

Susie Pearl Crocker Jones–Kalista

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NEWPORT NEWS – Susie Pearl Crocker Jones–Kalista ("Sue"), of Quillen Terrace, died Jan. 27, 2003, one day before her 82nd birthday, at Newport News Nursing and Rehabilitation Center after a sudden and brief illness. Born in Isle of Wight County, Va., on Jan. 28, 1921, Sue attended Isle of Wight High School, obtained her B.S. Degree from State Teachers College (now Longwood University) in 1941 in Secondary Education, her Masters of Education Degree (M.Ed.) from The College of William and Mary in 1973 in Guidance and Counseling, and completed other post graduate studies in education administration at William and Mary. Sue retired in 1983 after 36 years in classroom teaching and guidance counseling, mostly in Newport News where she touched and enriched the lives of so many young people. Sue was a member of Hilton Baptist Church for nearly 50 years.

Sue's abundant energy allowed her to participate in many organizational activities, the foremost of which included the Daughters of the American Revolution, Comte de Grasse Yorktown chapter where she served as Regent, delegate to the state convention, had Customs House responsibilities, and served through other state level duties. Sue was also a proud member of the International Chapter P.E.O Sisterhood, Chapter S philanthropic sorority.

Other organizations and activities have included the Newport News Woman's Club, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Peninsula Fine Arts Center, The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the Virginia Tech Gobbler Club, active support and assistance for local, state and national electoral candidates, Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Longwood Alumni Peninsula Chapter, the College of William & Mary Alumni Association, and was awarded Lifetime Membership in the State of Virginia P.T.A.

Sue has had so many wonderful friends over the years and has had lots of fun along the way. She had such a vivacious personality and it was easy to see she was loved dearly by all. Many of her friends are gone now, but they all have had a special place in her heart.