



Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins

January 25, 2021

Dr. Flora Autrey Carmichael "Flossie" Hopkins died peacefully on January 25th, 2021 after an extended illness. Born April 12, 1939, in Mullins, SC, she was a daughter of the late Autrey Carmichael and the late Mary Thelma Rogers Carmichael. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Doris Rogers Carmichael Smith, and Hettie Lou Carmichael Lee. She was a 1957 graduate of Dillon High School and received her BA and MEd degrees in elementary education and a Ph.D. in educational administration with a cognate in political science from the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Hopkins was a career educator, civic leader, and mentor. She had a substantial impact on those who knew her and on the community. After moving to Hartsville in 1963, she began a career in education that spanned decades and included roles as Associate Professor Coker College (University), Chairman of the Education Department of Coker College, Coker College Board of Trustees, Coker College Board of Visitors, an adjunct faculty member of the University of South Carolina and South Carolina State University, and Board of Visitors of the University of South Carolina. Dr. Hopkins' career also included positions in the Darlington County School District as a classroom teacher, curriculum specialist, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and a member of the Darlington County School Board.

Dr. Hopkins was the first woman mayor of Hartsville, South Carolina. She served two terms and helped lead the city to its distinction as an All-American City. She continued her civic impact by serving as a member of the Pee Dee District Judicial Review Committee, Board of Directors of the South Carolina Municipal Association, Byerly Foundation Board, Board of Presbyterian Home, Darlington County Council on Aging, Darlington County Mental Health Board, and Director of the South Carolina School Boards Association.

Dr. Hopkins was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville, South Carolina where she served as an Elder, pastor's aid, and member of the Administration Committee. She was a member of the Hartsville Thursday Study Club, Pine and Lake Garden Club, Hartsville Community Concert Association, and past president of the Hartsville Arts Council. She authored a series of children's books, was an avid reader and an accomplished pianist.

In addition to her distinguished career, Dr. Hopkins was proudest of her role as a mother and grandmother. She beamed with pride for her children and grandchildren. They benefited from her infinite wisdom, love, and humor and her lessons and memories will continue to live through them.

She is survived by daughters, Courtney Louise Hopkins Mann (Scott) of Raleigh, Amy Carmichael Hopkins Gorman (Kevin) of Atlanta, grandchildren Meredith Hopkins Mann, Davis Carmichael Mann, Catherine Carmichael Gorman, Duncan McQuilkin Gorman, sister Mary Mac Carmichael Stephens of Dillon, and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends.

A celebration of life will be planned for later this summer with a further announcement to follow at that time. Donations in her memory may be made to the University of South Carolina Flora Carmichael Hopkins Endowed Scholarship Fund. Check payable to USC Educational Foundation, SC

Honors College, Attention Development Office, 120 Harper College,
Columbia, SC 29208 or online at Donate.sc.edu/florahopkins. Additional
correspondence to the family may be mailed to Northside Chapel, 12050
Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA 30075.

Cemetery Details

Private

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kathy And Edwin Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Kathy and Edwin Boyd - January 31, 2021 at 12:25 PM

EH

“ *So sorry to hear of this... Flossie and I worked together at Carolina Elementary School for many years. She was always a joy to be around. Prayers for her family!*

Elizabeth & Darel Hance - January 30, 2021 at 12:47 AM

DW

“ *Mrs. Hopkins was great teacher back in Jr. High! Prayers for comfort for family and friends!* 🙏🌹

Debbie Luther Watson



Debbie Watson - January 29, 2021 at 11:15 AM

KJ

“ *Karen Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Karen Jeffords - January 29, 2021 at 07:59 AM

NW

“ Sending our love to you at this sad time. She was always one of my favorites. Nancy and Budgy Wilhelm



nancy wilhelm - January 28, 2021 at 04:32 PM

JB

“ Hearts are breaking for this sweet, precious lady that had a heart and personality the size of the state of Texas. She will surely be missed.



Joan Blackwell - January 28, 2021 at 01:55 PM

KS

“ KAREN Love Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



KAREN Love Smith - January 28, 2021 at 11:28 AM

OB

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of one of the sweetest, kindest and sincere human beings that ever walked this earth. Flossie was a good friend. We had such great times laughing and talking together. She definitely will be missed.

Olivia McDonald Baird - January 28, 2021 at 01:01 AM

KG

“ Kent And Linda Watson Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Kent and Linda Watson Gainey - January 27, 2021 at 09:59 PM

BG

“ Don and I are sorry for your loss. She was such a cute lady.

Bess Gire - January 27, 2021 at 05:17 PM

MT

“ Mary Toney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Mary Toney - January 27, 2021 at 04:05 PM

FW

“ Condolences to the family Ms. Fossie was a nice lady.

Francena Washington - January 27, 2021 at 02:45 PM

BS

“ Bob Andy Shirley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Bob Andy Shirley - January 27, 2021 at 02:15 PM

TT

“ Terry Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Terry Thompson - January 27, 2021 at 01:48 PM

DH

I am so sorry to hear about this passing of this sweet lady. I was fortunate to be able to work with her at the school district during her last years before her retirement. She helped me through the most difficult years of my life. If it had not been for her sweet, understanding and motherly protection over me, I don't know what I would have done during those days. I was so saddened when she retired, however, overjoyed at the same time that she would be able to spend more time with her girls and their families, whom she loved dearly! Love and prayers for her family! She was such a special lady!

Donna Helms - January 29, 2021 at 04:39 PM

AW

“ Mayor Floss / Dr. Floss - her names varied with me at times, was an absolutely wonderful lady, and my biggest fan at times of struggle. God bless her memory, and I thank her for her contributions to Hartsville as mayor, and to the educational system in Darlington County. She was a major part of my life growing up, as were her children. My parents, me, Amy, and Courtney, and Dr. Floss and Dave, traveled all over the country for years, going to Carolina games and events associated with USC. Later in life, Dr. Floss and I served on various church and civic committees. Loved the whole family - still love them all. ~ Andy

Andy Williams - January 27, 2021 at 01:45 PM

TT

“ Tommy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Tommy Thomas - January 27, 2021 at 01:18 PM

PA

“ Flossie was a strong pillar in our community and will be missed. Tim and I send our sympathy to her girls and family.



Tim & Penny Anthony

Penny G Anthony - January 27, 2021 at 01:12 PM

ST

“ Flossie was one of my favorites when we worked together at Coker College and we remained friends in all the years after she left Coker. I will miss her.

Steve Terry - January 27, 2021 at 12:58 PM

JF

“ Jerry And Safrona Finch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Jerry and Safrona Finch - January 27, 2021 at 11:33 AM

MT

“ *Maureen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Maureen Thomas - January 27, 2021 at 09:53 AM

RT

“ *What a sweet lady. She was my 7th. Grade math teacher Great teacher!!
Roberta Driskell Timmons*

Roberta Timmons - January 27, 2021 at 09:45 AM

RT

“ *Roberta Timmons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Roberta Timmons - January 27, 2021 at 09:42 AM

AW

“ *ALICE COATES FUNDERBURK WATFORD lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



ALICE COATES FUNDERBURK WATFORD - January 27, 2021 at 09:41 AM

GB

“ I would like to send sympathy and condolences to the family. I think that Mrs. Hopkins Gerald Brocktaught me math in the 7th grade. God Bless You!

Gerald Brock - January 27, 2021 at 09:01 AM

JY

“ JULIAN LEON YATES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



JULIAN LEON YATES - January 27, 2021 at 08:51 AM

AS

“ Anne Sprayberry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Anne Sprayberry - January 27, 2021 at 08:41 AM

AS

I loved this amazing and brilliant lady.I knew her first as my academic advisor at Coker College and on through the years in her DCSD Administrator roles, and Hartsville Mayor. She left a great legacy.

Anne Sprayberry - January 27, 2021 at 08:47 AM

KM

“ *Kathy Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Kathy Moore - January 27, 2021 at 08:31 AM

AF

“ *Ann Fulcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Ann Fulcher - January 27, 2021 at 08:16 AM

WH

“ *William And Cindy Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



William and Cindy Harrell - January 27, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *David Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



David Jordan - January 27, 2021 at 07:41 AM



“ Joyce Beasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Joyce Beasley - January 27, 2021 at 07:31 AM



“ Trisha And Deke Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Trisha and Deke Montgomery - January 27, 2021 at 06:19 AM



“ Donna Faye Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Donna Faye Wiggins - January 27, 2021 at 12:43 AM



“ Mildred Elvington McCaskill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Mildred Elvington McCaskill - January 27, 2021 at 12:07 AM

JL

“ *Judy Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Judy Lane - January 26, 2021 at 11:46 PM

TH

“ *Tim Howard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Tim Howard - January 26, 2021 at 11:21 PM

TH

Courtney and Amy so sorry for your loss. I thought the world of your mom. God Bless

Tim Howard - January 26, 2021 at 11:22 PM

GG

“ *Gene And Teresa Gibson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Gene and Teresa Gibson - January 26, 2021 at 10:16 PM

GW

“ *Gloria Wase White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Gloria Wase White - January 26, 2021 at 09:07 PM

CC

“ *Carole Paul Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Carole Paul Cannarella - January 26, 2021 at 09:01 PM

AB

“ *Angelyn Bateman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Angelyn Bateman - January 26, 2021 at 08:52 PM

SC

“ *Sandy Hiward Colston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Sandy Hiward Colston - January 26, 2021 at 08:44 PM

JO

“ *Joan Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Joan Odom - January 26, 2021 at 08:39 PM

KL

Such a strong community leader as well a special lady. Prayers being sent for this family with love!

Kathy Lawhon - January 27, 2021 at 09:09 PM

LD

“ *Lynn DeWitt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Lynn DeWitt - January 26, 2021 at 08:26 PM

RG

“ *Rhonda Ghoens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Rhonda Ghoens - January 26, 2021 at 08:13 PM

BD

“ *Beverley Dodson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Beverley Dodson - January 26, 2021 at 08:09 PM

GM

“ *Goode And Gail Mobley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Goode and Gail Mobley - January 26, 2021 at 08:04 PM

RB

“ *Randy Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Randy Byrd - January 26, 2021 at 07:51 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Mack Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Gloria Mack Bell - January 26, 2021 at 06:52 PM

RM

“ Courtney and Amy, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Sending my thoughts and prayers...Rachel Doyle Medlin



Rachel Medlin - January 26, 2021 at 06:45 PM

CB

“ Tom and I are so very sorry for your loss. Flossie was one of a kind. She would get to the issues quickly, & had a very sharp mind. She was witty, a great dancer and always fun to be around. She was also a great Superintendent & Mayor. She will be greatly missed
Cecelia

Cecelia Brown - January 26, 2021 at 06:30 PM

MT

“ Mary Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Mary Thomas - January 26, 2021 at 06:08 PM

MT

Flossie was so special. I enjoyed having her as a professor at Coker College and working with her in the Darlington County School District. We had many "adventures"! I am sure going to miss her. Rest in peace dear friend...

Mary Thomas - January 26, 2021 at 06:13 PM

DM

“ Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Doug and Scarlett Mason - January 26, 2021 at 06:00 PM

KJ

“ Karen Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins



Karen Jeffords - January 26, 2021 at 05:42 PM

RP

“ Flossie was one of the strongest and most effective leaders we had in Hartsville where she served as Mayor and as assistant School Superintendent. I still use some of her wisdom and some of her stories when talking about schools and building community within a City.

Richard A. Puffer - January 26, 2021 at 05:04 PM

AH

Flossie was a great friend whose calm, wisdom, reason and optimism guided many difficult and even contentious meetings and projects to successful conclusions. Certainly a wonderful teacher who earned the respect of everyone.

Art Hartzog - January 26, 2021 at 05:43 PM



I will miss Flossi!! She always so kind and supportive of m and everyone. My love and prayers remain for her family and I shall cherish our many beautiful memories forever.

Danny Nicholson - January 26, 2021 at 07:35 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Autrey "Flossie" Carmichael Hopkins*



Rebecca Skinner - January 26, 2021 at 02:35 PM