



## Doris Elizabeth Brannen

February 14, 1948 - March 4, 2026

Doris Elizabeth Brannen, 78 of Mooresville, NC passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 4 at Duke Health Lake Norman. She was born February 14, 1948 in Charlotte, NC daughter of the late John Edward Thrower and Margaret Josephine Madagan Thrower.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Eddie Thrower; sisters Margaret Matson, Edna Plyler, Evelyn Small and son in law Jamie Gilbert. Nephews Joey Matson and John Thrower.

Doris graduated from Harding High School, Charlotte in 1966 and attended Kings College. She dedicated several years to the Charlotte School Board, then worked at a doctor's office in Charleston, but she will be remembered most for her 15 years at Fast Phil's on Brawley School Road in Mooresville. After retiring in 2000, she devoted herself full-time to being a loving Mammaw to Whitney and David, who were her greatest joy. She was a devoted and active member of Triplett United Methodist Church for many years. Known for her booming voice and infectious, joyful cackle, Doris brought life to every room. We know she will be sitting around in heaven with her restless foot tapping, laughing and acting up with her sisters and brother but she will be deeply missed by all of us here.

She leaves behind her husband of 57 years, Michael "Butch" Brannen, son,

Michael Brannen (Karen) and daughter Amy Gilbert of Mooresville.  
Grandchildren, Whitney Brannen of Raleigh and David Brannen of Charlotte.  
Nieces, Terri Porcher (Eddie) of James Island, SC, Lori Rayano (Joe) of  
McConnells, SC, Debbie Vaught (James) of Conway, SC. Sherri Abel of  
Charleston, SC. and Mary Katherine Thrower of SC. Nephew Joe Small  
(Electa) of Georgetown, SC. and Timothy Thrower of SC.

A celebration of life service will be held by the family on Monday, March 9th at  
11 am at the Heritage House Cavin Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville. The  
family will receive friends at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Richard's Coffee Shop  
at [www.welcomevets.com](http://www.welcomevets.com) or West Church LKN at [www.headingwest.org](http://www.headingwest.org).

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Brannen  
family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Memorial Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ We will always remember her and miss her for all that she did for us.

*Carmine and Pat Pesce*

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**Charlene Crocker** - March 11 at 05:23 PM

TM

“ Our love and prayers,  
*Carl & Teresa Moore* ❤️



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**Teresa Moore** - March 09 at 07:46 PM

JW

“ I have known the family for a long time, through Triplett Church and I know the family will miss Doris as will a lot of people who knew her, at this time I turn my thoughts and Prayers to Doris' family, I think all will attest to a life well lived RIP Doris Job well done!

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**Joseph Whitonis** - March 09 at 12:22 PM

SK

“ *Sylvia Allen Kinney lit a candle in memory of Doris Elizabeth Brannen*



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**Sylvia Allen Kinney** - March 08 at 06:29 PM

SK

“ Doris played a large part in my teenage years and a friendship that has continued til now. She will be always be in my fondest memories of school, Myrtle Beach and adventures with our partner in time Connie. I’m sure Doris was welcomed with open arms by all who went before her. My love and heartfelt thoughts go to Butch, Michael and Amy I’m sorry I can’t be there with you tomorrow but I am in thoughts and love ❤️ Sylvia Allen Kinney

Sylvia Allen Kinney - March 08 at 06:27 PM

CM

“ I have known Doris and Butch for 55 years. As young adults just starting out in life..Doris, Butch, my husband Jerry and I played cards every Friday night until the wee hours of Saturday morning. When our husbands graduated from college we all ended up in Charleston SC and we switched to hanging out in a backyard pool and playing back gammon every Saturday with our young kids running around. Life was good. I’ll miss Doris so completely. Love to Butch, Amy, Michael and all her family

Cheryl Mc Murray - March 07 at 06:37 PM

RS

“ I knew Doris from years past. We rented a home from her in-laws and my children went to their day care, The Sandbox. Also I knew Doris from being at Triplett Church. Doris was always asking about the family and remembering the good times at the Daycare. You always knew she was around by her booming voice and laughs. Rest in peace Doris. Sending all my prayers to the family.



Robin Smith - March 06 at 05:05 PM

BC

*I've known Doris from her days in High School because she was dating Butch who I went to High School. We also attended Triplett Church together. Prayers for all Family and Friends.*

*Bill Cavin*

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**Bill Cavin** - March 09 at 05:43 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Elizabeth Brannen.*



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March 06 at 03:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Doris Elizabeth Brannen.

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March 06 at 03:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doris Elizabeth Brannen.*



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March 06 at 03:33 PM

MJ

“ Mary Catherine, Brent & Alana Jordan purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Doris Elizabeth Brannen.



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Mary Catherine, Brent & Alana Jordan - March 06 at 12:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Doris Elizabeth Brannen.



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March 06 at 12:20 PM



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