



Dixie Covey

May 11, 1940 - July 22, 2015

“Helen S. “Dixie” Covey passed away this Wednesday, July 22, in Fairport, New York. She was 75 years old and a proud native Georgian and Daughter of the South. She passed at her Son’s home, with her two grand-daughters as her side, after a long and very determined battle against lung cancer. She had recently retired in June from her position as the House Director for Lambda Chi Fraternity at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. She served as the Lambda Chi House Director for 20 years. Her love for Southern culture and values made her a special member of the Washington and Lee community. Near the end, Dixie received tremendous assistance from her colleagues at W&L as her illness progressed during the past year.

Dixie lived a very full life as a widowed Mother raising her son alone, after her husband, Dow Covey passed away in 1985. She became a successful real estate investor and always maintained a love for business affairs. She was also active in supporting wounded veterans organizations and regularly organized people to send care packages to deployed Soldiers. Her final wish was to be with her Grand Daughters, Caroline Covey and Chloe Covey, and her Son, J. Dow Covey, during her final days.

She will be tremendously missed by her loving family and the Lambda Chi Fraternity at Washington and Lee. In lieu of flowers, the family would be grateful for donations to be given to the Emily Couric Cancer Center at the University of Virginia Medical Center.”

She also survived by several cousins and other relatives.

A Graveside Funeral Service will be held at Nunn-Wheeler Cemetery in Wilkinson County on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 10 AM.

Cemetery Details

Nunn-Wheeler

1119 Nunn Wheeler Road
McIntyre, GA 31054

Previous Events

Graveside Services

JUL **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dixie was the consummate southern lady, yet tough enough to put up with "her boys" for twenty years. She was always there for us, working behind the scenes to ensure that our good deeds were recognized and our mistakes were remedied. She was a familiar face who welcomed us back over the years. I always enjoyed our talks and will cherish the fellowship we shared. She was always a voice of encouragement and I will miss her. Thank you Dixie for everything you did for the House, for the brothers, and for me.

-Sandy Turner, Lambda Chi Alpha, W&L '01, Huntington, WV

Sandy Turner - August 05, 2015 at 06:44 PM

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“ Thank you, Dixie, for your leadership, kindness, and love during some of the fraternity's most trying days, 1992-1996. You were a rock during the tough times and "mom" at our home away from home. We will never forget you. Rest easy-- we will meet again.

--Christian B. Keller, Lambda Chi Alpha, W&L '94, Carlisle, PA.

Christian Keller - August 05, 2015 at 10:17 AM

JB

“ I have many fond memories of Dixie. She was very caring and very intelligent - I'll always treasure the many conversations we had - from the fraternity to current events in the business world. My condolences to J. Dow and her family - she will be truly missed!

- John Bator, Class of 1997

John Bator - August 05, 2015 at 07:45 AM

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“ Dixie was one of the most honest and humble person I had the honor to meet and get to know. I will miss our talks on the porch of her unit at Lambda Chi they were filled with much wisdom and encouragement. When I told her of my plans to pursue my Masters after being out of school for over 30 years her words to me was "girl you can do this, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Sipping sweet tea and rocking on the porch talking about the importance and the joy of being a "Grits" girls raised in the south will forever be some of my most treasured memories of time well spent with such a grand lady. Be blessed through your memories and thanks for sharing her life with us here in Lexington, VA.

Kay Bostick, Public Safety Officer

Kay Bostick - August 04, 2015 at 07:53 PM

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“ Dixie was a loving and gracious mother to the Lambdas. I remember being welcomed by her a few times when eating dinner with my work study students in the house. The guys loved her like a mom!

Tudy Moncure - August 04, 2015 at 02:33 PM

SF

“ Dixie came to our Lambda Chi Alpha world in 1995. Some of us were the first students to have her as a house mother. She not only was a great southern lady, but also a great friend to many young men over the years. She befriended our young lady friends. She engaged with us in candid conversations of life. She opened her home, her family, and her assistance to each of us. Dixie struck a great balance between being an influential adult and being a genuine friend to so many young men and women who were just starting out on their journeys into adulthood. The memories with her are cherished, and we are blessed to have been able to call her house mom and friend.

Condolences, prayer, and thoughts to J Dow and his family. Thank you for sharing your mom with so many of us.

Steve Frame - July 24, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dixie Covey.



July 24, 2015 at 09:25 AM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers
May God bless each of you and guide you through the difficult times ahead.



Betty Irby Evelsizer - July 24, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ Dixie was the epitome of a southern lady...gracious, warm and always entertaining. The young men of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity were led by Dixie in prayer at dinner every evening...and the alums loved visiting "on the porch". Dixie, we will miss you...Jay, Caroline, and Chloe we are thinking of you and hoping your grief will be replaced with wonderful memories of a life well lived by this wonderful lady.

Toni LeBrun-Denton - July 24, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ J. Dow and girls,
Please know that you all will be in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grief.
Casey and Judy Youngblood

Casey and Judy Youngblood - July 23, 2015 at 05:01 PM