



Mrs. Ethel Rae Crowley Biggs

December 11, 1933 - May 4, 2026

Mrs. Ethel "Rae" Crowley Biggs passed away peacefully on Monday, May 4, 2026, in Pawley's Island, SC. She was 92 years old.

The youngest of seven brothers and sisters, Rae was born in Chesterfield County on December 11, 1933, to John and Pearl Crowley. Rae was a small-business owner in Hartsville, SC, at a time when business ownership was practically an all-male endeavor. She later became a very successful sales representative for World Book Encyclopedia in the days before the Internet existed. She lived in Hartsville, SC, for most of her adult life before moving to Murrell's Inlet, SC, where she retired.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, William "Archie" Biggs of Pawley's Island, SC; a son, Allen "Kim" Biggs (Missy Biggs), of Columbia, SC; and three grandchildren, William "Zachary" Biggs of Brooklyn, NY, Fletcher Biggs of Columbia, SC, and Maggie Biggs of Columbia, SC. Due to her large number of siblings, she is survived by countless nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

She will be missed greatly, but the family relishes the thought of her return to her creator, where mind and body are restored.

A graveside service to honor her life will be held at 3 o'clock on Saturday, May

9, 2026, at Magnolia Cemetery in Hartsville, SC.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to: Living Well Foundation, c/o Tim Layton, 120 Lakes at Litchfield Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Archie, I am so sorry for your loss.
A friend of mine used to talk about "God winks". Tonight something made me do a search for Rae; she has come to mind several times recently. If I had know of her death I may have tried to drive down, which I haven't done in many years.
She was such a dear friend; each year after I moved "home" she would come and we would go to the mountains for bushels of apples for her to bring down and share.
She was my Division Mgr. when I started "Worldbooking"; we roomed together in Chicago just before she had breast cancer surgery. She was a very strong and caring woman. She also gave me some very good advice. She encouraged me to contribute all I could to the WB IRA plan.
May you have peace knowing she is at rest with "The Father and The Son". My thoughts & prayers are with you. Lydia Hamrick

Lydia Hamrick - May 22 at 11:14 PM

VJ

“ Archie, Kim and family, our deepest condolences sent your way. Reliving 2 doors down from Rae and Archie during my childhood was fun. I remember dinners at their house and her cat crawling up the curtains hiding. Kim was always hanging out with my brother Phil. Those 2 redheads could get into some trouble. Ms Rae was always so sweet and kind and loved to share (sell) her world book encyclopedias. She knew I found them fascinating and she talked mom and dad into buying a set. Now we have all that info and more at the tip of our fingers, not by turning pages but by looking at the internet held in our hand.

I remember visiting them @ their inlet house and going crabbing. Archie you and your family are part of my fondest childhood memories. I'm saying a prayer for you as I know you will miss her physically here on earth but one day will reunite with her.

Prayers for you and Kim and his precious family. Valerie Chafin Johnson

Valerie Johnson - May 13 at 05:55 AM

JS

“ Jerry Sumner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Rae Crowley Biggs



Jerry Sumner - May 10 at 07:43 PM

DR

“ Dear Mr. Archie and Family,
We are so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Ethel's
passing. Your Family has always meant so
much to the Rhodes Family.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Dusty, and Lisa Rhodes



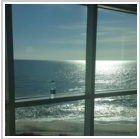
Dusty and Lisa Rhodes - May 09 at 10:04 AM

TW

“ Archie, we are so sorry for your loss. Praying
for you.



Travis and Marilyn Walters - May 07 at 02:47 PM



“ Bill Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs.
Ethel Rae Crowley Biggs



Bill Stokes - May 07 at 12:17 PM

AS

“ Archie, Kim and Family, We are so very sorry
for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and
prayers, and we pray that all of those
beautiful and special memories will fill your
hearts.
We love you all!



Al, Melinda & Russ Sansbury - May 07 at 11:36 AM

LL

“ *Kim, Archie and family I and so saddened to hear this news. Please accept my most sincere condolences.*



Lori Lesieur - May 06 at 05:49 PM

GO

“ *Archie, I am sorry to hear about your loss, I got you in my thoughts and prayers.*



Grady O'Neal - May 06 at 05:45 PM

RM

“ *Rae McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Rae Crowley Biggs*



Rae McDonald - May 06 at 04:20 PM

SR

“ *Archie, so sorry to learn of Rae's passing. You and Kim are in my prayers. Please let Kim know that I still have very fond memories of him from scouting days! Blessings to you and your family. Sam Richey*

sam richey - May 06 at 03:39 PM

KJ

“ Archie and Kim, my heartfelt condolences to you on your loss of Rae. She was a beautiful lady.



Karen Jeffords - May 06 at 02:07 PM

AW

“ Dear Archie, Sending so much love to you, your children and Grandchildren. Bless beautiful Rae. Her beautiful smile is lighting up Heaven. ❤️🙏🙏

Anna Williams - May 06 at 01:32 PM