



Mrs. Julia "Judy" Kleckley Tison

November 19, 1924 - October 26, 2014

Julia Anne "Judy" Kleckley Tison , 89, of Hartsville, SC, died peacefully on Sunday, October 26, 2014. Judy was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother as well as an accomplished lawyer and musician. She graduated in 1943 from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in History and in 1946 from USC's School of Law. She loved her Gamecocks and was named "Miss Garnet and Black of 1945".

A memorial service will be held at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2014. The family will receive friends as they celebrate her life at a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. The family will be at the residence on Prestwood Drive at other times.

Judy epitomized the notion of "female pioneer" throughout her professional career and personal life. She was among the first female lawyers in the state of South Carolina, practiced law with her husband, the late Sidney Smith Tison, Jr., and remained a member of the SC Bar Association for more than 50 years. She served as the first female Senior Warden of the Vestry at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Hartsville. She was also on multiple local committees and charitable boards, holding the position of President of Pee Dee Area Council of the Girl Scouts, former board member of York Place (The Episcopal Church Home for Children), a former member of the Pine and Lake Garden Club, and the American Association of University Women.

Judy was also a talented musician. She sang soprano in the church choir, was a member of the Hartsville Music Study Club, and filled in as the summer substitute organist at the Church. In her spare time and later years, she could often be found sitting at the piano in the family living room, practicing her scales or playing church hymns.

She was predeceased by her parents, Julia and Walter Franklin Kleckley of Columbia, and her brothers, W.C. "Jim" Kleckley and P.B. "Tolly" Kleckley. She is survived by her four children Julia Kleckley Tison of Hartsville, Anne Darby Tison Hunter (Tommy) of Marion, SC, Perry Tison Wilson (Tommy) of Darlington, SC, and Sidney Smith Tison, IV (Carol) of Suwanee, GA. Her grandchildren are Perry Tison Hunter, Jones Thomas Hunter, IV (Gray), Anne Littlefield Hunter, William Wilson Kirven, IV, Anne Darby Kirven, Caid McCullough Kirven, Katherine Laura Tison, Steven Sidney Tison and Gray Wilson Hill (Scott), and her great-granddaughter Capers Catherine Hill.

Memorials may be sent to Saint Bartholomew's Parish (103 Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550), the McLeod Hospice House (c/o McLeod Foundation, PO Box 100551, Florence, SC 29502) or to a charity of one's choice. The family would like to thank her caregivers at the Hospice House and to recognize the wonderful care she was given by her daughter, Julia, during the last years of her life.

Funeral Services are being provided by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. www.bpafuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Saint Bartholomew's Church
103 Campus Drive
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-8765

Visitation

OCT **28** (ET)

Following the service
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

WN

“ *Ann Darby,*

So very sorry to learn of your mother's passing. May the Lord pour out a double portion of His mercy and grace upon you and your family during this difficult time.

*William Norton
Brittons Neck, SC*

William Norton - November 07, 2014 at 05:39 AM

RJ

“ *Perry, Sorry to hear about your mom. I will always remember your mom's sweet smile and she was a beautiful lady inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through the difficult days ahead. Cherish the memories you have and these will get you through the days ahead as well.*

Rhonda Jones-Norton - October 29, 2014 at 10:44 AM

RJ

“ *Rhonda Jones-Norton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Julia "Judy" Kleckley Tison*



Rhonda Jones-Norton - October 29, 2014 at 10:40 AM

MP

“ Perry,

I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Your parents were always kind to my husband & me , when we moved to SC and lived across the street from them, as well as welcoming me to their home in "True Southern Style". It is never easy losing someone we love especially a parent. My prayers are for you & your family's strength to get through this time of sorrow.

*Love,
Marianne*

Marianne Parrotta-Sunderland - October 29, 2014 at 08:18 AM

JD

“ *Julia and family, know that our prayers and thoughts are with you. Sorry that we were unable to attend the memorial service.
John and Mary Daniels*

John Daniels - October 28, 2014 at 03:10 PM

AN

“ *Perry, I am sorry to hear about your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sending a big hug your way.
Angela F. White*

Angela - October 28, 2014 at 12:29 PM

TW

“ Dear Julia and family, fond thoughts are of you and your family today and in the days to come. Your mom was such a beautiful southern lady and will always remember as such by many..May you be comforted by God's love, family and friends and all your memories put a smile in your heart.

Sincerely,
Terri Northcutt Woodham

Terri Northcutt Woodham - October 28, 2014 at 09:15 AM

LB

“ I offer deepest sympathy to all of your family and especially to Julia who was a friend during our high school years. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Lib Goodson Brown, Lexington, SC

Lib Goodson Brown - October 28, 2014 at 08:39 AM

GN

“ So sorry for you loss!Prayers sent up for the family.



Gail Norwood Newman - October 27, 2014 at 06:10 PM

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DB

“ Julia, and family I was sorry to hear of your mothers passing. I have fond memories of growing up in Hartsville and walking by your house on the way to Sweetbabys(The McDonalds house).I find comfort in the memories and the gift of time I had with my family and knowing I will see them again. I'm sure you will too. Sincerely
Donald Byerly

Donald Byerly - October 27, 2014 at 03:40 PM

EH

“ Perry, another bluebird has made her way to Heaven. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Elaine Hodges

Elaine Hodges - October 27, 2014 at 12:41 PM

SD

“ Perry, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sobie Dixon

Sobie Dixon - October 27, 2014 at 10:55 AM

JN

“ Very sorry to hear of Mrs Tison's passing. You never knew which was the better attorney, Sidney or Mrs. Tison, but both were classy individuals with great intellect and style. Mrs Tison's accomplishments are so impressive, and what a great legacy she left through her children.

John Nichols

John Nichols - October 27, 2014 at 10:42 AM

RG

“ Rannie Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Julia "Judy" Kleckley Tison



Rannie Gamble - October 27, 2014 at 08:40 AM



“ Growing up across the street, I always admired Mrs. Tison. She was always so classy and smart. My sincerely sympathies. - Rebecca Jacobs Alford

Rebecca Alford - October 27, 2014 at 07:32 AM

GB

“ Gerald Brock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Julia "Judy" Kleckley Tison



Gerald Brock - October 27, 2014 at 05:26 AM

JL

“ Jean Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Julia "Judy" Kleckley Tison



Jean Lee - October 27, 2014 at 03:46 AM

JL

Mrs. Tison was a beautiful and sweet lady. She was a true example of a lady.

Jean Lee - October 27, 2014 at 03:48 AM

SM

“ *Mrs Tison was the epitome of brains, beauty and class. She was so beautiful inside and out. Prayers coming for the entire family*

Sharon Moon - October 26, 2014 at 08:06 PM

BW

“ *Bess Moore Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Julia "Judy" Kleckley Tison*



Bess Moore Watkins - October 26, 2014 at 04:11 PM

AW

“ *Dear Julia,Perry,Ann Darby and Sidney, Your Mother was such a beautiful lady. She was always so kind and loved her family. I loved her brother,Tolly Kleckley,who was my uncle, so very much. All of you are in my thoughts and my prayers.*

*Love,
Anna Andrews Williams*

anna williams - October 26, 2014 at 06:23 AM