



Mrs. Edith Sheridan Cook

August 2, 1924 - April 8, 2013

Graveside services for Frances Edith Sheridan Cook, 88, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at Magnolia Cemetery, Hartsville, SC. The family will receive friends Tuesday, April 9, 2013 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cook died April 8, 2013. Born in Columbia, SC, she was the daughter of the late Emma H. and Howard C. Sheridan and grew up in the Shandon neighborhood of Columbia. She attended Snyder Elementary School, University High School and was graduated from Dreher High School. She was a member of the University of South Carolina, class of 1944 and was graduated, at the age of 19, with a degree in English. In 1943, Edith married William R. Cook. She and Bill lived briefly in Cambridge, MA and New Orleans, LA. They lived in Charleston, SC for ten years before moving to Hartsville in 1956. In 1962, after raising three active children, Edith began her teaching career. She taught French, English, Journalism, and Creative Writing at Hartsville High School. She also served as sponsor for the school newspaper and the literary magazine. She enjoyed her students and took them to many seminars and programs across the Southeast. She returned to the University of South Carolina and earned a M.A. in English in 1973. After almost 20 years of teaching, Edith volunteered with the adult literacy program. As a columnist with the Hartsville Messenger, she promoted the work of the Trees for Tomorrow Committee of the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce. She was a skilled bridge player and a very active member of the Hartsville

community. She was a member of the DAR and the American Association of University Women. Edith was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church where she served as President of the Women of the Church and as a Sunday school teacher. In 1984, she authored *The Story of Wesley United Methodist Church*. She was a lifelong reader and instilled a love of reading in her children. She moved to Mt. Pleasant, SC in 2007, leaving behind many friends but taking many happy memories. In 2007, she became a member of Bethel United Methodist Church in Charleston.

Surviving are her children, Dr. William R. "Bill" Cook, Jr. (Sherry) of Mt. Pleasant, Nancy C. Law of Columbia and Sheri C. Sloan (Edwin) of Inman, SC; grandchildren, William R. Cook, III (Jill), Ted W. Cook (Emily), Stephen L. Law (Carrie), J. McIver Law (Stacey), Caroline N. Beard, Richard R. Norton, Jr., James P. Sloan, IV. Also surviving are nine great-grandchildren and five nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, William R. Cook, Sr. and brother, James R. Sheridan.

Memorials may be made to Trees for Tomorrow, Box 578, Hartsville, SC 29551 or to Kalmia Gardens 1624 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 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

APR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RA

“ Robert Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edith Sheridan Cook



Robert Andrews - June 28, 2025 at 12:13 PM

LK

“ Cook Family,
Mrs. Edith taught me in school also. She was one of my favorites. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I know how she loved Hartsville and the people of this community. I know she will be missed. She was a positive influence on all those she encountered. Keep her memories fresh in your minds as a family, and she will live on in your hearts forever. I will be praying GOD will meet all your needs during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Linda Stewart Knorr

Linda Stewart Knorr - April 10, 2013 at 09:02 AM

LB

“ Mrs. Cook taught me at Hartsville High and was one of my favorite teachers. I appreciate her influence on my teaching career. I taught biology for almost thirty years and am now retired. Mrs. Cook helped me know the skills and ways of a very good teacher. I will keep all of you in my prayers. Sherrie graduated with me from HHS and was with me at Winthrop. Lib Goodson Brown

Lib Goodson Brown - April 10, 2013 at 07:09 AM

SM

“ *Scarlett Caddell Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edith Sheridan Cook*



Scarlett Caddell Mason - April 10, 2013 at 05:36 AM

GM

“ *Dear Cook family,
Please accept my deep regrets for your loss. You don't know me but I wanted to share what helped me when I lost my whole family to this enemy death which always brings pain and grief but I found comfort and hope in what Jehovah Gods word says at John11:11 and mark5:39 that they'er just asleep and Jesus states at John5:28,29 that I'll see them again and this helps me get through each day because I miss them so much. I do hope that by your reading these scriptures in your Bible that you'll find comfort and hope also for this is my purpose in sharing this with you. Please know that I do share your grief and truly hope this has helped in some way. Sincerely, Gloria Mosley*

Gloria Mosley - April 09, 2013 at 02:07 PM

MW

“ Mrs. Cook was a big influence on my career. When I was a sophomore at Hartsville High, Mrs. Cook taught me English. She evidently recognized my passion for good grammar, because she asked me to be Copy Editor for the HHS newspaper during my senior year (1965-66). That position helped me choose proofreading years later as an occupation, a career path I have followed for the last 25 years in Memphis. That career has been very good to me. When my mother (Theresa Woodham, who taught at HHS with Mrs. Cook) was alive, I would take a couple of trips every year to Hartsville. During one of those visits years ago, I had enough sense to call Mrs. Cook and thank her for pointing me in a good direction. These days, when people ask me how I happened to choose proofreading as a profession, I give the credit to Mrs. Cook.

Mickey Woodham - April 09, 2013 at 11:34 AM

LH

“ Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edith Sheridan Cook



Larry Huggins - April 09, 2013 at 09:50 AM

BI

“ Sheri,
You are in my many prayers. My mom just passed away on March 24 so I certainly know what you are going through. Please know that I will be keeping all of your family in my thoughts.

Becky Newsome Inabinet

Becky Newsome Inabinet - April 08, 2013 at 07:50 PM

JH

“ Mrs. Cook was one of the first people to welcome us to Hartsville when we moved here 10 years ago. She was always so sweet to our children and we have missed having her as a neighbor since she moved. We will continue to keep her loved ones in our prayers.

Jim and Beverly Herring - April 08, 2013 at 07:40 PM

PU

“ Pat And Jean Underberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edith Sheridan Cook



Pat and Jean Underberg - April 08, 2013 at 08:06 AM