



Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn

November 12, 1927 - December 18, 2025

Surrounded by her family, Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn passed away peacefully on December 18, 2025, at the age of 98. Born on November 12, 1927, at her grandparents' home in Cassatt, South Carolina, Jean was a child of the Great Depression whose early years fostered resilience, curiosity, and an appreciation for life's simple joys.

Because her father's government work required frequent moves during World War II, Jean and her sister, Bobbie, lived in St. Louis, Missouri, Coral Gables, Florida, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Louisville, Kentucky, before returning to Hartsville for her high school years. She held especially fond memories of New Orleans, where her father worked on steamships and where she discovered her lifelong love of movies, riding cable cars, and slipping into theaters, a pastime she continued well into her later years.

Jean graduated from Hartsville High School as part of the last class to complete eleven grades. With a deep love of art, she attended Bob Jones University before continuing her education at Coker College and beginning her adult life in Hartsville. Her life changed the day she first saw a young man, James Berry "JB" Redfearn Jr., whom she lovingly called "B," walking his mother down the steps of the First Baptist Church chapel. They married on May 7, 1949.

In 1950, Jean and JB opened the Redfearn Motor Court, where they lived until building their home behind the property. Together, they built a thriving business and a warm, loving home for their three children. Jean poured her artistic eye into every part of her life; her home and the homes of her children are filled with her oil paintings, particularly still lifes and landscapes.

A lifelong member of First Baptist Church and proud Cradle Roll Baby, Jean spent many years teaching Sunday School, a role she cherished deeply. She was also a founding member of the Pine and Lake Garden Club, where her love of flowers and design flourished. Beyond Hartsville, she was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, where she served in leadership roles, including State Regent. In 1973, she and JB opened their second motel, the Landmark Inn, which became one of the Pee Dee's premier full-service properties.

Jean was known for her style, her humor, her aesthetic eye, and the spark she brought into every room. She loved to travel and visited destinations around the world, including a memorable trip to Russia in 1994.

Jean was the daughter of the late Lewis John Hunter and Hattie Reed Elliott Hunter; the sister of the late Barbara "Bobbie" Hunter Reeser; and the beloved wife of the late James Berry "JB" Redfearn Jr.

She is survived by her three children, Brucie (Carl) Pennington, Harriet (Scott) Gupton, and James (Tracy) Redfearn; ten grandchildren, Kathryn Batson, Michael (Michael) Northcutt, Mel (Kerri) Pennington, Elizabeth (Robert) Williams, Fearn Gupton, Scott (Kayla) Gupton, Benjamin (Carrie) Gupton, Laken (Jason) Fields, Katelyn (Roddy) Byrd, and Joanie (Hunter) McCutchen; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

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

Sunday, December 21, 2025, in Magnolia Cemetery, with The Rev. Bert Welch officiating. The family will receive friends at the residence immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Jean's memory to the Pine and Lake Garden Club or First Baptist Church.

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

DEC 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Heavenly Father* 🙏

We lift this family up to You as they grieve the loss of their loved one. Wrap them in Your peace, comfort their broken hearts, and give them strength in the days ahead. Remind them that they are not alone and that Your love surrounds them even in their sorrow.



Your Word says in Psalm 34:18:

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Lord, be near to them now. Fill their hearts with comfort, hope, and the promise of Your eternal love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

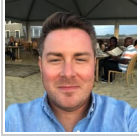
Anthony Matthews - March 15 at 07:10 AM

GM

“ *Goode & Gail Mobley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Goode & Gail Mobley - December 28, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ Jay Benson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Jay Benson - December 27, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ To the entire Redfearn family- So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother and grandmother! I had the pleasure of talking with her on her walks through the neighborhood while she lived in Prestwood. I know how much she loved having all of her children and grands living nearby. Sending love and prayers your way!



Phyllis Mims Watson - December 21, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Crystal Minnehan - December 21, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ Praying for this precious family. What a wonderful life she had and so memories to cherish for each of you . My love and hugs to each of you.

Kathy Lawhon - December 21, 2025 at 01:14 AM

KM

“ *Kay Ludrick Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Kay Ludrick Miller - December 21, 2025 at 12:47 AM

TM

“ *Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers...such a lovely lady.*

Trisha and Deke Montgomery

Trisha Montgomery - December 20, 2025 at 06:17 PM

RW

“ *Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Ron Wall - December 20, 2025 at 04:15 PM

DE

“ *Harriet and family, I am so very sorry to hear about your Mom..She was such a beautiful and elegant lady. Daddy always spoke fondly of her and your Dad. Prayers lifted for you and your family.*



Diane Euten - December 20, 2025 at 03:13 PM

CS

“ *Harriet, so sorry to hear about your Mom.*



Cheryl DeBruhl Shepherd - December 20, 2025 at 01:21 PM

RM

“ *Brucie, we are so sorry to hear about your loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Rodney and Kathy McFarland - December 20, 2025 at 12:35 PM

NM

“ *Nancy And Vern Myers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Nancy and Vern Myers - December 20, 2025 at 11:40 AM

BW

“ *Becky Wadsworth Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Becky Wadsworth Walker - December 20, 2025 at 11:16 AM

PS

“ Pam Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Pam Sansbury - December 20, 2025 at 09:00 AM

SJ

“ Dear Brucie and family, I am so sad to learn of the passing of your dear mother. She was very special to all of us for her sweet, loving way, life and her beautiful smile. Please know that our family is praying for you and yours in this time of loss. May God bless and comfort you all in the days ahead. You are loved and remembered. ☐ 🙏 🛤️ ❤️



Sally Johnson - December 20, 2025 at 08:50 AM

PS

“ Paul Cannarella, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Paul Cannarella, Sr. - December 20, 2025 at 08:32 AM

JT

“ Judith Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Judith Thompson - December 20, 2025 at 08:24 AM

SJ

“ *Sheila Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Sheila Johnson - December 20, 2025 at 01:10 AM

SB

“ *Shannon Brand lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Shannon Brand - December 20, 2025 at 12:59 AM

JC

“ *Brucie, Harriet and James,
I vividly remember your beautiful mother as the epitome of Southern grace, charm, impeccable style and flawless etiquette. Jean had a wonderful Christian influence upon me and many others who grew up in Hartsville's First Baptist Church. Jean's love for God and her dedication to Him was obvious through many years of service in various church ministries. She was a tremendous blessing to all of us who were fortunate to know and love her. Ray joins me in sending our love, prayers and deepest condolences to you and the family.
Jacqueline Ludrick Chambers*

Jackie Chambers - December 20, 2025 at 12:43 AM

EB

“ *As a child of First Baptist Church I remember the kindness and goodness of Mr. & Mrs. Redfearn quite well. They were both REAL people who cared.*

Eddie Blackmon - December 20, 2025 at 12:25 AM

HB

“ *Lit a candle in the memory of Mrs. Jean Redfearn*



Hitresha Benjamin - December 20, 2025 at 12:15 AM

VB

“ *Violet Newsome Bragdon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Violet newsome Bragdon - December 19, 2025 at 10:47 PM

AR

“ *Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers! So sorry for your loss!*

Angie Kelley Raines - December 19, 2025 at 10:03 PM

AS

“ *Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Al & Melinda Sansbury - December 19, 2025 at 09:32 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Pat Sparrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Mike and Pat Sparrow - December 19, 2025 at 06:35 PM

DS

“ *Donna Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Donna Sansbury - December 19, 2025 at 06:05 PM

DS

Harriet, I am so very sorry for your loss. Lifting you and your family in my prayers. ❤️

Donna Sansbury - December 19, 2025 at 06:07 PM

EH

“ Elaine Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Elaine Hubbard - December 19, 2025 at 06:00 PM

SU

Im so very sorry for your loss.

Susan - December 19, 2025 at 06:33 PM

SU

Im so very sorry for your loss. God bless the family

Susan - December 19, 2025 at 06:34 PM

AW

“ Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Anna Williams - December 19, 2025 at 05:21 PM

JD

“ Jennie DeWitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Jennie DeWitt - December 19, 2025 at 05:14 PM

JG

“ Jimmy And Judy Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Jimmy and Judy Gainey - December 19, 2025 at 04:41 PM

GO

“ Grady O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Grady O'Neal - December 19, 2025 at 04:40 PM

JA

“ Jimmy Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



Jimmy Andrews - December 19, 2025 at 04:05 PM

JC

“ John Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn



John Crawford - December 19, 2025 at 03:21 PM

KJ

“ *What a lovely lady in so many ways. I don't ever remember her without a smile on her face and asking how you were doing. She was and is grace personified. I know she will be missed by all.*



Ken Krueger jr - December 19, 2025 at 02:26 PM

TW

“ *Travis And Marilyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Travis and Marilyn Walters - December 19, 2025 at 01:55 PM

DT

“ *Dave Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Dave Thompson - December 19, 2025 at 01:24 PM

GG

“ *Gene And Teresa Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Gene and Teresa Gibson - December 19, 2025 at 12:11 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Rebecca Skinner - December 19, 2025 at 11:36 AM

CV

“ *You will be missed. Rest easy* 🙏❤️🙏



Carolyn Vaughn - December 19, 2025 at 10:58 AM

LE

“ *Larry & Jen Easter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jean Bruce Hunter Redfearn*



Larry & Jen Easter - December 19, 2025 at 10:50 AM