



## Mrs. Clara Ingram Gandy

February 28, 1928 - June 24, 2020

Clara Ingram Gandy of Columbus, NC, died on June 24, 2020. She was 92 years old.

Born in Biloxi, Mississippi, in 1928, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin C. and Thelma Reynolds Ingram. She grew up in Georgia and South Carolina.

She held the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Coker College and graduate degrees in history from Emory (M.A.) and the University of Tennessee (Ph.D.). Her teaching career of more than twenty years involved active participation in professional organizations in the United States and Europe. In the several locations in which Dr. Gandy lived also included work in many civic, religious, and historical organizations. She retired in 1993 as Professor of European History from Coker College.

In addition to her parents, Dr. Gandy was preceded in death by her husband, Howard L Gandy (2001); sister, Thelma Ingram Richardson (2014). She is survived by two sons, Tom F. Gandy, and Charles I. Gandy (Becky); grandson, Michael L. Beatty; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A private graveside service for the immediate family will be held in Magnolia Cemetery, Hartsville, SC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to Coker University, 300 East College Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Cemetery

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

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ Charles and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing Clara. She was a person who made working at Coker special. I hope to see you around Irmo soon.

*Ray Davis*

Ray Davis - July 14, 2020 at 03:13 PM

DY

“ Darlene Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Ingram Gandy



Darlene Yarborough - July 03, 2020 at 12:47 AM

SV

“ Susan Matthews Vandergriff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Ingram Gandy



Susan Matthews Vandergriff - June 28, 2020 at 06:56 AM

GM

“ Goode & Gail Mobley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Ingram Gandy



Goode & Gail Mobley - June 27, 2020 at 09:17 PM

MS

“ *MaryLathan Steele lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Ingram Gandy*



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**MaryLathan Steele** - June 27, 2020 at 08:13 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Ingram Gandy*



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**Rebecca Skinner** - June 27, 2020 at 04:23 PM

SS

“ *Beautiful person - inside & out! So grateful for having had a summer course at Coker taught by her and to have known her family and her parents. Stephanie & Oliver Stanley*

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**Stephanie Stanley** - June 27, 2020 at 02:00 PM

CC

“ *Carole C" Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Ingram Gandy*



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**Carole C" Cannarella** - June 27, 2020 at 12:13 PM

KA

“ *Being studious is synonymous with being a professor but Dr. Gandy took this trait to new levels. She exuded excellence in everything she touched. She was an amazing scholar and humanitarian. I was blessed to be a student decades ago under her tutelage. Any and all knowledge I have today about relations between the United Kingdom and other countries-- I owe to Clara Gandy. Below is a photo I took of her on the trail to Bolton Castle. She was consistent in taking students, over the years, on enlightening European excursions. This particular photo and trip will always be a strong memory of my incredible Coker experience. Today, I give thanks to the Creator for gifting this world with Dr. Gandy. She will be greatly missed but thankfully leaves a remarkable and lasting legacy.*

*Keith A. Alford*



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**K.A. Alford** - June 27, 2020 at 09:22 AM

SS

*Beautiful tribute*

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**Stephanie Stanley** - June 27, 2020 at 02:03 PM

RA

“ *We are sorry to hear about your mother. We have fond memories from high school years. She was a beautiful, sweet person. You are in our prayers.*  
*Robin and George Atkins*

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**Robin Atkins** - June 26, 2020 at 08:23 PM

PL

“ *Dr. Clara Gandy was particularly kind and helpful to me early in my career at Coker when I truly needed help and advice from another female faculty member. I admired her impeccable preparation for every professional demand.*

Pat Lincoln - June 26, 2020 at 08:05 PM

LG

*Clara was a mentor and a dear friend. She was an outstanding teacher and a woman of great integrity. My husband and I visited her regularly at Tryon Estates and spoke with her between visits. We admired her intellect, her curiosity about the world, her determination, and her honesty. We have missed seeing her during the pandemic and are so sorry we will not get to see her again.*

Lois Rauch Gibson - June 26, 2020 at 08:35 PM

AK

“ *One of the best professors Coker ever had, and one of my favorite people. She made me want to become a professor, and I wanted to be like her. She will be sorely missed.*

*-Dr. Athena M. King*

Athena M. King - June 26, 2020 at 07:48 PM



RC

*I served at Coker College with Dr. Gandy and greatly admired her as a person and a professional. She definitely was one of Coker's crown jewels.*

*Richard Culyer*

richard culyer - June 28, 2020 at 08:44 AM

PB

*I have fond memories of Clara and Howard, who were my neighbors in Hartsville. We enjoyed their fish stew dinners, attended by so many interesting people, and the pretty pansies that Clara planted around their mailbox on Lyndale Drive brightened our street. She was a delight! The world is a better place for Clara's having been in it.*

*Pam Browning*

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**Pam Browning** - July 25, 2020 at 02:16 PM