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Catherine "Katie"

Rucker Lester's obit, from the *Lynchburg News and Advance* April 2007, was submitted by Anne Rucker Loyd of Waynesboro, VA.

Katie, age 86, was born July 2, 1920, the last member of her family to be born at "Sholto," the Rucker family home that is now the Boonsboro CC in Bedford Co., VA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Hulen Lester in 1997. Surviving her are her two children, Margaret Lester Walton of Chesterfield, VA, and Douglas Hulen Lester of Mrytle Beach, SC, their spouses and four grandchildren; a sister, Virginia Rucker and brother John Rucker, both of Westminster-Canterbury in Lynchburg, VA.

She was buried at Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery in Lynchburg. Katie was the daughter of Katherine Dawson and John⁷ Tinsley Rucker (Joshua⁶ T., Joshua⁵, Reuben⁴, Isaac³, John², Peter¹).

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Ella Mae [Dalton]

Bates, age 83, of Rutledge, Tennessee passed away Apr 27, 2007 at St Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, TN. She was a descendant of Colby Rucker's daughter, Delphia Rucker who married John Meredith Dalton in 1813. Her parents were Reuben Dalton and Elizabeth Shockley.

She was preceded by her husband Claude Bates, mother Sarah Ann [Darting, Mabe, Dalton,] Maples; father James [Archie] Dalton; two brothers [Samuel] Curtis and [Emanuel] Frank; Granddaughter Ruth Elaine Dunn, GGS Jesse Wayne Dunnand, two GGD Survivors: Daus Ruby Dunn of Ohio Gracie Osborne of Knoxville Rosemary (Lloyd) Swaney of Rockford sons Robert of Morristown, Claude A[rthur] (Linda Swaney) of Rockwood, Archie (Bonnie) and George (Bonnie Sue) of Maynardville, stepson J.D. Bates of Morristown, Half brother ARCHIE E DALTON of Arkansas; 13 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren.

Burial was at Sunrise Cemetery, southwest of Rutledge.

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**African-American
Corner****Margaret Rucker
O'Brien**

As told by
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"She ruled the kitchen," said Lyde Longaker in talking about her grandmother's cook.

Lyde's grandmother and namesake, Lyde Ramsey, widow of William Arrott (d. 1908), lived on Academy Avenue in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. The Arrott Brothers and Father started "Standard" Sanitary Company, a pioneer in mass production of bathroom fixtures. This was about the time that indoor bathrooms were becoming popular. William and his brothers thought this would be good way to make money. The business soon became very successful.

How did Margaret Rucker get from Ruckersville, Virginia to Sewickley, PA? We may never know, as Margaret is deceased as well as her eight siblings. What we do know is Margaret's older sister, Frances Rucker, came to the area first and worked for Lyde Ramsey Arrott's daughter, Isabel Wydell Arrott and her husband, Charles