Clara Donaldson Hughes, wife of Andrew Hughes for 68 years, went to be with the Lord on January 28th, 2022. Clara loved the Lord, her church, her family, her many friends and her loving care givers, Cheryl, Grace and Kim.

Clara was born in Speedwell, North Carolina, but lived in Newport News most of her life. She was a loving wife, daughter, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend to everyone she met. Even though Clara was hard of hearing, she never met a stranger. She never hesitated to talk even when she could not “hear” who she was talking to. If a new neighbor moved in, she was always there with a batch of goodies. She loved to sit out in the garage when the weather was nice and talk to everyone that passed by. Clara was a constant volunteer at her children’s school, supported the Republican party, and was active in her Sunday School class until she could not physically be there. Her husband of 68 years, Andy, was always by her side until her very last breath.

She was preceded in death by her 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Clara is survived by her daughter Kay Hughes of Massachusetts, Beverly Hughes and her partner Anthony Abate of Atlanta, Georgia, grandchildren, Ashlyn and Gavin Halder, sisters Mary Wines, Jessie Owen and Helen Donaldson of North Carolina, along with many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held on Thursday, February 3rd at 12:00 p.m. at Peninsula Funeral Home, 11144 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, Virginia 23601. She will be laid to rest at Peninsula Memorial Park.