



Dorothy "Dot" Cofer

October 1, 1937 - February 15, 2026

Thomson, GA – Dorothy “Dot” Cofer, 88, loving wife to Wendell Cofer entered into rest on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at Thomson First Methodist Church, Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 2:30 PM with Reverend Dr. Steve Dodson officiating.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 1:30 until the hour of the service.

Mrs. Cofer, daughter of the late Charles Hamlin Tappan Jr. and the late Dorothy Florence Stone Tappan, was born in Athens, GA. Mrs. Cofer began her career as a University of Georgia Extension Agent in 1960, assigned to Burke County, GA where she worked with the 4-H Club program and Home Demonstration Clubs. After marriage to Bennie Fulcher, she moved to Troy and Carthage, N.C. when her husband began a career with the North Carolina Extension Service. While living in Carthage, Mrs. Cofer taught special home economics classes during the summer at Piedmont Community College. Upon moving back to Georgia and particularly to McDuffie County, she became the Extension Service Home Economist from 1969 until her retirement in 1996. Among her many proud career achievements, one of the biggest was her annual McDuffie County Health Fair, on average coordinating almost 200 volunteers serving between 500 and 700 participants each year for 42 years. Many participants traveled from neighboring states to attend. In 1991 the World Health Organization recognized her Health Fair as the top health fair in the country and sent her to a WHO conference in San Francisco, California

that year.

Mrs. Cofer was an influential leader of her community due to her numerous volunteer positions. Working with the local Gideon and Gideon Auxiliary gave her many opportunities to show her faith to the community. She was also involved in special projects of her church, Thomson First Methodist, where she was a member.

Her heart and love were the medical missions that were part of the church's Honduras yearly mission program. She and her team conducted a "mini-Health Fair" in communities without medical services, which ran for a consecutive 14 years, being medical group leader for several years. She served numerous years on the Thomson First Methodist Church Council on the health and welfare committee. One of her joys was working with her church's Medical Mission seeing McDuffie clientele in need of health services. Though her main career focus was on her Extension Service career, she was also active with teaching DNR Hunter Safety Courses, was on the McDuffie Expo committee, Thomsons's Olympic Celebration committee, and substitute teaching at Thomson High, working with Communities in schools, and making wedding cakes.

Mrs. Cofer received numerous awards and recognition throughout her years in Thomson, including being chosen as a community leader to carry the Olympic Torch through Thomson. This honor was due in part to the fact that she saved the life of a child at Clark's Hill Lake. The American Cancer Society honored her for her contribution of over 10 years as Area Educator for the AC Society. In addition to her loving husband of 42 years, she is survived by her son, David Fulcher and her daughter, Rhonwyn Fulcher.

Pallbearers include Terry Josey, Jimmy Crawley, Mike Reville, Tim McCorkle, Chess McCorkle.

Honorary pallbearers include former 4-H members and Gideons.

If so desired, memorials may be made to <https://georgia4hfoundation.org/dorothy-cofer/>

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Road, Augusta, GA,
30906.

www.chanceandhydrick.com

Previous Events

Receive Friends

FEB 28. 1:30 PM (ET)

Thomson First Methodist Church
353 Main St.
Thomson, GA 30824

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Mr. Wendy and family praying for you and family. Maggie Reese Webb*

Maggie Webb - February 28 at 07:39 PM

RJ

“ *Wow!!! Wow, I'm certainly going to miss my friend, colleague and 4-H professional conference travelling buddy. Both she and our friend Doris Belcher (R.I.P), treated me as if I was one of their children while yet providing me with guidance and mentorship during my stint with UGA Extension and the 4-H Professional Association. My condolences and prayers are with the family during this time of bereavement.*

Royce L James - February 27 at 06:15 PM

MW

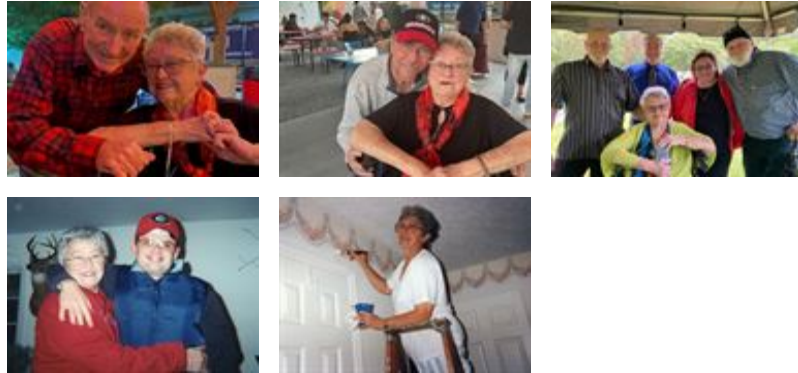
“ *Matt Klimaszewski and Libby Watson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy "Dot" Cofer.*



Matt Klimaszewski and Libby Watson - February 27 at 02:20 PM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors - February 26 at 11:44 AM

MW

“ *Christian sympathy to the family.
My husband, Wilson Weathersby, retired from the Extension
Service. And we enjoyed being able to keep up with other retirees
through Dot's. messages. Thanks for all her efforts.*

Mrs. Wilson Weathersby - February 25 at 05:02 PM

AL

“ *Rhonwyn and all Mrs. Dot's family & friends,
So sorry for your loss.
Love & prayers,
April Greene Lowry*

April Lowry - February 23 at 09:58 AM

JH

“ *Dot almost single-handed began annual health fairs in Thomson. They involved so many health care specialties and also people who could add to the quality of a person's life. She was "one-of-a-kind" and will leave a hole here on earth. Condolences to the family.*

Janis Hammar - February 21 at 12:29 PM

AM

“ *Hello my name is April Morris and I knew Mrs. Cofer when she was a substitute teacher for Thomson High School and for the 4-H. She was a real sweet lady. She always smiled at everyone. I will miss her so much at 4-H.*



April Morris McDonald - February 20 at 06:22 PM