



Carolyn Best Summerford

July 7, 2008

Graveside services for Carolyn Best Summerford, 81, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at Magnolia Cemetery, Hartsville, SC. The Rev. Noble Kendall of Lake Murray Church, Chapin, SC, will officiate. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the Summerford family. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Child Evangelism Fellowship of S.C., Inc., P.O. Box 211084, Columbia, SC 29221.

Mrs. Summerford died Monday, July 7, 2008. Born in Darlington Co., SC, on September 16, 1926, she was a daughter of the late Dr. Toland H. and Carrie Banks Best. She was a graduate of Hartsville High School and attended Coker College. "Grandma Carolyn" was deeply loved by her two granddaughters, and three great-grandsons. She considered her son, Richard, as her greatest accomplishment in life. She will be missed by all her family and many caregivers. Sincere appreciation is expressed to everyone at Lexington Medical Center Extended Care facility for their devotion to her. Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Richard Nathaniel and Linda Summerford of Chapin, SC; nephew, Kenneth H. Best of Winston-Salem, NC; granddaughters, Jennifer Lynn Summerford of W. Columbia, SC, Lisa Renee' Summerford of Columbia, SC; great-grandsons, Aydin, Averi and Leland. She was preceded in death by her brothers Harold Hampton Best and Robert Hawthorne Best.

Tribute Wall



“ Richard:

Tina and I send our thoughts and prayers to you as you go through this tough period. God teaches us that through tough times, he carries us. I pray that you allow God to carry you through this tough period. You, Linda and your entire family will be in our prayers.

William and Tina Witherspoon##imported-begin##William K. Witherspoon##imported-end##

July 13, 2008 at 03:02 PM



“ Richard, I just read it tonight and wanted to tell you how sorry I am to hear this. I know what you are going through, because I went through it a few years ago. Linda and my prayers are with you, as you go through these hard days. God will see you as the pain goes to memories that will always be there.##imported-begin##Tommy DeWitt##imported-end##

July 13, 2008 at 01:10 AM



“ *Richard and Linda,*

I don't know what to say. I'm speechless. I have been on vacation all week. Another Activity Coordinator called me to tell me of Carolyn's passing. I just couldn't believe it. I know in the health field we aren't supposed to have favorites but sometimes God sends certain people along your way that make a lasting impression on you and Ms. Summerford was one of those special people.

I could really be feeling bad and she always knew exactly what to say to brighten my day. I can still remember her telling me that I "didn't need to be working there." She'd say, "You ought to be modeling clothes". Right! She was always SO complimentary and she never forgot my name or my voice. She could hear me coming down the hall and no matter where she was, she would know my voice and call out my name. Not too many resident's can do that. She told me on many occasions that she was going to get her scrapbook from Linda and show me all her pictures. She knew her movie stars and her favorite movie was Gone With The Wind. She always commented on how pretty I looked and what I had on. I will miss her greatly. I know Ms. West will miss her as well. I have some pics of her that I will send to you when I get back to work Monday. I hate I wasn't there but you have been in my thoughts. I will miss seeing her in the lobby asking me, "Pam, what is going on today?" or "Pam, I'm ready to go." or "Can I get you a coke?" May God grant you peace during this time. I know she will be missed but He has another jewel in His crown. God Bless You All.

In Christ,

*Pamela Wessinger, Activities Coordinator for Spence Place
Lexington Medical Center Extended Care##imported-
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Place##imported-end##*

July 10, 2008 at 10:05 PM



“ Richard,

You and your family have our deepest sympathy. Your mother was a lovely woman and you were so fortunate to have her for so many years. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##John & Sandy Auten##imported-end##

July 09, 2008 at 08:21 PM



“ Richard: You may not remember me...I used to live across the street (College Ave.) from you for awhile. I remember your mom..she was always nice to me. I also remember playing with you and some of the other kids on the street in the backyard of the apartment house next door to your home. I read in todays paper about your mom and was especially touched by the fact that she considered you "Her greatest accomplishment". What a tribute to you and her for raising you right. I live in Columbia now. My husband was in the Army for 30 years and about 11 years ago we settled here. I work for the Presbyterian Church USA at the presbytery office in Lexington. I see that you live in Chapin and have a family complete with grandkids! Anyway, just wanted you to know that you and your family are in my prayers. It's hard to lose a mother. I know.
Margaret McKinnon Harris##imported-begin##Margaret McKinnon Harris##imported-end##

July 08, 2008 at 09:00 AM