



Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes

January 4, 1931 - March 13, 2023

It is with deep sorrow that the DesPortes family announces the death of Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes, 92.

Mrs. DesPortes, the widow of Bernard Baruch DesPortes, entered into rest on Monday, March 13, 2023. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A graveside funeral service to honor her life will be held at 2 o'clock on Friday, March 17, 2023, in Magnolia Cemetery, The Rev. William D. "Bill" Oldland will officiate, and the family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to the Darlington County Humane Society, PO Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551.

Elise was born in Fayetteville, NC, on January 4, 1931. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Clem Ham and the late Sarah Patterson Ham of Union County, NC. Much of her childhood was spent in Monroe, NC, where Dr. Ham practiced medicine. She attended the University of South Carolina for a short time before meeting her soulmate, "Bernie." They settled in Hartsville, SC, where they remained happily married for 37 years.

Elise's most treasured times were spent traveling and spending time at the

beach with her family. She was a faithful servant, volunteering at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church on the Altar Guild. She enjoyed participating in her Bridge Club and Study Club. She was also an avid reader and animal lover. Elise was loved by all who knew her and made friends wherever she went. She cherished all of her family and friends, as they were her pride and joy. Her love knew no limits, and she welcomed all with open arms.

Surviving are her daughters, Faye DesPortes Reaves of Hartsville, SC, and Ann DesPortes Simon (Reece) of Matthews, NC.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, who affectionately called her, "Leesy." Jason Rogers, Sarah Rogers, Emily Jordan (Forest), Aaron Reaves, Matthew Reaves, Mary Reaves, Andrew Simon (Abbie), and Daniel Simon. In addition, she is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Nova Rogers, Analise Jordan, and Jackson Simon; her many nieces that were so special in her life.

In addition to her parents, and her husband, she was preceded in death by her daughters, Sally DesPortes Rogers, and Susan DesPortes Hooks; brothers, Clem Patterson Ham, and Charles Edmund Ham.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Graveside

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CV

“ *Claire Howle VB lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes*



Claire Howle VB - May 03, 2023 at 03:29 PM

AB

“ *Angelyn Bateman*



Angelyn Bateman - March 17, 2023 at 12:10 PM

MB

“ *Mary Braswell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes*



Mary Braswell - March 16, 2023 at 04:26 PM

JC

“ *Jeri Atkinson Cox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes*



Jeri Atkinson Cox - March 16, 2023 at 09:23 AM

AJ

“ *Annette Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes*



Annette Johnson - March 16, 2023 at 01:36 AM

AJ

“ *Annette Johnson*

Annette Johnson - March 16, 2023 at 01:35 AM

KJ

“ *Faye and family my sincere condolences on the loss of your dear Mother.*

Karen Jeffords - March 15, 2023 at 05:24 PM

CJ

“ *Cheryl Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes*



Cheryl Johnson - March 15, 2023 at 02:04 PM

LG

“ *Libby Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes*



Libby Griggs - March 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM

BH

“ Beverly Hooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes



Beverly Hooks - March 15, 2023 at 10:27 AM

MG

“ My prayers are with you at this time. She was always so sweet and welcoming when I was friends with Susan in high school. Such a sweet soul.

Mandy Rion Gainey - March 15, 2023 at 09:31 AM

SA

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. She was a wonderful lady.



Sharon Autry - March 15, 2023 at 08:22 AM

HE

“ Heidi lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes



Heidi - March 15, 2023 at 07:27 AM

DM

“ Sending love condolences, and best wishes from the Malone family

Daniel Malone - March 14, 2023 at 11:30 PM

CB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Elise was a dear person and a valued member of the Thursday Study Club. She will be greatly missed by us all. You have our deepest sympathy and we will keep you in our prayers. Love, Cecelia & Tom Brown

Cecelia D Brown - March 14, 2023 at 09:35 PM

TJ

“ Faye, Ann and families, so sorry to learn of your mother & grandmother's passing. She was a kind, sweet lady and will be missed by those who knew and loved her. Love and prayers are being sent your way.

Teri Reaves Johnson - March 14, 2023 at 08:47 PM

DW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know she happy now. She's with her husband, Sally, and Susan.



Donna Wadsworth - March 14, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ Irene And Glenn Ingram lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Ham DesPortes



irene and Glenn Ingram - March 14, 2023 at 08:28 PM



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Elise was a lovely lady and will be sadly missed.

Your Maine Family (Hugs)

Matthew, Heidi & Ahliviah - March 15, 2023 at 07:26 AM



Ann and Faye, I so sorry for your loss. I and my family are fortunate to have your mom in our lives. Because our being neighbors and more importantly friends. I learned very quickly the strong, caring, and loving person that she was to everyone in her life. One of the most beautiful souls I had the privilege calling my friend. Praying for the family. 🙏

Eddie Gardner - March 16, 2023 at 04:42 PM