



Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd

May 27, 1940 - May 15, 2015

Funeral services for Mrs. Alva Jean Byrd, 74, who died peacefully on Friday, May 15, 2015, will be held at 5 o'clock on Sunday, May 17, 2015 in Middendorf Baptist Church. The Rev. Don Rhyne will officiate with burial to follow in Westview Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Alva Jean Oliver Byrd was born in Sumter SC on May 27, 1940, a daughter of the late Sam Caleb and Nida Bochette Oliver. Her loving grandmother, Lula Bochette, raised her from age 6 weeks. She met and married the love of her life, Jesse S. Byrd Jr, after she and her grandmother moved to Hartsville when she was a teenager. She loved and labored alongside her husband and children for 57 years on the 400 acre family farm they purchased and developed from scratch.

Jean held very few material possessions because she was notorious for spending most of her resources on others. She was inventive, thrifty and intelligent. She taught and shared these talents with everyone as she never met a stranger. The one thing she wanted more than anything was to be loved by all of us who loved her. She loved us excessively! She felt a need to earn our love, even though we assured her daily that this was not necessary because we loved her unconditionally. She loved without limits and she never let the sun go down without letting it be known exactly how she felt.

Jean attended Middendorf Baptist Church where she enjoy activities with her husband, children, grands and great-grands. She was and always will be a beautiful soul who made a positive, loving impact on our lives... that will live on for eternity.

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Jesse Stevenson Byrd, Jr. of Hartsville, SC; son, Jesse Stevenson "Steven" (Cindy) Byrd, III of Hartsville, SC; daughters, Laura B. (Eddie) McKenzie of Hartsville, SC, Melissa B. (Dennis) McCoy of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, Bobbie M. (Scottie) Hoffman, Jessi M. (Haddon) Childs, Eddie Ramzie McKenzie, Jeanie Nicole McCoy (Corey Ian Smith), Ryan Dennis McCoy (Amber Noel Jordan), Jesse Stevenson "Jeb" Byrd, IV, Roxie Cathryn Byrd, David William Byrd; great grandchildren, Isaac McKenzie Hoffman, Laura Polly "Lolli" Childs.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Heather Janene Byrd, brothers, Lawrence Oliver, James Oliver; sisters, Yvonne Garrett, Jackie Coker, Ella Ree Coker.

Cemetery Details

Westview Memorial Park Cemetery

2223 Kelleytown Road
Hartsville, SC 29550
info@bpafuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Middendorf Baptist Church
2202 Middendorf Church Road
Hartsville, SC 29550

Service

MAY 17. 5:00 PM (ET)

Middendorf Baptist Church
2202 Middendorf Church Road
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



Jesse Byrd - May 31, 2015 at 10:19 PM



*I love you Momma...
I am so glad I got to tell you that I love you the last time we talked. We miss you so so much. Love you.*

Jesse Byrd - May 31, 2015 at 10:21 PM



“ *Melissa Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



Melissa Lloyd - May 30, 2015 at 08:31 AM



“ *Tonda Steen Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



Tonda Steen Odom - May 21, 2015 at 10:45 AM

CK

“ Carolyn King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Carolyn King - May 19, 2015 at 02:43 PM

CK

Steve(and family), I just found out about the loss of your mom.....May God comfort you and give you a sense of peace in the coming days...you're all in my prayers...

Carolyn King - May 19, 2015 at 02:46 PM

SS

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Aunt Jean and that we were unable to make it to the service. Some of our fondest memories as children are of visiting the farm, fishing, swimming in the pond and eating her wonderful cooking. She always seemed to have a smile on her face, a kind word, and one of the hardest working women I know. To Uncle Jesse, Melissa, Laura, little Jesse and their families we express our sincerest sympathy.

On behalf of Susan Spell, Jeanette Spell Tindal and Allen Spell

Susan Spell - May 19, 2015 at 08:44 AM

JC

“ Jim, Jeri, John Harley, Kelly Cox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Jim, Jeri, John Harley, Kelly Cox - May 18, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ *D Singletary lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



D Singletary - May 17, 2015 at 07:45 PM



This is to the Family & To Steven , Laura & Melissa . Your family was like family to our family when I use to live in Middendorf . My condolences to the family.

D Singletary - May 17, 2015 at 07:48 PM



“ *Charlene Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



Charlene johnson - May 17, 2015 at 07:32 PM



“ *Jimmy&JudyGainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



Jimmy&JudyGainey - May 17, 2015 at 06:49 PM



“ *Jesse, so sorry for your loss. I'll keep you in my prayers.*

Daniel Jarrell - May 17, 2015 at 02:57 PM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - May 17, 2015 at 11:53 AM



“ Mrs. Byrd was a very loving & sweet friend. She had a giving & loving personality. She was 1 of the sweetest friends I ever had. I don't care where I saw her she would always make the time 2 speak. She will be dearly missed. May she RIP!!!



Amy Johnson - May 17, 2015 at 10:15 AM



“ Mr. Jesse and family,
Mrs. Jean will live in our hearts forever. She loved everyone and we loved her in return. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time.
Shannon, Wayne and Ashley



shannon casey - May 17, 2015 at 08:55 AM

CD

“ Carolyn Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



carolyn dixon - May 17, 2015 at 08:41 AM

JM

“ Jaclyn Byrd And Evan Meza lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Jaclyn Byrd and Evan Meza - May 17, 2015 at 07:24 AM

BJ

“ Bob And Jewell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Bob and Jewell - May 17, 2015 at 06:59 AM

ML

“ Michelle Byrd Leviner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Michelle Byrd Leviner - May 17, 2015 at 06:50 AM

Melanie
Clark

“ *Melanie Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



Melanie Clark - May 17, 2015 at 06:45 AM

DM

“ *Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



Doug and Scarlett Mason - May 17, 2015 at 05:25 AM

FL

“ *Frances Larymore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



Frances Larymore - May 17, 2015 at 12:11 AM

HM

“ *Prayers and love to you all. May God continue t keep his lovely arms around at this time and days to come.*



Harry and Paula Murph - May 16, 2015 at 11:55 PM

TL

“ Toni Marie Lett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Toni Marie Lett - May 16, 2015 at 11:39 PM

TL

I remember How we would sit at the pick nik table at Mattie n Earl's grocery and her,grandma,Mr.Earl would talk while Steven and I would run around and play!! Miss those country afternoon's!!! R.I.P. Mrs.Jean

Toni Marie Lett - May 16, 2015 at 11:45 PM

HE

“ Haley Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Haley Easterling - May 16, 2015 at 11:19 PM

HE

“ *I have many memories of Aunt Jean. Loved spending the night at her house. I ate venison for the first time at her house. She tricked me into thinking it was stew beef. LOL I remember getting sick a couple of times while spending the night. But instead of taking me home or calling my mom to come get me, she took care of me. She could french braid my hair without it hurting. She and Uncle Jesse always came to visit my mom or I if they knew we were in the hospital. It didn't matter how long it been since we had seen them. They were always there no matter what! She was one of a kind. She will be missed.*

Haley Easterling - May 16, 2015 at 11:12 PM

PM

“ I have so many childhood memories of this precious woman. I had never been in a swimming pool until she started taking me with Laura and Melissa to Sonoco Club. Spent many nights at her house and many afternoons together gardening. The list goes on and on. I love you Mr. Jesse, Laura, Melissa and Steven. I will always cherish the memories that I have with Jean and the girls. Playing on that big porch at the old house. Such great childhood memories.

Penny Mangum - May 16, 2015 at 10:40 PM

RM

“ Robin McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Robin McKenzie - May 16, 2015 at 10:25 PM

JM

“ Jeff McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Jeff McKenzie - May 16, 2015 at 09:56 PM

CM

“ Connie & Mark Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Connie & Mark Mixon - May 16, 2015 at 09:18 PM

RD

“ I will always treasure all the talks I had with Jean. She was a joy to be around and I loved listening to her. I know she loved each one of you and was very proud of all of you. You now have an angel looking out for you.



Rita and Russell Darnell - May 16, 2015 at 09:02 PM

RG

“ Raymond&Eleanor Garnett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Raymond&Eleanor Garnett - May 16, 2015 at 07:19 PM

BO

“ Bobby And Virginia Oakley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Bobby and Virginia Oakley - May 16, 2015 at 04:29 PM

WW

“ Wes, Kathy And Brandon Walters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Wes, Kathy and Brandon Walters - May 16, 2015 at 04:20 PM

JJ

“ Jesus & Melissa Jimenez lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Jesus & Melissa Jimenez - May 16, 2015 at 03:44 PM

BB

“ Bobby And Violet Bragdon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



bobby and violet bragdon - May 16, 2015 at 03:22 PM

DW

“ Jean has been a friend to me ever since I was first married. She would always stop at my house and talk and invite me to her house. She was a precious woman and a good friend. I have always loved her and now I will surely miss her.



Doris Wilson - May 16, 2015 at 03:19 PM

KE

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jean. She was a precious woman. She has always been more family to me than a neighbor. She always kept a check on my Daddy when he was alive. My momma told me that for my fifth birthday Jean cooked me a one layer blue frosted birthday cake because my momma had just had my little brother and was not able to. So here is an angel is tribute to Jean. Heaven gained another one.



Kitty Gainey Eufrazio - May 16, 2015 at 03:14 PM



“ Janelle Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Janelle Armstrong - May 16, 2015 at 03:10 PM

RM

“ Robert & Lisa McKenzie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd



Robert & Lisa McKenzie - May 16, 2015 at 02:51 PM

RM

“ *Richard And Dianne McCoy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



Richard and Dianne McCoy - May 16, 2015 at 02:16 PM

CB

“ *Chris And Kim Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



chris and kim blackwell - May 16, 2015 at 01:32 PM

PS

“ *Patricia And Buck Steen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alva Jean Oliver Byrd*



Patricia and Buck Steen - May 16, 2015 at 01:24 PM

PS

Always my aunt and always my friend. You will be missed. Love you

Patricia and Buck Steen - May 16, 2015 at 01:27 PM

BG

So sorry to just hear about Jean. She was my best friend in school from the sixth grade on until she got married. Because of her my grades in school improved because we were always competing to see who could make the better grade. We met at the bus stop each morning and shared everything, even a 1/4 piece of chewing gum because that was all we had. My family loved her too when she came to our house. Alva Jean always had a smile and time to talk no matter where you saw her. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren. We will truly miss her. Barbara Lundy Griggs

Barbara Lundy Griggs - May 18, 2015 at 07:40 AM