



Esma Stewart O'Neal

May 13, 1917 - December 20, 2007

Funeral services for Esma Stewart O'Neal, 90, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 22, 2007 at Antioch Baptist Church. The Rev. John Helms will officiate with burial in the church cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Friday, December 21, 2007 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Antioch Baptist Church, 1121 Bethlehem Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mrs. O'Neal, widow of Robert Hudson O'Neal, Sr., died Thursday, December 20, 2007. Born in Marlboro Co., SC, she was a daughter of the late Lazarus Monroe and Annie Suggs Stewart. She was an active member of Antioch Baptist Church, was the pianist and organist for over 50 years, and was a member of the choir and WMU.

Surviving are her sons, Bobby (Mary Outlaw) O'Neal, John (Janice) O'Neal, all of Hartsville, SC; daughters, Iris (Jimmy) Tyler, Sarah Teal, all of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, Angela Howle, Alana (Mendel) Stokes, Robbie (Sharon) O'Neal, III, Elizabeth (Scott) Hill, Laurie (Gordon) Lane, Shannon Teal, Billie Jo (Ben) Roling, Mark O'Neal, Jr. She was preceded in death by her son, Mark O'Neal. The family would like to thank Helping Hands Hospice and her special caregivers, Sharon and Robbie O'Neal, Martha Lynn O'Neal, Dora Douglas, Debbie Gardner, Mary Outlaw; eleven great-grandchildren.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church
1121 Bethlehem Road
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ To all of you let me express my deepest heartfelt condolences for your loss. Mrs. Esma was a sweet lady with such a gentle spirit. I have fond memories of her from my childhood days at Antioch. I apologize for these thoughts coming so late, I found out today as I was looking over the BPA webpage and I caught my heart as it was breaking for you all. Each of you is in my thoughts and prayers. Please know that Gods grace and time heals the deepest wounds and that in times like these, friends and family help even time to pass with ease.##imported-begin##Brian Gandy (Hugh Gandys Grandson)##imported-end##

January 15, 2008 at 05:41 PM



“ Billie Jo and family, I am sorry to read of your Grandmother's passing. Katherine and I are keeping you in our prayers. Take care. Becky Walker Durham, NC##imported-begin##Becky Walker##imported-end##

December 27, 2007 at 10:29 PM



“ John, Shannon, Alana and O'Neal family,
We are sorry to hear about the loss of your mother/grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God bless you and your family at this time and always. We love you! Grady and Brenda Sullivan##imported-begin##Grady and Brenda Sullivan##imported-end##

December 24, 2007 at 12:05 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Aunt Esma's death. David called me yesterday (the 23rd) to tell me that she had passed away. I remember her being such a sweet and elegant lady. I know my Mother loved her dearly. I am sure that she, your dad, Aunt Alma, Granny, Papa, Ree, Mark, and Sara Lea are all in heaven praising our Lord and Savior and given the choice none of them would want to return here. May God bless each one of you with peace in the coming months.##imported-begin##Carol Ann Wood##imported-end##

December 24, 2007 at 07:47 AM



“ I just want to express my deepest sympathy to all of the family. I have some wonderful pictures from a visit with Aunt Esma with my mother, Margie Carver. I will send these to my brother and his wife to share with the family. All my love, Betsy Carver Stanwood##imported-begin##Betsy Carver Stanwood##imported-end##

December 22, 2007 at 03:29 PM



“ DEAR IRIS, BOBBY, JOHN AND SARAH

JUST A SHORT NOTE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS DURING THE LOSS OF YOUR MOM. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU AS YOU ARE ALL SPECIAL TO ME.

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU IN THE COMING DAYS AND MAY HE MAKE ALL THE MEMORIES OF YOUR MOM SO VERY SPECIAL. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU.

BILLY BREWER

SUMTER##imported-begin##BILLY AND NANCY
BREWER##imported-end##

December 21, 2007 at 11:48 PM



“ O'Neal Family, sorry to learn of your loss. Our prayers are with each of you as you face these difficult days.##imported-begin##Wayne & Edna Sims ##imported-end##

December 21, 2007 at 02:20 PM



“ Bobby, Robbie and family: I was very sorry to hear about your mother/grandmother's passing. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. If there is anything I can do, please let me know.

Sandra Flynn (Yarborough)##imported-begin##Sandra
Flynn##imported-end##

December 21, 2007 at 11:01 AM



“ So sorry Iris about the loss of your Mother, Our sincere sympathy to all of the family. I well remember the glasses of cold water you had fixed for me on those hot days I visited your home selling Watkins Products, Stella would sometimes be with me.

Wishing you & yours a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
Audrey & Raphael Price###imported-begin##W.R.Price###imported-end##

December 21, 2007 at 10:36 AM



“ Iris, Sarah, Angela, Alana, and Shannon- Please accept my sincere and deep sympathy in the loss of your mother/grandmother. You and your families will all be in my thoughts and prayers in the difficult days ahead. Love, Rachel###imported-begin##Rachel Adams Doyle Medlin###imported-end##

December 21, 2007 at 08:34 AM



“ Bobby, John, Iris and Sarah,
I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing and that I will not be able to attend the services. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

Gene O'Neal###imported-begin##Gene O'Neal###imported-end##

December 21, 2007 at 07:19 AM



“ Dear O'Neal Family,
I wanted to let you all know how very sorry I am for your loss.
Mrs. O'Neal was a very special woman. She always had a smile
one her face and a hug for me when I would come by.
I can remember as a child, and even today as an adult, when I
come for a visit, your family always welcomes me warmly, and today
I open my arms and heart to each one of you and offer my sincere
sympathy at your time of need.
I send all of you a big hug.
Love Deresa###imported-begin##Deresa Serra Wright###imported-
end##

December 20, 2007 at 11:44 PM



“ Dear O'Neal Family,

On behalf of the Howard Family, and the staff of Agape Hospice of
the Pee Dee, please know that we are so very sorry for your loss
and want to express our heartfelt sympathy. Our staff grew to love
and appreciate Mrs Esma and her wonderful family. Mrs. Esm made
an impact on many and she will be missed dearly. Remember this
earth is not our home, that we are only passing through as we travel
lifes journey! We are praying for all of you and should you need me
in any way, just call. Sincerely, John Griggs###imported-begin##John
"Bootsie" Griggs###imported-end##

December 20, 2007 at 03:58 PM



“ Bobby, Laurie, Robert. I am sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. May you find Peace and comfort in God's love as He wraps His Loving arms around you during this difficult time. You will be in our thoughts and Prayers. God Bless, Grady O'Neal Office Mgr. Hartsville Office Helping Hands Hospice (Now Agape Hospice Of The Pee Dee)###imported-begin##Grady O'Neal-Office Mgr. Helping Hands Hospice (Now Agape Hospice of The Pee Dee)###imported-end##

December 20, 2007 at 03:36 PM