



## Earline Hopkins

May 4, 1920 - May 16, 2008

Earline Ross was one of the 13 graduates from Antioch High School in May, 1937. She lived with her parents, Lentford Chester Ross and Lillie Maude Morton Hammonds Ross, on her grandfather's 50 acre farm west of Hartsville in what is now the Morton Community. Chester worked in the Hartsville Cotton Mill.

Earline's siblings were Mary Felicia (Byrd), Ruby Lee (Nesbitt), Edgar Clarence, James Garvin, and Jerrie (Flynn). Her paternal grandparents were Joseph Eli Ross and Mary Amanda Barefoot; her maternal grandparents were Josephus Morton and Mary Melinda Treece.

Earline began working in the Hartsville Cotton Mill in January, 1939, and drew her first payroll of \$4.64 for her first week in the Spool room. She played softball in school and on the Mill's team, and played the guitar.

Earline married Malcolm Benard Hopkins – who also worked in the Mill -, in October, 1939, and continued working in the Mill while having three children: William Malcolm, Jack Lee, and Betty Earline.

Family genealogy became Earline's passion in later life and she and sister Ruby spent years going through courthouse records, exploring and documenting cemeteries, and interviewing extended family members about

family relationships. Her pet peeve has been obituaries that gave no useful genealogical information.

She was a NASCAR fan, and enjoyed sewing, making dolls, and quilting. She was a voracious reader and adept at doing the New York Times crossword puzzles. Her greatest accomplishment was that she was a good Mom.

Earline was born May 4, 1920, and died May 16, 2008. For almost all her life, she lived in "The Mill Village"; a place of fascinating community life during and after World War II.

She is survived by sisters Ruby and Jerrie; her children, Bill, Jack, and Betty Stogner; four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Private graveside services were held Saturday, May 17, at Westview Memorial Park, In Hartsville, S.C. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill,*

*Dan and I were sorry to hear from Karen that your mother had died. She was apparently of fine character as well as being an exceptional mother, and we know you will miss her. Thinking of you, Jack and Betty with deepest sympathy,*

*Sincerely, Craig##imported-begin##Craig Mason and Daniel W Morisak##imported-end##*

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May 21, 2008 at 12:54 PM



“ *Bill, I am sorry about the death of your mother. I remember visiting your family in the cotton mill community back during high school. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jimmy Ballard##imported-end##*

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May 19, 2008 at 10:34 PM



“ *BETTY WAS SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE PASSING OF YOUR MOTHER. YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. MAY GOD BLESS*

*MARION##imported-begin##MARION OUTLAW##imported-end##*

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May 19, 2008 at 05:53 PM



“ Bill,  
Sorry to hear about your Mother's death. I know what you are going through. I have been there Take care. We should get together sometime.  
Jimmy Gregory##imported-begin##Jimmy Gregory##imported-end##

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May 19, 2008 at 08:15 AM



“ Bill,  
I was sorry to hear of your mother's death. Knowing you, she must have been a wonderful person. I hope you are well and wish you peace.  
Hal##imported-begin##Hal Littleton##imported-end##

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May 18, 2008 at 07:01 PM



“ Betty, So very sorry to hear about your mom. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything, just let me know. Paige##imported-begin##Paige Webster##imported-end##

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May 18, 2008 at 06:35 PM



“ Betty, Sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jennie Griggs Sellers##imported-begin##Sellers##imported-end##

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May 18, 2008 at 12:44 AM



“ Betty,  
*I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. I was on my way out of town when I received the call from Judy. Just remember that she is in a better place and in no more pain. She will be missed by all that knew her. She was a VERY SPECIAL LADY. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Remember I am only a phone call away if you need anything.##imported-begin##Chellie Hunt Atkinson##imported-end##*

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May 17, 2008 at 09:05 PM



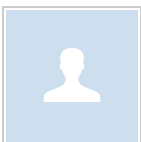
“ Hello to the family of Earline,  
*Earline and I were one of the 13 graduates from Antioch School. Some of my family lived near her and I visited her when she was small and loved all of them. I would love to hear from you.*

*Love*

*Margie Hawkins Carver##imported-begin##Margie Carver##imported-end##*

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May 17, 2008 at 10:22 AM



“ *Bill,Jack,Betty,and the rest of the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I enjoyed talking with Aunt Earline on the phone and while she was in the hospital. She was so sweet and cute the last time I visited her. I have fond memories of our visits in the earlier years. I also have some pictures of us when we were little that you would like to see . we need to visit and talk sometime. I will be thinking of you all. Love Beverly##imported-begin##beverly campbell##imported-end##*

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May 17, 2008 at 09:25 AM



“ grandson of of annie Sue Hopkins married to Rev Charles Kirkley  
my thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-  
begin##glynn f willis jr##imported-end##

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May 17, 2008 at 09:09 AM