



## Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd

January 1, 1934 - October 14, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that the Moyd family announces the death of their beloved mother, Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey "Dee" Moyd, 90.

Mrs. Moyd, the widow of Dr. Pickens Kinard Moyd, Sr., entered into rest on Monday, October 14, 2024. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 2 o'clock on Sunday, October 20, 2024, in St. Luke Methodist Church, with The Rev. Dr. Dora Gafford and The Rev. Dr. Ben Gafford officiating. A private burial will be held following the service. The family will receive friends from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 20, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall of St. Luke Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made in her honor to St. Luke Children's Ministries, 302 Dunlap Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mrs. Moyd was born on January 1, 1934, in Orangeburg, SC. She was the daughter of the late Barney Dempsey and the late Nell Hewitt Dempsey. She grew up working on a dairy farm in Cope. She attended Winthrop University, where she played basketball (it was a girls' school back then, and they only played "half-court," as she would remind anyone who asked).

Pickens Moyd saw her picture on the front page of The State newspaper when she won a beauty pageant and told his roommate, "I'm gonna marry that pretty girl." From Clemson, he called her dormitory and told her, "My name is Pickens, and I would like to date you," to which she replied, "You're drunk," and she hung up on him. His persistence won out, as they were married for 55 years, and he lovingly called her "Dee" or "Lil Hon."

Dee taught elementary school for a short while in Richmond, Virginia, while Pickens studied at the Medical College of Virginia. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Hartsville, SC, where Pickens practiced surgery, and they raised their four boys on a farm in Kelleytown.

Dee taught 5-year-old kindergarten at St. Luke Methodist Church for many years. She enjoyed gardening and working outdoors. She also enjoyed keeping a clean house, as Pickens would tease her, "Aw, Hon, what was left to clean today? Did you pull the nails out of the kitchen floor, polish them, and drive them back in?" The family would also tease that she would stand out under her trees and wait for pine cones or magnolia follicles to fall into her catcher's mitt.

She loved entertaining with lavish Christmas parties, bridge club, and church circle meetings. She loved her "to-do" lists with little squares to check them "done" in her Daytimer, which she lovingly called her "little brown brain."

She loved the quietness of Hartsville and that it took years before the grocery stores carried "the big box of Jell-O."

She also loved her husband, her sons, and her grandchildren.

There's not a lot to write about what we know of her life, as she had the exceptional gift of always asking her guests about themselves. One would

become aware of this trait and try to spin the conversation back to her, but she was a master of the art of getting people to not only talk about their lives but to remember the tiniest details and to follow up on them at your next conversation.

She was the epitome of Southern grace, charm, and style, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

She was predeceased by her husband, Pickens, as well as her son, Glenn Alan Moyd, and daughter-in-law, Diane.

She leaves behind her sons, Ken, David (Lee), and John (Suzy), all of which reside in Hartsville, as well as her twelve grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke Fellowship Hall  
302 Dunlap Dr.  
Hartsville, SC 29550

### Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke Methodist Church  
302 Dunlap Dr.  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Robert R Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd



Robert R Andrews - December 18, 2025 at 05:43 PM

TJ

“ I am so sorry to here about your beloved Mother. My prayers are with your entire family.

Tracie Jacobs - November 01, 2024 at 10:43 AM

PC

“ Paul Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd



Paul Cannarella - October 29, 2024 at 09:07 AM

KL

“ What southern charm she was! One of the kindest ladies I have ever met. Praying for this family during this time. Love and hugs!

Kathy Lawhon - October 28, 2024 at 12:08 AM

JK

“ John, David & Ken...God made such a sweet representation of His love in your Mom. She truly was the Quintessential, Southern lady ... She wore grace and kindness as beautifully as she did that sweet smile and gorgeous brown eyes. I saw a part of her in each of you and in your beautiful children today. The memories of growing up together are priceless and her legacy will light your way as you walk this journey. I have no doubt she is "home" now but she lives forever in our memories and hearts. I will never forget her rose garden at one end of the pool. She tended to hearts as tenderly as she did those roses. I love you all!! Jeda

Jeda Kelley - October 21, 2024 at 03:55 AM

DW

“ We are so sorry for your loss our prayers are with you and your family



Donna and Ronnie Winburn - October 20, 2024 at 02:18 PM

DF

“ Ken,david, and john. Sorry for mrs. Moyd passing.

Donald flowers - October 20, 2024 at 12:07 PM

NG

“ So sorry for your loss. She was the most genuine person I have ever known I will cherish the many memories of her and your family

Nissa Gainey - October 19, 2024 at 04:59 PM

GM

“ Goode & Gail Mobley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd



Goode & Gail Mobley - October 18, 2024 at 08:04 PM

RD

“ What an incredible lady she was. Lots of great memories at THA. Thoughts and prayers for all of the family.

Renee C Douglas - October 18, 2024 at 07:29 PM

LL

“ Our deepest sympathy



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - October 18, 2024 at 01:20 PM

TE

“ Dee was awfully kind to a young girl just married, living in a new town for her first Christmas. She welcomed me to Hartsville with a beautiful Poinsettia that year. The annual Christmas party always ushered in the holiday season with a bang with Dee's graciousness and warmth being truly a gift. Thought and prayers go out to Ken, David, Lee, John, Suzy and Dee's many grandchildren.



Tru and Ed - October 18, 2024 at 01:19 PM

PA

“ *Dee was beautiful inside and out. She always greeted you with her sweet smile and caring conversation about your family! A precious Southern Lady that we all will miss! My sympathy to her family.*

Penny G Anthony - October 18, 2024 at 12:56 PM

JM

“ *Johnny And Denise McLain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd*



Johnny and Denise McLain - October 18, 2024 at 12:47 PM

DG

“ *Sending condolences to all of the family. She was a precious southern magnolia, a lady who always made everyone comfortable. I will always remember her beautiful laugh and grin.*

Diane Griggs - October 18, 2024 at 09:49 AM

PW

“ *Your mom was such a beautiful, sweet lady. She always had kind words and, when I would see her, we talked about being “Boy” moms!!! My thoughts and prayers to the entire Moyd family and sending much love your way*  
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Phyllis Mims Watson - October 18, 2024 at 09:41 AM

SR

“ *What a wonderful sweet kind welcoming Southern lady she was !!!*

Susan D. Reynolds - October 18, 2024 at 01:08 AM

PP

“ *Paulette Payne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd*



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**Paulette Payne** - October 17, 2024 at 11:22 PM

RL

“ *Roger Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd*



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**Roger Lewis** - October 17, 2024 at 09:19 PM

AS

“ *Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd*



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**Al & Melinda Sansbury** - October 17, 2024 at 08:34 PM

LS

“ *Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd*



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**Lavonde Smith** - October 17, 2024 at 05:52 PM

VN

“ Vickie And David Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd



Vickie and David Newsome - October 17, 2024 at 04:34 PM

DT

“ Debbie Talbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd



Debbie Talbert - October 17, 2024 at 02:24 PM

PJ

“ Such a sweet, sweet lady.



Pat James - October 17, 2024 at 02:08 PM

PB

“ Mrs. D. was so accepting of my marriage to Dr. Gary Barker. Loving, kind gentle words to us. Her blessing was important to me. The Moyd family we are so sorry for your LOSS. Gary and Pat Barker

Patricia Barker - October 17, 2024 at 12:08 PM

MN

“ Our sincere condolences to all the Moyds. She was such a kind, sweet and gracious lady with the most beautiful smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.  
*Mike & Brenda Northcutt*



Mike&Brenda Northcutt - October 17, 2024 at 11:20 AM

DE

“ So very sorry for your loss, prayers for the family.



Diane Euten - October 17, 2024 at 10:26 AM

PF

“ Patricia Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd



Patricia Franklin - October 17, 2024 at 10:11 AM

KJ

“ Kathi G. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd



Kathi G. Johnson - October 17, 2024 at 10:01 AM

JB

“ Johnny & Suzanne (Skinner) Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd



Johnny & Suzanne (Skinner) Beasley - October 17, 2024 at 09:22 AM

CG

“ Connee Gamble Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd



Connee Gamble Grantham - October 17, 2024 at 09:07 AM

JD

“ Our heartfelt condolences over the loss of your mother. We will remember the family in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.



Jimmy and Cora Dial - October 17, 2024 at 12:04 AM

BG

“ So sorry for your loss. Dee was a real treasure. She taught Sunday School for so many years at St. Luke. She was so loved by all of the children. Always so sweet and kind to everyone. I know you all will miss her. Sending love and prayers.  
Bess Gore

Bess Gore - October 16, 2024 at 11:37 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd*



Rebecca Skinner - October 16, 2024 at 08:49 PM

HG

“ *Harriet R Gupton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd*



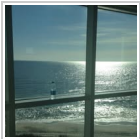
Harriet R Gupton - October 16, 2024 at 07:56 PM

DT

“ *Dave Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd*



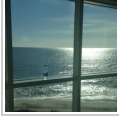
Dave Thompson - October 16, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ *Bill Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd*



Bill Stokes - October 16, 2024 at 05:27 PM



*Angela and Bill*

**Bill Stokes** - October 16, 2024 at 05:28 PM

GO

“ *To the Moyd family. Sorry to hear about your loved one. I have you in my thoughts and prayers as you face the days ahead of you. Always reflect back on the memories you cherished with her, they will last a lifetime.* ”



**Grady L O'Neal** - October 16, 2024 at 05:20 PM

JA

“ *Jimmy Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deryl Dean Dempsey Moyd* ”



**Jimmy Andrews** - October 16, 2024 at 05:12 PM