

## Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd Watson

February 2, 1918 - September 12, 2014

Funeral services for Elizabeth Byrd Watson, 96, will be held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. The Rev. Troy Metzner and Rev. Milton Frazier will officiate with burial in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Bishopville, SC. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Monday at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. Mrs. Watson died Friday, September 12, 2014. Born in Darlington County, SC, she was a daughter of the late Edward Jerry and Elizabeth Carrie Hogge Byrd.

Elizabeth "Byrd" Watson was born in Hartsville on February 2nd, 1918. In a house full of children, she always had someone to take care of, so she decided to use her talents in caregiving to become a nurse. She came to Florence for Nurse's Training after finishing school, and started working at Byerly Hospital in Surgical Services on December 15th, 1940. She loved nursing and didn't give it up for over 50 years, still coming to work when she was well into her 70's.

With her late husband T.W., Elizabeth had one daughter, Jane, who followed in her footsteps and became a nurse. Jane had one daughter as well named Lauren. Elizabeth moved to Florence shortly before Lauren was born to help raise her, and finally retired from Byerly a few years later.

The most important thing in Elizabeth's life, besides working, was family.

Coming from a house of twelve children, she watched her family grow and grow over the years. She has more nieces, nephews, and cousins than she could ever count, and she loved every single one of them. Elizabeth dedicated her life to hard work and taking care of her family. I'm sure that each one of her relatives can think of a time when she helped them, whether it was with a favor or a kind word.

Elizabeth touched so many lives, whether it was a patient, neighbor, family member, or a friend. She was known by many, and I'm sure they would all agree that to know her was to love her. She was sharp as a tack, but funny, kind, and caring too. She simply left her mark on those who knew her.

For a paper titled "My Hero" that her granddaughter interviewed her for many years ago, she said that her philosophy was "work as hard as you can and love what you do." She truly lived a good, honest life, and was a faithful servant to our Lord.

Elizabeth is very missed and deeply loved, but she is at peace with our Lord, surrounded by so many friends and family members in Heaven whom she has been missing for many years. She will always be remembered in our hearts.

Surviving are her daughter, Jane (Frederick) Tracy of Florence, SC; brother, Gary Lanier Byrd of Hartsville, SC; sister, Jewel Sherron of Greenville, SC; grandchild, Lauren Elizabeth Tracy; and her beloved dachshunds, Scooter & Hansel. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Charlie Byrd, Jay Byrd, Les Byrd, Orren Byrd, Merlin Byrd; sisters, Nellie Sherrill, Carolyn Griggs, Robin McLean, Harriett Peele.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Darlington County Humane Society Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551, the Florence County Humane Society, 1434 S McCurdy Rd, Florence, SC 29506, or to Susan G. Komen for

the Cure, PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Creek Cemetery

2980 Camden Highway  
Bishopville, SC 29010  
(803) 428-3907

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 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

SEP **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Methodist Church  
2240 Bethlehem Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd Watson*

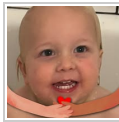


**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - September 23, 2014 at 11:14 AM

JT

*Brown Pennington Atkins did such a good job picturing my Mom's life. I want to share it with anyone who would like to see it.*

**jane Tracy** - October 14, 2014 at 08:12 PM



*A tribute to my Mom in pictures.. Brown Pennington Atkins did a great job.*

**Jane Tracy** - October 14, 2014 at 09:07 PM

RA

“ *Robert Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd Watson*



**Robert Andrews** - June 26, 2025 at 07:30 PM

JS

“ I will miss you Aunt Elizabeth and all the fun we have had. I will help take care of Jane, Fred and Lauren and see them through the weeks ahead! Much love!



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**Jennie Sherrill** - September 19, 2014 at 08:22 AM

 Kathy Oakley

“ Jane, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I remember you and your parents coming to church at Cedar Creek. Your mom was always so full of life and fun to be around. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Please call me (864-918-8548) if you need anything.  
Kathy Godwin Oakley



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**Kathy Oakley** - September 15, 2014 at 08:56 PM

GM

“ Jane, I worked with your Mom many years ago at the Byerly. She was always such fun to be around. She made me laugh all the time. I know you will miss her greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Gayle Johnson McDonald*

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**Gayle McDonald** - September 15, 2014 at 07:50 PM

RJ

“ *Jane and Family: I am saddened to hear about your mom. She was a special lady. Cherish all the memories you have and enjoy sharing. I remember her from our younger days when we were growing up and she is still a beautiful lady inside and out. Heaven has gained an angel, yet I know she will be greatly missed on earth. I will keep you and your family in my prayers as you go through the difficult days ahead.*

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**Rhonda Jones-Norton** - September 15, 2014 at 05:52 PM

RJ

“ *Rhonda Jones-Norton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd Watson*



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**Rhonda Jones-Norton** - September 15, 2014 at 05:48 PM

FK

“ *Jane,  
I will never forget the day Sam (our dachshund you truly blessed us with) was bitten by a snake. I had no way to get him to the vet, so I called Byrd. She was there in the wink of an eye and all turned out well. She was a jewel on earth, and now one in heaven. All my love, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Frances Grainger Keller** - September 15, 2014 at 01:14 PM

CS

“ Dear Jane, Byrd was a dear friend and memtor to me when I worked in the OR with her. One thing she taught me in the OR was that you never rearainge the instrument cabnet. Boy did she let me have it when I did that one day trying to be helpful, She will truly be missed. She was very proud of you and her grandchild. I will be praying for God's comfort during this time. Cindy Smith

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**Cindy Smith** - September 15, 2014 at 09:29 AM

AN

“ Dear Jane and family,  
I know Mrs. Watson will be truly missed. She was always a good neighbor and a kind, loving person. Even as a child, I knew she was special. The last time I saw her she was bragging on her grandchild. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. 332-7388.

*Ann Parnell Newsome*

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**ann newsome** - September 15, 2014 at 09:01 AM

JB

“ I think I remember Mrs. Watson as being one of several people I knew at Byerly from the times I was a patient and from the days my parents worked there. My Dad, Jim, was head of the electrical engineering department and my mother was the administrative assistant to Dr. Kinsey in the radiology department. My parents and I also knew Orren Byrd and used to visit him and his family. I wonder if they are also related to Cherry Byrd of King and Byrd TV Co. All were real fine folks that we were blessed to know. Born one year before my mother, she lived a very long and productive life. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

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**Jimmy Ballard** - September 14, 2014 at 11:54 PM

LR

“ Jane, my mother Vera Raines, worked with your mother in the Operating Room at Byerly for many years. I have fond memories of that operating room crew way back when I was a little girl, early 60's and maybe earlier. She was a lovely lady.

Lucia Raines Robertson - September 14, 2014 at 07:30 PM

CL

“ Carol Lynn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd Watson



Carol Lynn - September 14, 2014 at 07:24 PM

CL

Loved you Byrd. We shared a lot of good memories.

Carol Lynn - September 14, 2014 at 07:27 PM

SB

“ Sue Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd Watson



Sue Byrd - September 14, 2014 at 02:24 PM

LS

“ *Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd Watson*



**Lavonde Smith** - September 14, 2014 at 12:47 PM

JL

“ *Jean Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd Watson*



**Jean Lee** - September 14, 2014 at 12:28 PM



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**Lauren Tracy** - September 13, 2014 at 10:59 PM

JS

*Aunt Elizabeth Watson and her little baby Lauren! You were so special to her and she looked forward to helping raise you when she moved to Florence to stay with Fred and Jane!*

**Jennie Sherrill** - September 16, 2014 at 07:47 AM

ST

“ *My Great Aunt Elizabeth will be greatly missed not just by me but the rest of my family as well. She was always more of a grandmother to me. She was always such a caring and giving person to everyone. Plus she had a very witty humor as well. I will always carry my love for her in my heart!! I will keep Jane and especially her beloved Lauren in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult and sad time. I love them both dearly. God truly gained a special angel in Aunt Elizabeth!!*

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**Sherrill Coker Taylor** - September 13, 2014 at 04:47 PM