

# Carlotta DeLong Blakemore

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Carlotta DeLong Blakemore, a retired teacher who lived in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County from 1970 until 1982 and was active in numerous civic, academic and religious organizations, died July 1, 1997, in Lynchburg. She was 82.

She was the widow of Dr. John H. Blakemore, a Methodist clergyman who served churches throughout Virginia, including Harrisonburg's Asbury United Methodist Church. Her father, Charles L. DeLong, was also a Methodist minister in Virginia and West Virginia.

A native of Hyattsville, Md., she graduated with honors from Randolph-Macon Women's College and received a master's degree in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She taught high school English at Montevideo High School, where she was chairman of the English Department. She also taught English and Latin at public schools in Richmond, Rockingham County and Page County. She moved to Lynchburg in 1982 after her retirement.

Mrs. Blakemore is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Cowles A. (Dee) Meredith of Lynchburg and Mrs. Ralph W. (Sandy) Drayer Jr. of Cincinnati, and a son, John Haywood Blakemore IV of Singapore; five grandchildren, Miss Carolyn Drayer of Royal Oak, Michigan, Miss Catherine Meredith of Hong Kong, Mr. Whitney Drayer of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the Misses Jessica and Emily Blakemore of Singapore; and a sister, Mrs. J. Dennett (Elizabeth) Guthrie of Carroll, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held at Peakland United Methodist Church on July 5, 1997, at 10 a.m. Interment at Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the John and Carlotta Blakemore Memorial Faculty Fund at Randolph-Macon Women's College, 2500 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia 24503.

Woodall-Tharp Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.