



Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd

November 10, 1924 - January 28, 2012

Funeral services for Hazel Deyo Culpeper Byrd, 87, will be held at 3:00 PM Thursday, February 2 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church near Patrick. Pastor Philip Thrailkill of St. Luke Methodist Church in Hartsville will officiate with burial in Mt. Olivet cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Mrs. Byrd, widow of Francis P. Byrd, died January 28, 2012. Born in Darlington County, she was the third child of the late Walter Lee Culpeper and Tedie Estelle (Gainey) Culpeper.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church (Patrick), Society Hill Library, Kalmia Gardens (Hartsville), or an organization of your choice.

Mrs. Byrd was devoted to her husband and family; she came from a close-knit family and embraced her husband's family as her own. She was nurturing and loved babies and little kids. She was very smart, good at math, read a daily newspaper and kept up with current events. She was known by all as a hard worker who raised seven children, one of whom was disabled; annually planted a large vegetable garden and canned or froze food for the family;

sewed many items of clothing for her family; cared for her elderly mother-in-law; and worked in the fields on the farm.

She was an exceptional cook famous for her biscuits and chocolate cake. Family and friends knew there was always a chair for them at her table.

She grew up in the Pond Hollow area and graduated from Hartsville High School in 1942. She was married December 12, 1942 and moved to the Harris Creek area. She worked side-by-side with her husband establishing a tobacco farm and retired after more than 20 years as a cashier at the Winn-Dixie in Cheraw.

She was active in her church and community. A member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church for 65 years, she served as a Sunday School teacher and leader of the Girls Auxiliary. She lived near Society Hill and provided the land for the Harris Creek Fire Department.

Her pride, her joy, and her heart was her family. Surviving are children Vivian Byrd (Darrell Chambers) of Ann Arbor, MI, Stanley and friend Mary of Society Hill, SC, Lee Odell (Annette) of Florence, SC, Sharon Lauretti (Mo Cayer) of Shelton, CT, Karen (David) Mitchell of Folsom, PA, Orinda (Richard) Christoph of Madison, SD; sisters Glenda (Lester) Blount and Betty (John L "Buck") Wallace; sister-in-laws Mary Kelly Culpeper, Maxine Howard Culpeper and Roy Rothman; grandchildren Christopher Lee Byrd, Jonathan (Heather) Schwartz, Michael (Pui Yu) Schwartz, Brian Mitchell, Matthew (Dannielle) Byrd, Brad Lauretti, George (Cindy) Christoph, Jessica Lauretti, Erica Christoph (Brian) Hanson; and Crystel Leigh Byrd; great-grandchildren Brendan, Jonah, Thomas, Ryan, Aaron, Madison, Sara, Caleb, Emma, Leslie Belle, Abigail, and Max; plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Hazel was predeceased by her husband; her parents; daughter Sandra Merle;

brothers Stuart, William and Charles (“Ben”); sister Audrey Rothman; and grandson Sam; paternal grandparents James and Bettie Culpeper and maternal grandparents E.V. and Margretann Gainey.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery

1652 Mt. Olivet Church Road
Patrick, SC 29584

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
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Service

FEB 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
1652 Mt. Olivet Rd.
Patrick, SC 29584

Tribute Wall

GW

“ *The passing of a Love-One is never easy but thankfully she had a wonderful life and has left this earth a better place for her family and friends. I have fond memories of Mrs. Byrd and all of you. May God comfort each of you in your loss. Geraldine and Jimmy Winburn*

Geraldine Winburn - February 06, 2012 at 10:33 AM

SS

“ *Stanley and family,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. thought so much of Mrs. Byrd. Always enjoyed talking with you and her. Will keep you and your family in our prayers. Did not find out until today (Fri.) Sparkle and Carroll*

Sparkle and Carroll Shoemake - February 03, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RP

“ *Sharon, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We send our condolence's to you and your family.
Bo and Lorrain Pope*

Richard Pope - February 02, 2012 at 11:37 AM

SD

“ *Stanley and Mary, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sobie Dixon*

Sobie Dixon - February 02, 2012 at 11:20 AM

JS

“ *Jennie Lynn Sherrill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd*



Jennie Lynn Sherrill - February 02, 2012 at 10:00 AM

JP

“ *Joe And Kathy Culpepper Piazza lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd*



Joe and Kathy Culpepper Piazza - February 01, 2012 at 06:08 PM

JM

“ *Joan Mayo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd*



Joan Mayo - February 01, 2012 at 10:18 AM

FJ

Stanley and family we were saddened to learn of your Mother passing. She was always an inspiration to Kay and i and to our children. She will be missed by a lot of people that loved her and treasured her friendship. All of the family are in our prayers.

Fred, Kay, Sharon and Freddie Dixon

Fred Dixon, Jr. - February 04, 2012 at 03:29 PM

ZC

Dear Family, I'm sorry for your loss. The obituary is a beautiful tribute to Hazel. Hold onto to those precious memories.

Zelda Gainey Connell (Aunt Geneva's daughter)

Zelda Gainey Connell - February 05, 2012 at 01:41 AM



“ *Linda R. Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd*



Linda R. Price - February 01, 2012 at 10:11 AM

DJ

“ *Diane Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd*



Diane Jones - February 01, 2012 at 07:09 AM

DJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you in this sorrowful time. May the memories of your loving mother help see you through.*
Diane Jones

Diane Jones - February 01, 2012 at 07:08 AM

LA

“ *To Sharon and Family:
Please accept my most sincere sympathy. My thoughts and prayers
are with you.
How fortunate you have been to have had such a beautiful and
loving mother. May all
your wonderful memories bring you comfort.
Love, Linda*

Linda Adanti - February 01, 2012 at 07:05 AM

SL

“ *Sue And Dan Laskowski lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd*



Sue and Dan Laskowski - February 01, 2012 at 06:52 AM

SL

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your mother, I have heard so many
wonderful stories about her from Karen that you almost feel like you
personally knew her. Please know you are all in our thoughts and
prayers.*

Sue and Dan Laskowski

Sue Laskowski - February 01, 2012 at 06:50 AM



“ *As the obituary clearly points out, from the ordinary sandy soil of her South Carolina farm, came an extraordinary person, and perhaps most of all, a devoted and always-giving wife and mother of 7 wonderful children. To her loving children, grandchildren, other kin, and many friends, I am honored to have sat at the table with Mrs. Byrd.*

Yes, her biscuits and chocolate cake were favorites, but personally, she made a great pork roast.

*With deep respect,
Mo Cayer*

Mo Cayer - February 01, 2012 at 01:53 AM

LF

*Dear Sharon and Mo and Brad and Family,
You are in my thoughts at this time. I know that it is a difficult time for you. I am praying for you. If I can be of any help, please call upon me.
Sincerely,
Lynne Farrell*

Lynne Farrell - February 01, 2012 at 10:08 AM

NH

“ *Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. -- Nancy and Chuck Hartley*

Nancy Hartley - January 31, 2012 at 06:23 AM

NH

“ Nancy Hartley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd



Nancy Hartley - January 31, 2012 at 06:21 AM

CF

“ On behalf of Mother and Judy, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. I wish you could have heard Mother's tribute to your Mother during our phone conversation last night.
Cheryl Dixon Flynn, Judy Dixon Griggs and Peggy Dixon

Cheryl Dixon Flynn - January 30, 2012 at 12:47 PM

AB

“ Mrs. Hazel leaves behind a great "TESTIMONY" which far exceeds most folks. There is nothing in this world that can replace a "GOOD" mother. I still have fond memories of those biscuits and chocolate cake I shared at her table as a young boy. My prayers and thoughts are with the family.



Allen Byrd - January 30, 2012 at 12:18 PM

SG

“ Sandy Garris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd



Sandy Garris - January 30, 2012 at 09:43 AM

LC

“ Our love and prayers are with Hazel's family. Find comfort in the memories, thoughts and knowledge that she has gone home to God. Love always, Aunt Mary and family

Lori Culpeper - January 30, 2012 at 07:49 AM

KH

To the Family: We pray that God will comfort you, strengthen you, and grant you His heavenly peace. Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd is truly in a better place where there is no more sorrow or pain. We are thankful that God allowed us to behold her smile and rest assured that she is smiling on us from above. With the love of Jesus Christ and prayer, Kevin and Joan Hicks.

Kevin and Joan Hicks - January 31, 2012 at 05:11 PM

CH

“ My condolences are with your family during this tough time. May you find peace in your memories.

Christina - January 30, 2012 at 06:54 AM

CA

“ Thinking of you all during this sad time.



Catherine - January 30, 2012 at 06:05 AM

MW

“ *Margie Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd*



margie wallace - January 28, 2012 at 07:35 PM

TB

“ *Tub And Carol Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Culpeper Byrd*



tub and carol beasley - January 28, 2012 at 06:13 PM