



## Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow

July 3, 1926 - October 28, 2020

Graveside services for Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow, 94, will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2020, in Magnolia Cemetery. The Rev. David Worthington will officiate and the family will receive friends following the service.

Mrs. Sparrow passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Born July 3, 1926, in Hemingway, SC, she was a daughter of the late Evans Wilburn Carter and Mary Graham Carter. Annie Ruth was devoted to her family and enjoyed a long career with the telephone company. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hartsville.

Surviving are her son, Wilburn "David" Sparrow (Karen) of Zebulon, NC; grandchildren, Marah S. Walker (Joshua) of Farmville, NC, Zachary P. Sparrow of Zebulon, NC, and Kellie S. Sparrow of Farmville, NC; sisters, Ernestine Sweat (Gene) of Chapin, SC, Nina Tyler of Hemingway, SC; many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Frank D. Sparrow; siblings, Leila Mae Bullard, William Graham Carter, and Virginia Carter Martin.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 104 E. Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550.

The family would like to thank the staff of Medford Nursing Center for providing loving care to her for the past six months.

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
(843) 383-3004

# Previous Events

## Graveside

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Barbara Cross Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow*



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**Barbara Cross Sansbury** - November 04, 2020 at 08:03 PM

WJ

“ *Annie Ruth and my Grandmother, Mary Bertha Parsons Terry were first cousins. Annie's mother, Mary Graham and my Great Grandmother, Eliza Jane Graham were sisters. I met Annie Ruth at a Graham Family Reunion in Hemingway, SC about 15 plus years ago. Her kindness and knowledge of the history of the Graham Family kept me coming back as many times as I could attend the reunions. Annie and I frequently talked by phone over the years and shared genealogical information that we discovered. She along with Paula Cribb, and Kay Newell helped me learn a tremendous amount of information about the Graham Family history, along with many other family lines. Annie Ruth was a very genuine person, and possessed a keen mind and memory when working with records and history. I will miss her friendship and her wealth of knowledge. She was truly a family treasure. Rest in Peace Annie Ruth.*

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**William E. Terry, Jr.** - November 01, 2020 at 10:10 AM

RC

*Amen*

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**Raymond William Carter** - November 01, 2020 at 05:19 PM

ET

“ I first met Annie Ruth Sparrow as a new hire with the telephone company in 1978. I was a newly minted facility engineer with a lot to learn, One of the things I needed to learn was how to read the cable assignment records. This was were I found Annie at this point in her career with Southerm Bell. They were manually kept records in binders on the "assignment wheel". Annie taught me how to read and understand the records in order to assign available facilities for a new connect or to find where facilities might be available to extend for new connections. I found her to be a straight forward speaker, getting the job done and moving on to the next. She did not suffer fools gladly and when aroused, could be gruff, but under it all, I found her to be a kind, sweet spirit. In retirement, I was glad to see her at our retirement luncheons when she could attend. I have enjoyed reading her family's tributes to her and the insight it provides of her outside of the workplace. I will always remember her with fondness and love.

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**Ed Terrio** - November 01, 2020 at 09:25 AM

BT

“ Betty Huggins Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow



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**Betty Huggins Turner** - October 31, 2020 at 11:11 PM

BT

*Lots of memories. Gone but never forgotten. Kin means so much as we get older because we did things together. Talked of family, went places together...reunions etc. I'll miss our talks on the phone since I moved away. God bless her son David and family in the days ahead. I love you guy's. Maybe one day in the future we'll be able to see each other...soon. Sorry I can't be there in body but I'm there in spirit with you. Love and prayers.*

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**Betty Huggins Turner** - October 31, 2020 at 11:20 PM

CJ

“ Charlie And Teresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow



Charlie and Teresa Johnson - October 31, 2020 at 01:27 PM

LW

“ I have so many wonderful memories of her. All the holiday gatherings at Grandma's and she always made the best pecan pie. She told me one year she made an extra one just for me. I know it wasn' t true, but she made me feel special that year. I still have a sweater set she knit for me when I was born. She was a great Aunt that will never be forgotten. David, I and my family are so sorry for your loss and am sorry we would not be there.

Lutricia Tyler Winarski - October 31, 2020 at 10:40 AM

RC

Hi Trisha. Do you remember the Christmas gathering where David had gotten cologne as a gift and it got all over the dishes and Aunt Annie Ruth had said that she knew he wasn't old enough for that type of cologne yet and had all the glasses and all tasting like the cologne? She said something and the "at least it didn't get in my pecan pies". Lol her pecan pies were amazing!

Raymond William Carter - November 01, 2020 at 05:25 PM

RH

“ So many nice memories and sentiments about my Aunt Annie Ruth. I loved her so much and can echo what many have said. The last time I visited her she showed me old books tied to her family and books that belonged to Frank. She was the family historian and saved photos, baby announcements and wedding invitations to scan into the family tree software. She kept busy with that but said that she hadn't been able to keep it updated like she wanted to and wasn't really sure the last time she was able to access the info. We went to a local Buffet restaurant where we talked about David and his family, he was so proud of them all. She would have loved holding her first Great-grandchild. She talked of her dependence on others to drive her to appointments, and loved having company. When we left, we met a woman selling fresh Krispie Kreme donuts in the parking lot and I bought us both a box and we both ate one on the drive back to her house. It was a wonderful visit. My regret is that was our last visit. I wish that I had visited her at the nursing home, even if only seeing her through a window. I loved her and will miss her dearly.

Regena Heilmann - October 31, 2020 at 09:15 AM

RC

Amen. I left out all her information there was just too much to say. I watched a bunch of 8mm film of us all from babies to teenage (some of us) like you. I wonder who has those, I'm sure David but would like to have a digital copy cause they were innovative in the family and without having the convenience of cell phones the did Super 8.

Raymond William Carter - November 01, 2020 at 05:30 PM

RS

“ Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow



Rebecca Skinner - October 31, 2020 at 04:10 AM

GO

“ I am so sorry to hear about Annie Ruth's passing I remembered her and Frank very well when they came to the Elections at Hartsville precinct 4 when I worked with the Elections at govt outreach Center they were such a sweet couple. You all are in my prayers

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**Grady O'Neal** - October 30, 2020 at 11:12 PM

EB

“ Annie Ruth was a very special lady. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.



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**Elsie Byrd** - October 30, 2020 at 10:32 PM

CR

“ Aunt Annie Ruth, my mom's sister... released from this world and in God's presence. So glorious it must be, yet so sad for us.

*I wish I could listen to you tell more stories, go somewhere, do something with you, let you hear Charlotte play on your piano one more time. Maybe today I'll start reading the Bible every day like you.*

*David and Karen, Marah, Zachary, and Kellie, Aunt Ernestine and Aunt Nina... you are in our prayers.*



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**Charlie Rich** - October 30, 2020 at 09:41 PM

LP

“ *Linda Byrd Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow*



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**Linda Byrd Parker** - October 30, 2020 at 09:23 PM

JA

“ *JIMMY L ANDREWS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow*



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**JIMMY L ANDREWS** - October 30, 2020 at 09:01 PM

TG

“ *Aunt Annie Ruth was our family historian. I enjoyed visiting with her a book of information. We will miss her.*  
*Terry & Rae Griggs*

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**Terry & Rae Griggs** - October 30, 2020 at 06:15 PM

CL

“ *So many wonderful childhood memories visiting Aunt Annie Ruth and Uncle Frank growing up, both in Hartsville and at Myrtle Beach. As an adult, I could sit and listen to her stories all day. So much wisdom to share. Sending my love across the miles to you all - David, Karen, Marah and Kellie.*



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**Caroline Lawrence** - October 30, 2020 at 06:05 PM

“ Aunt Annie-Ruth and Uncle Frank were a life influence and inspiration in my life. Military life can have its moments where you don't always have the stability of well grounded parents who know from being in the same place all the time. I got the anchor I needed in life from them.

*They attended my US Army OSUT graduation and got to visit us in Germany while we were stationed there.*

*Aunt Annie-Ruth was always so comforting, ensuring, loving, nurturing and showed me patience. She was a very wise woman. Being my Dad's oldest sister he sought out her wisdom too.*

*Sitting in her lap as a child she'd tell me stories that were similar to my Dad's about a simpler life and time that they had coming up through our country's Great Depression years and the struggles they had from not going to a store to get what they needed or wanted but making their own instead. The times they had sitting around shelling beans and talking about what they were doing, discussing their favorite radio program or just having family walk to visit on dirt roads for something to do.*

*She was a comfortable type of woman who loves the Lord and would even pass up events just so as not to miss church. Another part of life I learned about commitment and obligations was from that.*

*Two of my fondest memories of my Aunt will be her doing her embroidery/needlepoint and rocking in her chair at the same time having a conversation with 2 or 3 other people while sitting in a ambiance of warm glowing fireplace on a cold winter's night and also anxiously waiting for her arrival at the back door for her to get home from a long day at Ma Bell after not having seen her for a while due to another military relocation.*

*She was, has been and always be a loving person in my life that I*

*will deeply miss.*

*Say hello to Uncle Frank, Grandma, Dad and Mom when you join them in Heaven. You should have a front row seat upon arrival!*

*I love you Aunt Annie-Ruth and I wished we could have come to see you however my surgery and recovery has taken longer than I expected and barely made it to Mom's funeral last week.*

*Lauri and I send our heartfelt condolences and offer our sincere sympathy for the family. Wishing all the strength for today and hope for tomorrow that memories and time heal and comfort you.*

*Raymond and Lauri Carter*

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**Raymond William Carter** - October 30, 2020 at 06:04 PM

PO

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You're mother was a special part of my life as a person that worked with my mother at the phone company and as a neighbor and friend to my Aunt and Uncle and to me. She will be missed.*

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**Pamela Ogle** - October 30, 2020 at 06:03 PM

CM

“ *When I lived with Aunt Annie Ruth and Uncle Frank in 1976 - I remember clearing the area out back of their property and having such a great time - and she was amazed that I would help do that being 21 and all. Plus all the visits growing up were always special visiting and then later hearing about the stories of their vacations they took with mom and dad. Love to you David, Karen and family during this time of loss .. But all of the ones that have now gone are in a much better place without sorrow or pain.  
God bless*

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**Carolyn Mclellan** - October 30, 2020 at 03:24 PM

BB

“ Beverly Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow



Beverly Byrd - October 30, 2020 at 11:08 AM

BB

I worked with Annie Ruth at Southern Bell. She taught me a lot and I enjoyed working with her.

Beverly Byrd - October 30, 2020 at 11:11 AM

SS

“ Annie Ruth was such a great aunt. I so loved all the time we spent with her Junebug and David growing up. She had a nice laugh. Two fleeting years ago we had an awesome lunch together in Hartsville and that will be another special memory. I love you all, David, Karen your girls and boy. 🙏❤️

Steve Sweat - October 30, 2020 at 10:15 AM

BW

“ Becky Wadsworth Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow



Becky Wadsworth Walker - October 30, 2020 at 09:15 AM

RA

“ *She was a sweet neighbor and wonderful lady. You are all in our prayers.*

*Doris Winburn*

*Robin and George Atkins*

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**Robin Atkins** - October 30, 2020 at 07:16 AM

JY

“ *DAVID AND FAMILY,  
ANNIE RUTH IS IN A BETTER PLACE NOW.  
SHE AND FRANK ARE ALREADY  
PLANNING THEIR DAY. WILL KEEP YOU IN  
MY DAILY PRAYERS.*

*LEON YATES*



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**JULIAN LEON YATES** - October 30, 2020 at 04:00 AM

FH

“ *David so sorry to hear about Mrs Annie Ruth.  
Certainly will miss seeing her next door to  
mamas. Will be praying for you all.*



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**Faith Howle** - October 29, 2020 at 10:51 PM

BF

“ *What special memories I have of Annie Ruth.  
She was like my second mom growing up  
there in the neighborhood. David and Karen,  
Margaret and I are keeping you in our prayers  
during this time.*



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**Buster and Margaret Freeman** - October 29, 2020 at 08:49 PM

JG

*It was always a joy talking to her. What a wonderful friend she was to our families. David and Karen you were loved and she was so proud of you. Prayers for all.*  
*Woody and Jewel Goodson*

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**Jewel Goodson** - October 29, 2020 at 09:51 PM

CH

“ *Connie Tiller Holley, sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed talking with Mrs Sparrow every time I seen her.*



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**Connie Tiller Holley** - October 29, 2020 at 08:32 PM

LD

“ *Lannie Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow*



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**lannie davis** - October 29, 2020 at 08:26 PM

DG

“ *Dawn Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow*



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**Dawn Grantham** - October 29, 2020 at 07:52 PM

KR

“ Kathryn Roscoe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Annie Ruth Carter Sparrow



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**Kathryn Roscoe** - October 29, 2020 at 07:43 PM

KR

*I grew up beside Annie Ruth and Frank when they stayed in the little red house on Home Ave. She treated me like I was her child and always had time for me. She had some old pictures of me that she had taken back then and sent them to me not to long ago. Always such a sweet and kind person. David I know you and your family is going to miss her. Prayers for you and your family.*

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**Kathryn Roscoe** - October 31, 2020 at 07:36 PM

DM

“ Praying for the family. I am so sorry for your loss.



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**Debbie Morrell** - October 29, 2020 at 06:30 PM