



## Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill

December 13, 1943 - January 16, 2016

Funeral services for Dianna Nelson Sturgill will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 18, 2016 at Lakeview Baptist Church, 202 Lakeview Boulevard, Hartsville, SC. The Rev. Ken Hughes will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sturgill passed away Jan. 16 at home surrounded by loved ones.

Born in Montgomery County, VA, Mrs. Sturgill was the daughter of James and Dot Nelson. She began college at Emory & Henry University and completed her bachelor's degree at Radford University with a major in psychology.

Mrs. Sturgill had a long and dedicated career with the State of South Carolina, serving the Department of Social Services in child protection and adoptions, where she worked to help children find places in safe and loving homes.

Another great passion in her life was music, and she was the church pianist for Lakeview Baptist Church for 42 years. She played in worship services, for weddings, funerals and special events, and for choirs ranging from children to senior adults.

Upon official retirement from the state, she continued playing in worship and

for choirs at Lakeview, served as a volunteer for the food bank run by Hartsville Interfaith Ministries and worked as a consultant for adoptions for the state.

She leaves behind her husband of 51 years, Wayne Sturgill, as well as three sons and their wives: Stephen & Tricia Sturgill of Hartsville, David & Amanda Sturgill of Chapel Hill, NC, and Chris & Renee Sturgill of Falls Church, VA. She enjoyed the company of her 8 grandchildren: Claire, Ryan, Daniel, Jacob, Wesley, Lucy, Lydia and Josiah.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be sent to the music ministry of Lakeview Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home  
306 W. Home Ave.  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
(843) 332-6531  
info@bpafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

## Service

JAN 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview Baptist Church  
202 Lakeview Blvd,  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



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**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - January 17, 2016 at 02:14 PM

SG

*Love and thoughts to Wayne and family. Dianna will be missed!*

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**Susan Cole Graham** - January 17, 2016 at 06:15 PM

JB

*Our prayers are going up for the family. We have lost one of the finest women of God that I have been privileged to know and have as a friend that was a Sister I never had.*

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**Jim Blshop** - January 18, 2016 at 12:33 PM

SH

*Larry and I wanted to extend our family decades ago and were supported and guided by Dianna through her employment with DSS. Our foster son was greatly in need of a home which we provided for several years while receiving regular counseling and always Dianna's wise judgment and presence. She came when we prepared our home for this new member, when my church friends held a shower, for birthday parties, and when we needed direction in what we were doing to help this challenging child, and when it became necessary to place him in a church care facility, she was there too facilitating the move. We came to love and appreciate her presence at every stage and after, as we'd meet unexpectedly, and remember our shared past with humor and greater understanding.*

*I have appreciated viewing your family remembrances and learning more about this lovely and loved lady. We hope that you realize we will continue to hold you and your family, Wayne, in prayer. Sheila Haney*

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**Sheila Haney** - January 20, 2016 at 10:38 AM

PC

*JUST WATCHING THE VIDEO OF DIANNA BRINGS TEARS TO MY EYES. NEVER MET MY COUSIN THE PICTURES SHOW WHAT A CARING PERSON SHE WAS, TALENT, SO MUCH MORE. WE WILL MEET ONE DAY MEET IN GOD'S WONDERFUL HEAVEN.*

*YOUR COUSIN, PAT/CLEVELAND, OHIO*

*TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF WAYNE AND YOUR FINE LOOKING SONS.*

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**PATRICIA A CHOMIAK** - March 01, 2017 at 10:37 PM

KN

“ Dear Family and Friends of Dianna Sturgill,

*I am just learning of Dianna's passing—five years later. Needless to say, I am deeply saddened. I am also deeply grateful for her bountiful life. She was a steady and positive force. Our work together at the Department of Social Services in Hartsville, several decades ago, served as a solid foundation for my deanship (School of Social Work) today in the State University of New York (SUNY) system. I can easily recall the lessons Dianna taught me. She led by example. She was one of the best! I give thanks to the Creator for her treasured life and now, her impactful legacy.*

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**Keith A. Alford, Buffalo, NY** - October 27, 2021 at 02:18 PM

SH

“ Sheila Haney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill



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**Sheila Haney** - January 20, 2016 at 10:26 AM

CM

“ Charlene Malloy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill



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**charlene malloy** - January 20, 2016 at 08:24 AM

CM

*Prayers for you all during this difficult time !!*

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**charlene malloy** - January 20, 2016 at 08:25 AM



“ Wayne and family,  
I am sorry to hear of your loss of Dianna. She was tops for me as a supervisor, friend and model of human compassion.

When I was working with her and being supervised by her, she never felt like a supervisor with her style. She had the ability to allow me to be my own person and assisted me along the way.

She was so grateful for you Wayne and for all of her children. She spoke of her church and her service to others as it was a honor not a chore.

I learned so much from her as a professional and as a person. I can't tell you how many times I continue to reflect on things I learned from her in many ways.

One of the most important things I learned from her was the ability to know when you have limitations and need to ask for help. Help from others and privately we spoke about help from God.

Again my heart and love goes out to you.

Winnie King



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Winnie King - January 19, 2016 at 03:21 AM

BW

“ Wayne,my heart goes out to you and your family. Dianna was such a sweet,caring and talented person! Much sympathy and prayers are with you all! Barbara Stanley Windham

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Barbara Stanley Windham - January 18, 2016 at 06:12 PM

NK

“ We shared so much but not enough. Radford High School, Emory and Henry College and of course I was so honored to be in Wayne and Diana's wedding. She was there for me when my husband died and of course we shared all those class of '62 reunions  
A special friends gone too soon Nancy Saunders Kidd RHS Class of '62

Nancy Kidd - January 18, 2016 at 05:06 PM

Pat  
White  
Jackson

“ My deep love to Wayne and all family members at this sad time. I'm so glad that Dianna was in your life and in mine, though for much too brief a time. I can smile at the last wonderful memories I have of her as we shared a visit to Mt Lake, site of filming of "Dirty Dancin'."  
Pat Phillips Jackson  
RHS Class of 1962

Pat White Jackson - January 18, 2016 at 01:49 PM

SH

“ Shelia Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill



Shelia Hodges - January 18, 2016 at 01:46 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear this news! Dianna, my prayers are with you and the family and friends you left behind. You will be missed by MANY!  
May God be with your family and comfort them in this sad time.

Jay Doto  
RHS Class of 1962

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**Jay Doto** - January 18, 2016 at 12:07 PM

BL

*Dianna brought so much to all she touched, she has left a void in our world but all the joy and happiness she shared with us has more than filled that void. Prayers for her family and remember all she gave to us.*

*Bucky Lawrence, friend and classmate*

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**Buk Lawrence** - January 18, 2016 at 08:28 PM

MH

“ We enjoyed being with Dianna and Wayne at our class reunions. She was always smiling and looked beautiful. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Martha and Don Howell  
RHS Class of "62 & "61

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**Martha Howell** - January 18, 2016 at 11:39 AM



TJ

“ Larry and Tonda Johnson lit a candle in memory

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**Tonda Johnson** - January 18, 2016 at 09:58 AM



CN

“ *Chris And Rhonda Norton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



Chris and Rhonda Norton - January 18, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ *Judy Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



Judy Lane - January 17, 2016 at 08:47 PM

RH

“ *Ray Pansy Howell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



Ray Pansy Howell - January 17, 2016 at 07:29 PM

LP

“ *Linda Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



Linda Price - January 17, 2016 at 03:24 PM

VS

“ Vicki Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Dianna Nelson Sturgill



Vicki Smith - January 17, 2016 at 03:14 PM

VS

Although my health has prevented me from seeing Dianna for years, I've always loved knowing she was across the field from us. She was a very special lady and a great lover of Christ and loved helping people. Wayne, Stephen, and all her family, I pray for peace and loving memories for you as you go through the days ahead. I look forward to seeing Dianna and all of you some day in Glory.

Vicki Smith - January 17, 2016 at 03:18 PM

TC

“ I am shocked to hear of Dianna's passing. I will always remember her as one of the sweetest and most gentle people I have ever known. She was the epitome of a church accompanist - always willing to selflessly share her musical gift to edify those around her and to glorify God. Wayne and family, may God grant you His peace and comfort; our prayers are with you all. - Tim Cotten

Tim Cotten - January 17, 2016 at 02:31 PM

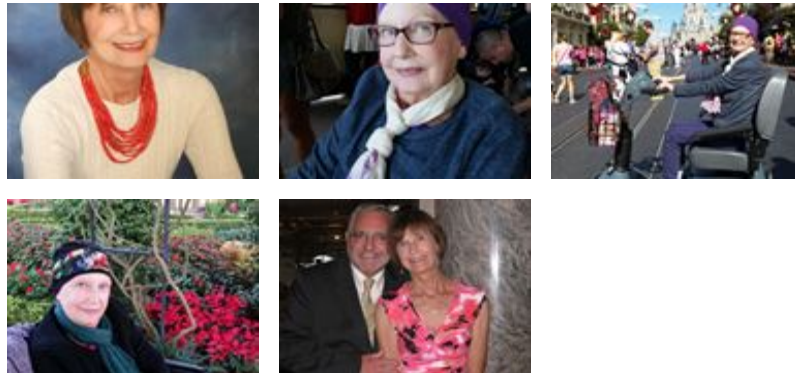
GH

“ Wayne and Family, Diana was such a beautiful and special person and will be missed by everyone. I pray that God will hold you close in the coming days. Our love and prayers are with all the family.  
Wayne and Gaye Helms

Gaye Helms - January 17, 2016 at 01:09 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - January 17, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ *Dianna was such a gracious lady, devoting her life in service to Christ and to others. Wayne and Sturgill family, I am praying that you will have comfort and peace during this time. All who knew her loved her.*

**Peggy Odom** - January 17, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ *Tiffany Morrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



**Tiffany Morrell** - January 17, 2016 at 09:22 AM



“ *I loved and enjoyed my friendship with Diana. She was a classy lady and a great talent. I consider her a blessing in my life as I am sure she blessed others! My love goes out to Wayne and the boys.*

**Angel Howle Duffee** - January 17, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ *A great lady with great talent and a great heart.*

Philip Whichard - January 17, 2016 at 08:17 AM



“ *Freida & Danny Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



Freida & Danny Collins - January 17, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ *David Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



David Jordan - January 17, 2016 at 07:07 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Sturgill family. Dianna was such a special lady and will be greatly missed not only by her immediate family but also by her church family at LBC who loved her very much. She had a wonderful, God-given talent and shared it so lovingly. She could play anything at the drop of a hat and do a great job! We will miss her but rest in the fact that we can see her again in Heaven,. Love and prayers. Bobby and Barbara Griggs*

Barbara Griggs - January 17, 2016 at 06:57 AM

GB

“ Our deep sympathy goes out to the family. God Bless You! Gerald E. Brock I enjoyed working with Mrs. Sturgill at DSS.

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**Gerald Brock** - January 17, 2016 at 05:48 AM

FJ

“ Stephen, Trish and Wayne and the entire family:  
I am in a state of total shock this morning reading this. In talking to Stephen a few weeks ago by e mail I just learned that Diana was sick and had planned to visit her this coming week on a trip to Hartsville. I am so so sorry to hear this. Your mom, mother in law, wife was always there for me at Lakeview for any and all things especially as an accompanist for me. And not only there but on other occasions outside of the church itself. She had an incredible talent and I know is already missed by so many people  
If there is anything that I can do for any of you at any time please let me know. Love you all.

*Fred Jones*

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**FRED JONES** - January 17, 2016 at 04:24 AM

GO

“ TO THE FAMILY, DIANNA WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO LOVED HER. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE COMFORT THAT YOU NEED IN THE DAYS THAT ARE AHEAD OF YOU.

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**GRADY L. O'NEAL** - January 16, 2016 at 11:40 PM

PB

“ Wayne and family, I am so sorry Dianna has left us, but know she is with Jesus. I am so grateful I got to spend some time with her over the last few weeks and months. It was truly a privilege for me to sit with her and share our friendship and love. I will be thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers..

*Pat Bellomy*

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**Patricia Kaye Bellomy** - January 16, 2016 at 09:17 PM

EB

“ Eric And Jo Lynn Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill



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**Eric and Jo Lynn Bradshaw** - January 16, 2016 at 09:02 PM

EB

*Wayne, Stephen and Tricia and Family, We're sorry for your loss. Dianna was a big part of Lakeview Baptist Church and we know she'll be missed. We will be praying for you during this time. May God Bless!*  
*Eric and Jo Lynn Bradshaw*

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**Eric and Jo Lynn Bradshaw** - January 16, 2016 at 09:05 PM

DT

“ Such a special Lady! So sorry for your loss!



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**David and Tona Tedder** - January 16, 2016 at 08:25 PM

MG

“ *Mike&Cynthia Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



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**Mike&Cynthia Gardner** - January 16, 2016 at 07:53 PM



“ *Linda Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



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**Linda Lane** - January 16, 2016 at 07:38 PM

DR

“ *Wayne, Stephen, Tricia, grandchildren and Lakeview family, Kermit and I are so sorry to hear that Ms. Dianna has had to leave you all too soon. I know in months to come you will be comforted knowing that she is with Jesus, playing in his choir and healed. For now you have so many sweet memories of her to keep you warm' eventhough your heart is breaking. Our prayers for you are for comfort, strength, and encouragement as you are surrounded by those who love and support you.  
In Christ Love, Denise and Kermit Reider*

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**DENISE REIDER** - January 16, 2016 at 07:05 PM

CH

“ *Connie Holley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



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**Connie Holley** - January 16, 2016 at 06:36 PM

PH

“ *All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love in Christ, Blake and Patricia Hoffman*

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**Patricia Hoffman** - January 16, 2016 at 05:44 PM

CL

“ *Prayers for your family . I pray that God will hold you in the palm of his hands and give you peace in your hearts. Sincerely, Charlotte and Dick LaBelle*



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**Charlotte LaBelle** - January 16, 2016 at 05:33 PM

SW

“ *Scott&Debbie Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



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**Scott&Debbie weaver** - January 16, 2016 at 04:42 PM

RH

“ *Richard & Deborah Hightower lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



Richard & Deborah Hightower - January 16, 2016 at 04:21 PM

AS

“ *Anne Sprayberry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



Anne Sprayberry - January 16, 2016 at 03:39 PM

CS

“ *Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



Charles and Lavonde Smith - January 16, 2016 at 03:31 PM

JK

“ *John And Letty S. King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



John and Letty s. King - January 16, 2016 at 02:34 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Dianna was a beautiful lady that was blessed in talent, family and a strong love for her church and God. I will always treasure the many things she did for Lakeview Christian school and for me. Heaven has gained an awesome angel today. Love you all.....

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**Joyce Chadwick** - January 16, 2016 at 02:18 PM

GB

“ We are so sorry for your sadness and my prayers are with your family and friends. She was a wonderful, Dhristian lady and will be so missed by all who knew her. Welcome to your new home, Dianna! Well done, HIS good and faithful servant.

*Love in Christ,  
Gloria Beckham Butler*

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**gloria butler** - January 16, 2016 at 02:11 PM

JS

“ Such a sweet, beautiful and talented lady. Dianna blessed so many people and I am one of them. She will definitely be missed. Wayne, Mike and I are praying for all of you. God is with you all and He will not let go of you. Janice and Mike...Deut.31:6

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**Janice Smith** - January 16, 2016 at 12:41 PM

BR

“ Such a sweet and beautiful lady. We will miss her.

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**Becky Rummage** - January 16, 2016 at 12:32 PM

MB

“ *Mary & Ken Braswell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



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**Mary & Ken Braswell** - January 16, 2016 at 12:30 PM

JH

“ *Jimmy And Sue Holloman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



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**Jimmy and Sue Holloman** - January 16, 2016 at 12:21 PM

ME

“ *Marie Euten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



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**Marie Euten** - January 16, 2016 at 12:21 PM

JM

“ *Joyce Meyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dianna Nelson Sturgill*



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**Joyce Meyer** - January 16, 2016 at 11:46 AM

JK

“ *i have so many fond memories of Diana playing the piano at LBC for so Many years. Her gift of music was used to glorify the Lord and she was so willing to use it. She will certainly be missed! Gods blessings to Wayne and all of their boys and their families!*

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**John and Letty s. King** - January 16, 2016 at 11:37 AM