



Mrs. Barbara Hunter Reeser

February 8, 1929 - June 28, 2017

Barbara Hunter Reeser, known as "Bobbie", age 88 of Columbia, SC passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Her funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2017 at Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, West Columbia Chapel with interment in Southland Memorial Gardens, with reception to follow at the funeral home.

Bobbie was born February 8, 1929 to the late Lewis John Hinter and Hattie Reed Elliott Hunter. Her family moved during World War II as her father worked for the government, affording her and her sister, Jean, the opportunities to live in areas such as St. Louis Missouri, Coral Gables, Florida and Louisville Kentucky, but found themselves in Hartsville, South Carolina during her high school years where she played the drums in the marching band, was a majorette, and was part of a female musical combo. She attended Coker College and Bob Jones University and later graduated from Columbia Business College.

Always generous with her time, she volunteered "all my life" reading and painting the faces of the hospital children while attending Bob Jones. She taught Sunday school. She donated her time to local theaters, including Camden and the Town Theater in Columbia, SC. She tried to brighten the spirits of the elderly in the original home of the elderly in Camden, SC by doing their hair, and she helped to establish a beauty salon in the Karesh Wing of the Kershaw County Hospital. She was one of four women who organized Women to Women Bible Study. She volunteered 20 plus years with

Mended Hearts at Palmetto Richland, where she received many awards as Volunteer of the Year. She was part of a line dancing group who volunteered at nursing homes. Even after experiencing a major stroke in 2009 she began to volunteer for Meals on Wheels, often saying. "I have to feed the people" and only stopped when she was put on Hospice.

She was a lover of people and life. She loved to travel, traveling to over 30 countries and six continents and visiting most of the United States, her favorite country being Scotland, where she visited her ancestral home, a family castle dating back to the 13th century. She was a creative and gifted person, filling the homes of her children with her talents in cross stitch, paintings, sweaters, afghans, handmade dolls and ornaments. Fearless and adventurous, she could be found hot air balloon racing, performing in water ballet, para sailing, or canoeing in black river swamps. She was hiking up 150 feet in Australia two months before her stroke at age 80. Members of her high school reunions described her as "pretty and a lot of fun". Her children say she was the strongest person they ever knew.

Her business acuity actually allowed her to be successful in owning and operating her own business while managing her real estate properties and the family farm. She was the sole parent to four children, spending time teaching them about God, the arts and respect for others. She was proud that all her children attended college. She took care of her Mother and Father in their elder years. Her work ethic, strength, Faith and energy were unequalled. After experiencing a major heart attack at age 64, she retired from the beauty industry, but continued on and worked for the Red Cross where she was given an award for her "Amazing" work and dedication.

She was a long term member of Kilbourne Park Baptist Church and current member of Spring Valley Baptist Church. Foremost, she was a Christian and a Mother, beloved by her family. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed"... Prov. 31:28 and They Do.

She was preceded in death by her only son, Lawrence J. Reeser and is survived by her three daughters, Carol Courtenay, Rebecca Reeser (David G.

Ebenhack) and Cherrie Reeser. She is the grandmother of Donna Caine, Alex, Elizabeth and Elliot Reeser, and Chris O'Brien; great-grandmother of four, and has one great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by her sister, Jean Redfearn and her nieces, Bruce Pennington and Harriett Gupton, and her nephew, James Berry Redfearn. She loved flowers, and they became her hobby in her later years. All flowers are appreciated, or memorials may be made to the American Heart Association , 190 Knox Abbott Dr., Ste. 301, Cayce, SC 29033.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rebecca Wadsworth Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Hunter Reeser*



Rebecca Wadsworth Walker - July 03, 2017 at 10:43 AM

JA

“ *JIMMY L ANDREWS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Hunter Reeser*



JIMMY L ANDREWS - July 03, 2017 at 09:24 AM

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“ *Jeff Truesdale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Hunter Reeser*



Jeff Truesdale - July 02, 2017 at 01:00 PM

RK

“ *Richard And Sue Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Hunter Reeser*



Richard and Sue Kelley - July 01, 2017 at 12:11 PM

RK

Brucie and family .So sorry to her of the lost of your aunt . Sure she will be missed by all..Richard and Sue Kelley

Richard and Sue Kelley - July 01, 2017 at 12:13 PM

JT

May memories of "Bobby" and the love of family surround you and bring you peace, comfort and strength. -- " Unable are the loved to die, for love is immortality."(Emily Dickinson) ...

Jeff Truesdale - July 02, 2017 at 01:08 PM