BLACK WALNUT LAYER CAKE

- 1. 1/2 c. butter, softened
- 2. 1/2 c. shortening (Crisco)
- 3. 2 c. sugar
- 4. 5 eggs, separated
- 5. 1 c. buttermilk
- 1 tsp. soda
- 7. 2 c. all-purpose flour
- 8. 1 tsp. vanilla
- 9. 1 c. chopped black walnuts
- 10. 3 1/2 oz. coconut
- 11. 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar

Intructions

- 1. Cream butter and shortening.
- 2. Add sugar, beat well.
- 3. Add egg yolks one at a time; beat well.
- 4. Combine soda and buttermilk; set aside.
- 5. Add flour and buttermilk to creamed mixture, beginning and ending with flour.
- 6. Stir in vanilla, walnuts, coconut, mixing well.
- 7. Beat egg whites, forming stiff peaks.
- 8. Also beat in cream of tartar into egg whites.
- 9. Gently fold into batter.
- 10. Pour in three 9 inch round cake pans.
- 11. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes or until cake springs back in center and slightly leaves the edge of th.
- 12. Cool 10 minutes before emptying pans.
- 13. Ice with Cream Cheese Frosting.