



## Celia Langley Griggs

June 18, 1951 - October 30, 2008

Funeral services for Celia Langley Griggs, 57, will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ed Griggs will officiate with burial in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday, October 31, 2008 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Griggs died Thursday, October 30, 2008. Born in Darlington Co., SC, she was a daughter of the late William Manuel and Mary Edwards Langley. She was retired with 28 years of service from the Housing Authority of Hartsville, 22 of those years she served as Executive Director. As Executive Director she received certificates of excellence in management operations and secretary commendations for high performance. She served on the Housing and Urban Development Regional Advisory Council for Public Housing.

Surviving are her husband, Murray Griggs of Hartsville, SC; son, Hal Watford, Jr. of Hartsville, SC; sisters (spouse), Ola (Jerry) Hayes of Hartsville, SC, Almeta Horton of Cassatt, SC; grandsons, Dustin Thomas Schauer and Robert Lee Schauer. She was preceded in death by her brother, W. M. Langley, Jr.; sisters, Carrie Tucker and Annie Lou Mixon.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ To the family of Celia. I was not aware of her passing until I read her name in her sister "Ola" obitury. I was friends with Celia and worked closely before retiring from the police department in 2004. Celia was such a sweet and kind person. Always there no matter how she felt to listen and give kinds words in return. I am sorry for your loss. God has one "Special Angel".  
Geraldine J. Munn Griggs

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Geraldine Jordan Griggs - November 14, 2011 at 06:03 PM



“ Murray i remember so many times celia telling me that if it was not for you she could not have made it as long as she did but she was a strong person i will miss the talks i had with her and the way she would always make me laugh she made a big impact on alot of lives and now im sure she can look down and see the good work you will be blessed for takng such good care of her and hal you were the apple of her eye just make her proud of you she always wanted the best for you im here if either of you ever need me. love and prayers.  
Kim & Ricky Lloyd###imported-begin##Kim###imported-end##

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January 12, 2009 at 07:14 PM



“ Hi!  
My name is Jessika!###imported-begin##sixsuesepar##imported-end##

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December 15, 2008 at 09:53 AM



“ Hal, I was so sorry to hear of Cely's passing I knew her when we were teenagers and would see her once in awhile, but I remember the young smiling woman and mother. I wish I had kept in touch with her over the years, but I didn't. Murray, I remember meeting you one time and so sorry for Hal and your loss. You both are in my thoughts and prayers. I didn't know until after the visitation and so sorry I didn't get to visit and pay my respects to Cely.##imported-begin##Jean Stratton##imported-end##

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November 23, 2008 at 07:39 AM



“ I used to work for Celia Griggs at the Housing Authority in 1994...she used to call me "Izzy" as I worked alongside Ethel, Norma Shropshire and Michelle Gardner.

*To the Griggs Family.*

*Celia gave me an opportunity no other person thought of giving me and she guided me as carefully as she could to help families find decent and safe housing. Her memories will never be forgotten and her smile will always carry a brighter day for those she touched! ... I will miss you Celia and Thank You!##imported-begin##Isreal Hough##imported-end##*

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November 11, 2008 at 11:41 PM



“ To the family and friends of Celia. I am devastated to hear about Celia's going home. I knew she as ill, but she just kept pushing and pushing. To her husband, she just couldn't say enough about how you helped her and made it possible for her to keep on working as long as she did.

She was a kind person to me, in business, but always there to lend a listening ear to my aches and pains. I know the family will miss her and I hope the housing Authority will continue to operate in the professional way she has guided it all these years.##imported-begin##Jo Lynn Newsome##imported-end##

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November 06, 2008 at 10:34 AM



“ To Ola, Paulette, and the rest of the family, Just wanted to let yall both know you have been in my thoughts and prayers. I hope yall can find comfort in God at this time. I always thought alot of Celia. Love, Shelley.##imported-begin##Shelley P. Atkinson##imported-end##

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November 05, 2008 at 05:19 PM



“ My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Alan Welch##imported-end##

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November 05, 2008 at 01:18 PM



“ Griggs Family, sorry to learn of your loss. Celia was a lovely lady. My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Edna Sims##imported-end##

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November 05, 2008 at 10:48 AM



“ Murry and Hal, I was sorry to hear about Celia. She was a real nice person and she had a lot of love for her family. Just remember all the good times and the love you shared. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Sheila Brown##imported-end##

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November 04, 2008 at 03:20 PM



“ Hal,  
I am so sorry to hear about your mom..I can still remember the first time I met her..She was so full of love for her family.Hold close to your heart the love that you and your mom shared.I know that she is smiling down on you..Murray I don't know if you remember me but I came over to your house years ago with Hal, and my Daughter fell and busted her eye open and you and Celia took care of her..Celia loved you dearly and it showed.Just hold on to the LORD and he will help you in the coming days ahead...##imported-begin##April Gilbert Kinard ##imported-end##

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November 03, 2008 at 08:19 PM



“ Hal,  
I was sorry to hear about your mothers passing. I noticed the sign by the road the other day and my heart sank. Know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. It is in times like this that God's grace wells up and gives us the strength that we never new we were capable of possessing.##imported-begin##Brian Gandy (friends from High School)##imported-end##

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November 02, 2008 at 01:40 PM



“ Hal, I am sorry to hear about your mom. Just trust in Lord and he will give you the strength to get through this. You and your family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Tonya Lloyd Bennett##imported-end##

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November 01, 2008 at 09:18 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Keith W. McDonald##imported-end##

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November 01, 2008 at 08:36 AM



“ Ola & Paulette, I just wanted to let you know that you are in my prayers, I pray that you will have comfort in knowing that God and time will heal what you are feeling.just remember the happy times and the memories you shared.  
Love Karen##imported-begin##Karen B. Poston##imported-end##

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October 31, 2008 at 09:57 PM



“ Murray,  
I have so many great memories of Celia.  
We had some great laughs in the shop.She was always a joy to see.  
But our loss is heaven's gain.We are just apart for a short while.  
I love you and I am praying for you  
Thank you so much for your dedication and love that you showed for Celia.  
Lisa( your Walmart Buddy)##imported-begin##Lisa Goodale##imported-end##

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October 31, 2008 at 02:51 PM



“ Murray and Hal, I am so sorry to hear of Celia's passing. I have nothing but the fondest memories of her. She loved you both more than life itself and it showed in everything she did. Celia will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Shannon Stegner Franklin##imported-end##

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October 31, 2008 at 01:18 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Cely. We have known her for a very long time. She and I lived in the same neighborhood (Lakeview community). That has been many years ago. But through the years, she was always the same, no matter where or when we saw her. She was a beautiful and vibrant person with a wonderful personality. I know that you all have so many memories of her. I know I do. Please know that you all will be in our prayers. “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee”.  
Deut 31:6... Janice (Brigman) & Mike Smith##imported-begin##Janice & Mike Smith##imported-end##

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October 31, 2008 at 10:00 AM



“ Celia was an inspiration to us all; a free spirit just waiting to be released. She will be missed by many, but memories will carry us through the darkest hours ahead and into brighter days in the future. Remember that in the morning, the tiny fragile flowers will open their delicate eyes to towards the sun...and so will we! Celia is rejoicing with the Lord now, pain and sickness free at last; let us all take comfort in that fact!##imported-begin##Ray and Crystal Gardner ##imported-end##

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October 31, 2008 at 09:31 AM



“ Murray,

*As I typed your name I can hear Celia say it. You are such a strong person and she adored you. I am so sad for your loss and she will be missed. I am sorry I wasn't there for her in the end. I know she is in a better place and no longer has to suffer. Take care of yourself and you will be in my prayers. Tania and Steve at Freeman and Smith##imported-begin##Tania Drinkard##imported-end##*

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October 31, 2008 at 08:29 AM



“ Aunt Celia, I will miss our talks & visits. I love you very much. But our loss is heaven's gain!! Uncle Murray, I will keep you in my prayers. I will always be here for you anytime you need me. I love you.

*Stacy Tucker Legg##imported-begin##Stacy Legg##imported-end##*

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October 31, 2008 at 07:30 AM



“ Just wanted you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. "Aunt Cely" won't have to suffer any more. Please let us know if we can help in any way. 803-438-8704##imported-begin##"Lil" Mike & Joni Brown##imported-end##

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October 30, 2008 at 10:43 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

*The staff of the Anderson Housing Authority##imported-begin##Becky Holmes##imported-end##*

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October 30, 2008 at 04:29 PM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Sharon Forrest and Staff  
Myrtle Beach Housing Authority##imported-begin##Sharon  
Forrest##imported-end##*

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October 30, 2008 at 04:06 PM