

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

for

Luella Acton Chatfield

June 9, 1940 – March 2, 2026

March 14, 2026 1:00 p.m.

Williamsburg United Methodist Church
Williamsburg, Virginia

ENTRANCE

WORDS OF GRACE

*HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77 (red book)

PRAYER

O God, who gave us birth, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray.
**You know our needs before we ask, and you know our ignorance in asking.
Give us now your grace, that, as we shrink before the mystery of death,
we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message
of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die,
and when our days here are accomplished, help us to die
as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you.**

PSALM 23 Thomas Chatfield

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea,
though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness
and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.**

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 43:1-7 Courtney Kopacz
Psalm 91 Brittany Constantine

REMEMBRANCES Greg Chatfield
Cheryl Kos

READING "On Joy" Melanie Kos
Jordan Kos

*HYMN *Old Rugged Cross* UMH 504 (red book)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:15-16

WORDS OF FAITH

*HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140 (red book)

PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895 (red book)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

God of us all, your love never ends. When all else fails you are still God.
We pray to you for one another in our need, and for all everywhere who grieve with us this day.
To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak, give strength; to all who have sinned,
show mercy; to all who sorrow, grant your peace. Keep our love for one another
true and strong. And help us always to trust ourselves and one another
to your everlasting love. Amen.

**O God, all that you have given us is yours. In the beginning, you gave
Lou Chatfield to us. So now we give Lou back to you. Receive her into the arms
of your everlasting mercy; Raise her up with all your people in glory.
Receive us also, and raise us all up into new life to serve you in this world
and in the world that is to come. Amen**

*HYMN *Hymn of Promise* UMH 707 (red book)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Following the service, family and
friends are invited to a reception in the Atrium.



Luella Acton Chatfield

Luella Acton Chatfield, 85, passed away March 2, 2026 at Williamsburg Landing Health and Rehabilitation Center in Williamsburg, VA.

She was preceded in death by her parents George Hummer Acton and Frances Donovan Acton, her brother Wallace E. Acton, her niece Carmon D. Molnar and her loving husband William Eugene Chatfield. She is survived by her brother John (Brenda) Acton; her children Greg (Carol) Chatfield, Cheryl (Mike) Kos; grandchildren Thomas (Maggie) Chatfield, Brittany (Joe) Constantine, Courtney (Mike) Kopacz, Jordan (Jaquie) Kos and Melanie Kos; her great-grandchildren Liam and Luka Constantine, Colton, MacKenzie and Marcus Kopacz, Sèamus and Ayla Chatfield; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Born in Washington D.C. on June 9, 1940, she had a passion for learning and became a top student. She also enjoyed gleanng information from both of her grandmothers who lived with her.

Shortly after she graduated high school (Bethesda Chevy Chase), her brother Wally brought home a "friend" for dinner who turned out to be the man of her dreams. They were married on July 8, 1960.

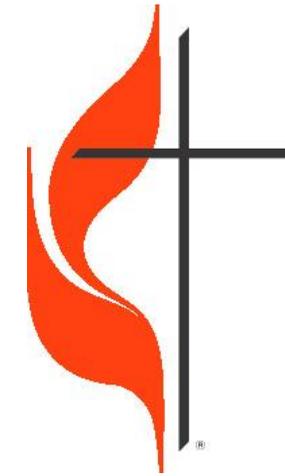
Lou was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Her motto in life was JOY – Jesus, Others, Yourself. She was a godly woman who shared her faith in the humblest of ways with everyone she met through the life she lived. She was very active in her church, serving as a children's Sunday school teacher, church librarian, doing mission work, and leading adult groups. Her most notable position was the church secretary for over 20 years. She worked for many years, serving countless hours as a volunteer before a pastor insisted that she get paid something. With every position Lou held, she did not just do the basics to get by but took the position to a whole different level, serving with all of her heart.

Lou was an avid reader and note writer. She especially loved sharing her passion for books with children. She spent countless hours at Barnes and Noble perusing books to build the children's library at Williamsburg United Methodist Church. When she visited her grandchildren, she had a book or two in hand. She was faithful in sending cards and writing notes to everyone she knew. Recipients would always comment on how she found the perfect words to meet their needs at the time. Lou also enjoyed counted cross stitch and made many projects over the years and of course, most often for others.

In addition to her love for God, family and friends; Lou loved her country as seen by her faithful wearing of red every Friday. She also showed a great appreciation for nature and loved walking and enjoying its beauty whether it was the colors of fall, the winter snowflakes, the birds singing, flowers blooming or the warm sunshine and cool breezes. She was thankful for it all.

A celebration of life will be held at Williamsburg United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m. A reception will immediately follow the service. The service will also be live-streamed on williamsburgumc.org.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to the Williamsburg UMC Endowment Fund, 500 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.



God will keep
your going out
and our coming in
from this time on
and forevermore

~Psalm 121:8