



Mrs. Edophel Dial Collins

September 23, 1913 - January 15, 2015

Graveside services for Mrs. Edophel Dial Collins, 101, who died peacefully on Thursday, January 15, 2015, will be held at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in Magnolia Cemetery with The Rev. Richard Lee Hembree officiating. A reception will follow at the Collins residence, 202 Loring Drive, Hartsville, SC. In lieu of flowers, you are invited to share your memories of Edophel with the family.

Mrs. Collins, widow of Wiley L. Collins, was born in Richland County, SC. She was a daughter of the late William Bert and Pearl Irene Meyers Dial and a member of Wesley United Methodist Church.

A Southern child of the 1920's, Edophel worked long hours with her mother at Hermitage Textile Mill in Camden, SC to help her support her parents and siblings. Fulfilling a life-long dream to finish her education, she finally earned her GED certificate at age 63. Edophel married and became a young mother of twin daughters, so she was first and foremost a homemaker. She also participated in a weekly quilting bee where she made kitchen aprons with a dime sewn into each pocket for community members in need. During WWII, Edophel worked in the cone department at Sonoco, and later in the dry goods department at J.L. Coker & Co., where her expertise as a master seamstress was always in demand.

Surviving are her two daughters, Joyce C. Warwick of Hartsville, SC, Frances Hollowell Williams of Augusta, GA; six grandchildren, John H. Hollowell of Augusta, GA, Charles W. Hollowell of Elizabethton, TN, Jan W. Stenhouse of Greenville, SC, Anne W. Hembree of Campobello, SC, Fran W. Emmel of Greenville, SC, Susan H. Gilbreath of Augusta, GA.; and eight great grandchildren.

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

Cemetery

Magnolia Cemetery
140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC, 29550

Events

JAN 20 **Service** 02:00PM

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JAN 20 **Reception** 03:00PM

The Collins Residence
202 Loring Drive, Hartsville, SC, US, 29550

Comments



“ Mama always called us "honey" and "sugar" and gave the best hugs. I loved to look at and hold her hands...those beautiful, strong hands that worked all those years as a seamstress who also made most of my mom's clothes growing up. When I was in nursing school, I loved to massage her feet and hands and brush her hair and pull it into a ponytail. :-) What a beautiful, sweet lady. We love you, MaMa!!!

Collin Muldoon - January 31, 2015 at 04:20 PM



“ Mama was the best grandmother in the world! She was my hero! I will always miss her but will keep her close in my heart, forever. Rest well in God's precious arms and we will be together again. All my love, Anne Hembree

Anne Hembree - January 23, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ How do you thank someone
Who has taken you from crayons to perfume?
It isn't easy, but I'll try

If you wanted the sky
I would write across the sky in letters
That would soar a thousand feet high
To Mama, with love

I was singing this song the night Mama died. It's from "To Sir, With Love", but the lyric is perfect for our little lady who watched over us all. Keep watching, Mama. I love you!

From the top, bottom. and everything in between of my heart,
Fran

Fran Emmel - January 22, 2015 at 04:46 AM



“ Joyce and Frances, I just saw the passing of your sweet Mother and I am so sorry for your loss. She was the sweetest and kindest lady, who was always willing to help when she worked at Coker's Dept. Store! What sweet memories I have of her!
Myrtle Atkinson Stokes

Myrtle Atkinson Stokes - January 21, 2015 at 07:11 PM



“ Jan, Fran and Ann,

I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your grandmother. I know it is a difficult loss for you and your family, but the cherished memories will live on. My thoughts are with you all.

- Bill Anderson

Bill Anderson - January 19, 2015 at 08:26 PM



“ What a blessing to have known Mrs Collins. She was a truly beautiful lady. She will certainly be missed. Joyce and Frances, I'm sorry for your loss and will remember you both in my prayers.
All my love,
Elaine Lewis,

Elaine Lewis - January 17, 2015 at 09:30 AM



“ Loving Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Great-Great Grandmother. You will live in our hearts forever. Rest peacefully. We love you, Charles and Robin Hollowell and family..... Jeremy, Autumn, Aubree, Brodie...Matt, Lauren, Gracie and Coleman.

grandson - January 16, 2015 at 06:04 PM



“ Joyce and Frances, I'm so sorry about the loss of your mother. I liked her a lot. I first remember her from Coker's when I was still in elementary school. Many times she helped Mama and me pick out fabric for dresses. Of course, I remember her from church, too. I always smile when I think of her because she was always smiling, too. She was a special lady and a nice friend to my mama.

Sue Elliott Crowder



Sue Elliott Crowder - January 16, 2015 at 04:28 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about the death of Edophel. She was a special lady. My mother, Virginia Gaskins, treasured her friendship for many years. I am so glad that she was blessed with a long life. Suzanne Gaskins Muldrow

Suzanne Muldrow - January 26, 2015 at 09:22 PM