



## Mrs. Virginia Lee Cook

September 15, 1927 - May 3, 2019

Cook, Virginia Lee (Bell) 91, passed peacefully into heaven on Friday, May 3, 2019 at home in Bellflower, California surrounded by family and caregivers. Virginia was born to Charles Henry Bell and Essie May (Madzker) Bell in Senath, Missouri on September, 15, 1927. She married Charles Ivan Cook on December 11, 1943 in Paragould, Arkansas. She had stolen his handkerchief one day as well as his heart at her high school. He chased her, caught her and never looked back.

Virginia was a loving sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a successful businesswoman. Charles and Virginia moved to California from Arkansas in 1956. They owned and operated Courtesy Service, a wholesale sundries business, and multiple Taco Bell franchise locations in Southern California. Charles and Virginia also enjoyed traveling, especially to visit family. They were married 73 years at his passing.

Virginia was a 6th grade Sunday school teacher, Bible Study leader and mentor to many young women. She was a stalwart woman of faith who exemplified a strong work ethic. She was determined and committed to her family. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Bellflower. She is survived by her sons, Kenneth (Margie) Cook and Rick (Urain) Cook; daughter Diane (Jim) Mitchell; 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren (with #5 on the way); and sisters Wanda Hanson, Jean (Lee) Massey, both of Hanford, California and Marion (Leroy) Smithee of Monette, Arkansas.

Services are being Conducted by Stonebridge Funeral Services, Bellflower

California. [www.stonebridgefuneral.com](http://www.stonebridgefuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 10. 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
14722 Clark Ave  
Bellflower, CA 90706-2908  
(562) 925-3706

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Virginia Lee Cook*

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“ *Grandma was very kind to me and accepting of me into her family. She frequently asked were I was at family events I had to miss for work. She was loving and warm when she hugged me. I will truly miss her, especially when she would say in her thick Arkansas accent "Nikki, this is Grandma " as she left a message on our phone.*

*A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam*

*And for a brief moment its glory and beauty belong to our world. But then it flies again*

*And though we wish it could have stayed...*

*We feel lucky to have seen it. I am lucky to have met Virginia Cook.*

*Love, Michelle*



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