



Mrs. Bessie Kelley Chapman

December 25, 1919 - August 10, 2016

Bessie Kelley Chapman, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, left us on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. She was born December 25, 1919 in Plains, GA to Thelma Hiller and Jacob Kelley. A celebration of her life be held at 11:00 am Monday, August 15, 2016 at First Baptist Church with entombment in Westview Memorial Park Mausoleum. The Rev. Dr. Aubrey Floyd will officiate. The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Sunday at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Affectionately known as "Bebbie" by everyone, she was a friend to all and only saw the best in everyone. She was famous for her Southern cooking, especially her butter beans, dumplings and macaroni and cheese. Even into her nineties, she loved to cook and invite people to share a meal. She loved the Atlanta Braves and watched them avidly, even in later years when she could no longer hear the announcer. She said one of the best times of her life was when she was invited by her niece and nephew to go to Atlanta to see them play.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 74 years, Howard Chapman; sisters Martha Smothers and Jean Longrie; and brother Hiller Spires.

Survivors include her daughter, Ann Brown; grandsons, Ron Brown and his wife, Renee, and Mark Brown; granddaughter, Elizabeth "Bess" Brown and

her adored great-grandchildren, Sadie Ann and Cameron Brown, all of Marietta, GA.

Other survivors include brother-in-law, Raymond Chapman and his wife Retha, sister-in-law Margie Spires, all of Hartsville, and her brother C. E. Spires and his wife Mary, of Salisbury, NC. She is also survived by several nieces and nephew, especially Jackie and Lynda, who were always there for her and gave her so much happiness in the last several years.

Memorials may be made to the Jacob Kelley Historical Guild, 1105 Kelleybelle Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550 for the maintenance and repair of the Jacob Kelley Historical Home or to the First Baptist Church, 104 E. Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Cemetery Details

Westview Memorial Park Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
info@bpafuneralhome.com
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
104 E. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *My prayers go out to her family.*

Rebecca Wadsworth Walker, Durham, NC

Rebecca Wadsworth Walker - August 15, 2016 at 02:30 PM

MD

“ *Ann, I was so sorry to get the news of your precious mom's passing. Even though we expect them to leave us one day it is still difficult to let them go. I know it was for me when my mom died in 1997. You never forget the beautiful memories made and all the love you shared. You have been very blessed to have had your mother for so many years. God Bless you and family. Thinking of you and sending love and prayers.*

Marlene (Collins) Dalrymple (High School classmate)

Marlene (Collins) Dalrymple - August 13, 2016 at 11:21 AM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Kelley Chapman*



Rebecca Skinner - August 12, 2016 at 02:36 AM

JR

“ *Jenny Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Kelley Chapman*



Jenny Rogers - August 11, 2016 at 08:51 PM

PS

“ *Pam Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Kelley Chapman*



Pam Sansbury - August 11, 2016 at 04:09 PM

KS

“ *Ann, I will be thinking of you during this sad time. I remember your Mom so well from back in the "drive-in" restaurant days. I had some good times and enjoyed many good meals there. She was a great lady, and I know you will miss her.*

Kathryn Newsom Suggs

Kathryn Newsom Suggs - August 11, 2016 at 03:12 PM

CG

“ *Cynthia Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Kelley Chapman*



Cynthia Gardner - August 11, 2016 at 07:15 AM

CG

Linda, thinking of you and your family. I know you will miss her tremendously.

Cynthia Gardner - August 11, 2016 at 07:18 AM

KW

“ *Thinking of the family during this time of yalls loss !!*

Kim Ward Walters - August 10, 2016 at 09:52 PM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Kelley Chapman*



Carol Elmore Bryant - August 10, 2016 at 01:18 PM

CB

Ann, I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Bessie was always a kind and a generous friend to me and my family. Love to you, Carol Elmore Bryant

Carol Elmore Bryant - August 10, 2016 at 01:20 PM

ED

Jackie, Linda and her immediate family. I am so sorry for your loss. I visited with her Sunday for just a minute, got the nurse to assist her with brushing her teeth, and she appeared to be doing better. The one thing we know for sure is that she is no longer in pain from her fall. You will be in my prayers.

Evelyn S Dampier, Sunday School Teacher at Morrell.

Evelyn Dampier - August 10, 2016 at 09:55 PM