019 at 11:32 AM

LC

“ Love, Peter, Kellie, Kink and Coozie purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Barbara Jane Vandercook.



Love, Peter, Kellie, Kink and Coozie - September 23, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Jane Vandercook.



September 23, 2019 at 09:51 AM

MK

“ Matthew & Kathleen Kinser purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Barbara Jane Vandercook.



Matthew & Kathleen Kinser - September 23, 2019 at 07:38 AM

DW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Debra L Wicke - September 23, 2019 at 01:30 AM



“ A kind, wonderful lady who taught many grateful students.

Durand Brewer - September 22, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ I can remember my daddy, Morris Estes, talking fondly of Mrs. Vandercook. He was extremely proud of the staff at Maplewood and passed, himself, earlier this year. Maybe they're walking Heavenly halls together and shaking their heads remember the good old days. My mother and I send our condolences and prayers to Mrs. Vandercook's family.
Patty Winchester
Marie Estes

Patty Winchester - September 22, 2019 at 03:00 PM



Loved Mrs Vandercook she was a awesome teacher.

Rita Bolster Roberts - September 22, 2019 at 03:37 PM



Mrs Vandercook was very dedicated to her students inside and outside of school. Not only was I honored to have her as my teacher at Maplewood but my son Scooter was honored to have her as his teacher at Hunters Lane. He said she was the only class he enjoyed. I know Heaven has another "Angel" . Until we meet again.

carolyn Dorris - September 22, 2019 at 04:16 PM



We had a moment of silence last night for her at the 50 year reunion of the Class of 1969 of Maplewood High School. She was at The Grand Reunion in 2015 and my husband and I spoke with her as she was very special to us as she was to many. Even though we could see she was in failing health and struggling she smiled and hugged us. My Mom had Alzheimer's so my heart goes out to her family. She will be missed, but she put her mark on the world through her love and guidance toward her students.

Debra and Buddy Mullins - September 22, 2019 at 06:43 PM

JW

Jane Vandercook was a second Mom to all of us who were blessed to be cheerleaders under her direction. She was strong and courageous. She was also kind and forgiving. I learned more than textbook knowledge from her in class. She taught me the importance of patriotism, love of country, citizenship and service. Her family and my husband's family were long time friends from Old Hickory. When she was a cheerleader at Dupont High School, she often referred to a preschool tyke who stomped cups under the bleachers in the high school gym, as her boyfriend. Yes, she was instrumental in that boy, Mike Wooden, later becoming my husband. She touched many lives, including mine. I am forever grateful to her and love her so.

*Judy Meeks Wooden
Maplewood Class of 1970*

Judy Meeks Wooden - September 23, 2019 at 03:53 PM

LI

Jane Vandercook was such a wonderful teacher. I always knew I could talk to her about anything. She was my favorite at Maplewood. Saw her a few years ago at O'Charley's in Hendersonville, and she remembered me. I told her then what a great teacher she was.

Linda - September 24, 2019 at 06:35 AM