



Betty Stokes

January 27, 1935 - May 15, 2006

Funeral services for Betty Matheus Kirkley Stokes, 71, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, May 18, 2006 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Gary Colbach will officiate with burial in New Providence Baptist Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday, May 17, 2006 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Carolina's Hospice, 121 East Cedar Street, Florence, SC 29501.

Mrs. Stokes died Monday, May 15, 2006. Born in Fort Worth, TX, she was a daughter of the late Warren Benjamin and Annie McDonald Matheus. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Surfside Beach, SC. She was the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce Merchant of the Year in 1976 (Freeman & Smith) and chairperson of the Merchants Division in 1977. She was Civitan of the Year in 1985 and Civitan VSP of the Year in 1986.

Surviving are her husband, Leon Stokes of Hartsville, SC; daughters and sons-in-law, Judy Kirkley Miller and James Miller of Glen Burnie, MD, June Stokes Myers and Stanley Myers of Hartsville, SC, Lou Ann Stokes Fishbeck and Gerry Fishbeck of Spartanburg, SC, Debbie Stokes Miller of Hartsville, SC; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Jack Thetford of Azle, TX; grandchildren, David Miller, Lisa Miller, Angela Holland, Lane Fishbeck, Alicia Ann Fishbeck, Barry Peavy, Chris Stevens, Eddie Stevens; three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Mertis (Mutt) Kirkley; sisters Joyce Cunningham and Loyce Smith; brother, Darris Matheus.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ To Leon and Family: Your Betty Stokes was one of the most beautiful people I have ever known. Her million dollar smile could perk up the downhearted. Her laughter was contagious. The very love of God exuded from her and she blessed people everywhere she went. Yes, neva',eva' was there a dull moment around Ms. Betty and you knew fun was ever-present while she was in your midst! And she loved you, Leon, like a brilliant, golden, rare gem and I always admired that! I miss her and will always hold her close at heart. She was a mallwalker model and magnet of goodness. I cherish recipes she shared with me. But I have a hope in heaven and anticipate seeing her once again. You have not lost something you know where is, Leon. She was forever smiling...now she IS smilin' forever...Continued love and prayers for you and your family and until we meet again on this side or the other, I remain a grateful soul for knowing the two of you....

Debi

Instep Mallwalker Coordinator

Community Health Educator

Georgetown Hospital System##imported-begin##Debi S. McKenzie, RN/Georgetown Hospital System##imported-end##

May 19, 2006 at 11:25 AM



“ Sorry to miss everyone at the funeral, we loved aunt Betty and would love to here from all of my family.##imported-begin##Jerry Cunningham##imported-end##

May 18, 2006 at 08:05 PM



“ Leon, My prayers are with you. I did##imported-begin##Rena Hubbard##imported-end##

May 18, 2006 at 04:24 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with each and everyone of you.##imported-begin##Karen Davis##imported-end##

May 18, 2006 at 03:00 PM



“ Ms. Betty's beauty and kindness will always be with you. Like most of Hartsville I knew her from Freeman and Smith. She was a wonderful lady. God Bless.##imported-begin##Cindy Griggs##imported-end##

May 18, 2006 at 10:53 AM



“ June and family,
I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Betty. I will always remember her pretty smile and bubbling personality. My prayers are with you and the family. Janelle Britt##imported-begin##Janelle Britt##imported-end##

May 18, 2006 at 10:13 AM



“ Leon, Judy & family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Aunt Betty was a beautiful blessed soul inside and out and she will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. I will always cherish the times we had, and have peace knowing she has gone home to be with our Lord in Heaven.

Love to all,

Niece & Cousin Cathy (Cunningham) Gilmore & family, husband Johnny & son Cody##imported-begin##Cathy, Johnny & Cody Gilmore##imported-end##

May 17, 2006 at 11:28 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Bobby and Becky O'Neal##imported-begin##Bobby and Becky O'Neal##imported-end##

May 17, 2006 at 10:16 PM



“ Judy, I am so sorry about your Mom. I remember how kind and "pretty" she was. My family will be remembering you and your family in our prayers during this time.##imported-begin##Wanda Wilson Pierce##imported-end##

May 17, 2006 at 02:07 PM



“ My deepest sympathy is extended to Betty's family in their loss. She was most certainly beautiful, both inside and out. I have many fond memories of her from both Freeman and Smith and from Southern Office Supply. I don't recall her receiving those accolades she has attached to her name, but I understand fully why they were given to her. She was truly one of Hartsville's finest merchants, always eager to help and always with a warm welcome and smile. And that comes from an ordinary customer. I will be praying for her family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Rachel Adams Doyle Medlin##imported-end##

May 16, 2006 at 10:05 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Betty. I first met her when she was at Freeman & Smith. She was a beautiful lady. Not only in her appearance but in her heart. She had a way of making you feel so special and she was always one of my special people. Cherish the memories you have of her. In the days ahead it will be hard for you all, but remember God is with you. He will give you the strength you need. All you have to do is ask Him. In God I Trust, Janice... (Deut.31:6)##imported-begin##Janice Brigman Smith##imported-end##

May 16, 2006 at 09:40 PM



“ To Mrs. Betty's Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I knew Betty when she was at Freeman and Smith's. She was such a nice person and a Beautiful lady.May God richly bless all of you.##imported-begin##Pat James##imported-end##

May 16, 2006 at 09:38 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Miss Betty was a sweet lady and I will miss her she always had a smile on her face. May God comfort you is my prayer. God Bless, Grady O'Neal###imported-begin###Grady L. O'Neal###imported-end##

May 16, 2006 at 07:57 PM



“ To the Stokes Family, I served on many committies with Betty, she gave 120% of herself in anything she was involved. We were in Civitans together for many years. Betty was a "great" lady. I pray that God will bless each of you during this time of grief.###imported-begin###Edna Sims###imported-end##

May 16, 2006 at 06:02 PM



“ To the Family of Mrs. Betty Stokes,
My thoughts and Prayers are with each of you at this time. I remember Mrs. Betty from Freeman & Smith and thought she was such a Beautiful lady. May God Bless each of you and take away your pain and sorrow. I pray that God will give each of you the strength, comfort, peace and courage needed in the days and months to come. God Bless you all.
Connie Sells Wallace###imported-begin###Connie Sells Wallace###imported-end##

May 16, 2006 at 04:28 PM