



Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford

July 26, 1927 - November 9, 2023

It is with deep sorrow that Mr. Stephen Ford announces the death of his beloved mother, Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford, 96.

Mrs. Ford entered into rest on Thursday, November 9, 2023. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 2 o'clock on Monday, November 13, 2023, at Wesley United Methodist Church, with The Rev. Tony Adams officiating. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Wesley United Methodist Church, 145 E. College Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550, or the Darlington County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551.

Mrs. Ford was born on July 26, 1927, in Jefferson, SC. She was the daughter of the late William Duncan Sullivan and Mary Ella Kirkley Sullivan. The Sullivan family moved to Hartsville in 1938 with parents, six brothers, and one sister. Bernice graduated from Hartsville High School in 1944 and moved to Columbia to work at the Veterans Administration. She moved to Hartsville in 1960 and Joined Wesley United Methodist Church in the same year. She was

very active in her church circle and her Sunday school class.

She was also a long-time member of the Hartsville Pilot Club and a past president. She was a long-time volunteer at Byerly Hospital and Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, where she served as President of the Auxillary Volunteers in 1993. Mother grew up on a farm; she taught me to love animals, and we always had a cat or dog. She loved the outdoors. Mother taught me to treat everyone equally, regardless of age or race. She never made anything but A's on her report cards from the 4th grade through High School and was in the National Honor Society.

She loved those State Newspaper crossword puzzles. We also had a long tradition of watching Jeopardy together every night. In 1989, mom got a letter from the IRS telling her that her date of birth was wrong, so it was changed from the 27th to the 26th of July. Mom was a good cook and a great mother.

She is survived by her loving son, Steve Ford of Hartsville, SC, and several cousins and wonderful friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Kathleen Sullivan Atwater; brothers, Clyde Sullivan, Basil Sullivan, Mavis Sullivan, Lenson Sullivan, Ross Sullivan, and Edward Claude Sullivan.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
145 E. College Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Funeral Service

NOV 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wesley United Methodist Church
145 E. College Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall

LT

“ Miss Bernice was so sweet. I always enjoyed talking to her. She was interested in what was going on in my life and always so positive and encouraging. She helped me set up my first checking account. I will remember her fondly. Praying for Steve and all her friends and family.



Loretta Boan Tiller - November 22, 2023 at 11:05 PM

LK

“ Steve, your mother was the kindest neighbor anyone could ask for! We enjoyed living on Field St. for a while and got to know and love your mom. She blessed us with her sweet spirit and our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Lin Kirkman

Lin Kirkman - November 21, 2023 at 01:45 PM

HS

“ Steve, my condolences on the passing of your mother. May her spirit rest peacefully in heaven. Your mother was always very nice to us.

Howard Sparrow - November 20, 2023 at 07:51 PM

FS

“ Steve,

Clint and I were so very sorry to learn of the passing of your dear Mother. Our thoughts and prayers for your comfort and peace in all of the days to come.

Faye Stinson



Faye Stinson - November 16, 2023 at 07:11 PM

MR

“ Mike Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford



Mike Reaves - November 16, 2023 at 08:03 AM

TL

“ Steve, I have nothing but fond memories of your mother when I volunteered at Carolina Pines. She was a joy to be around. Tru



Tru Lawton - November 15, 2023 at 08:46 AM

LL

“ Lori Lesieur lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford



Lori Lesieur - November 14, 2023 at 07:57 PM

CS

“ Claudette Seymour lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford



Claudette Seymour - November 14, 2023 at 04:33 PM

DS

“ Donna Dempsey Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford



Donna Dempsey Sansbury - November 13, 2023 at 03:23 PM

FH

“ Faith Howle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford



Faith Howle - November 13, 2023 at 12:11 AM

AS

“ Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford



Al & Melinda Sansbury - November 12, 2023 at 09:12 PM

LR

“ *Lester And Lori Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford*



Lester and Lori Reynolds - November 11, 2023 at 06:57 PM

DT

“ *So very sorry for your loss*

Don Tiller - November 11, 2023 at 03:18 PM

VP

“ *Vickie And Donald Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford*



Vickie and Donald Parker - November 11, 2023 at 09:45 AM

LW

“ *Steve, My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Letitia Ward - November 10, 2023 at 07:25 PM

SH

“ *Sandra And Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford*



Sandra and Larry Huggins - November 10, 2023 at 05:41 PM

CL

“ Steve, Gerald and I are praying for you. I remember your Mother from when she worked at First Federal. She was always friendly. I know this is hard on you at this time. Since this is the month of Thanksgiving, you can thank God for giving you so many good years with your Mother. She will be enjoying the best feast of all with loved ones and with our Savior! We are sending up prayers for comfort! May God bless you!



Cathy and Gerald Lynch - November 10, 2023 at 05:17 PM

KW

“ Kenny Wood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford



Kenny Wood - November 10, 2023 at 04:06 PM

KW

Steve, So sorry to hear about your mom. Prayers to you and your family.

Kenny Wood - November 10, 2023 at 04:08 PM

RG

“ Steve, so sorry to hear about your mom. She was such a sweet lady
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Rhonda Ghoens - November 10, 2023 at 08:31 AM

PS

“ A life well lived. Steve your Mother was a special lady, and will be missed. You have been an Exemplary son. God bless you.

Pam P Sansbury - November 10, 2023 at 08:16 AM



“ Steve I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was such a precious Lady!



Susan Watkins - November 10, 2023 at 07:52 AM



“ Steve so sorry for the loss of your mother she lived a good long life praying for you



Crystal Minnehan - November 10, 2023 at 07:13 AM

GO

“ Steve, I am sorry to hear about your Mother's passing. I know you will miss her dearly. My prayers are with you



Grady L O'Neal - November 09, 2023 at 11:26 PM

RS

“ Steve, sorry to read about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Rebecca Skinner - November 09, 2023 at 10:09 PM

KJ

“ Kathi G. Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bernice Sullivan Ford



Kathi G. Johnson - November 09, 2023 at 07:32 PM

RA

“ Steve, you are in our prayers. Your mother was such a sweet lady. Robin and George Atkins

Robin Atkins - November 09, 2023 at 07:20 PM

CL

“ I'm so sorry to read this
Such a sweet and beautiful lady
Prayers sent to her son and family



Cindy Lowe - November 09, 2023 at 07:07 PM

JS

“ *Jean Stratton lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Bernice Sullivan Ford*



Jean Stratton - November 09, 2023 at 05:20 PM