



Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell

March 9, 1953 - August 12, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that Mr. John Stephen "Steve" Blackwell and his family announce the death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell, 72.

Mrs. Blackwell entered into rest on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A memorial service to honor her life will be held at 11 o'clock on Friday, August 15, 2025, in The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home, with The Rev. Dr. Dora Gafford officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Mrs. Blackwell was born on Monday, March 9, 1953, in Hartsville, SC. She is the daughter of the late Harry Laverne Sansbury and the late Edell Watford Sansbury. Kathie was raised in the Oates Community of South Carolina with her parents, sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She attended Lamar schools and met the love of her life, Steve, in high school. They were married in 1970.

Kathie was raised in a home filled with love and faith, which she carried with her as she raised her children. She was a devoted wife and mother, always present at all of the events for her children, and loved having their friends come over and spend time with her. She loved being a wife and mother, but her favorite role was being "Nana" to her grandchildren. She loved to spoil them and particularly enjoyed planning places to go and things to do that created special memories for them.

She is survived by her loving husband of fifty-five years, John Stephen Blackwell of Hartsville, SC; son, Jon Blackwell of Spartanburg, SC; daughter, Stephanie (David) Hungerpiller of Georgetown, SC; sister, Connie Lloyd of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, Tyler (Megan) Hungerpiller, Sloan Hungerpiller, Edie Blackwell; and great-granddaughter, Clara Hungerpiller.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Joyce Sansbury Vincent; father-in-law and mother-in-law, R. Samuel Blackwell and Emma Northcutt Blackwell.

The family would like to offer their heartfelt love and thanks to McLeod Hospice for the care given to her during her illness.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Memorial Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - August 14, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SN

Wonderful pictures of a happy life. Kathie will be missed but remembered. My love to Steve and Steph, Jon and all the family

Sherrill Northcutt - August 15, 2025 at 11:12 AM

LV

Beautiful memories of my sweet friend and secret keeper. I will miss her so. My condolences to Steve, Steph, Jon, Tyler, Sloan and Edie. □

Laurayne Velasco - August 15, 2025 at 11:46 AM

VB

Steve and Family: So sorry to hear of Kathie's death. She was a precious lady. I have such fond memories of her. You will be in my prayers during this time of grief. I will miss that beautiful smile!

vernon boyd - August 16, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss prayers for the family*



Crystal Minnehan - August 17, 2025 at 11:32 AM

SF

“ Steve and family, we are sorry to hear about your loss. We are praying for you and your family.

Steve and Gail Funderburk

Steve Funderburk - August 16, 2025 at 02:14 PM



SH

“ Sandra And Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell

Sandra and Larry Huggins - August 15, 2025 at 06:28 PM



CB

“ Tom & I are so very sorry for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you and give you peace. You have our deepest sympathy.
Cecelia & Tom Brown

Cecelia Brown - August 15, 2025 at 04:38 PM

GH

“ Sending my condolences to all of the family

Gale Hoffman - August 14, 2025 at 11:38 PM



MS

“ Mitchell And Donna Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Mitchell and Donna Sansbury - August 14, 2025 at 10:05 PM

BB

“ Love and prayers for the family. Rodney and Beth Byrd

Beth Byrd - August 14, 2025 at 09:54 PM

LL

“ Lawrence & Cindy Lowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - August 14, 2025 at 06:13 PM

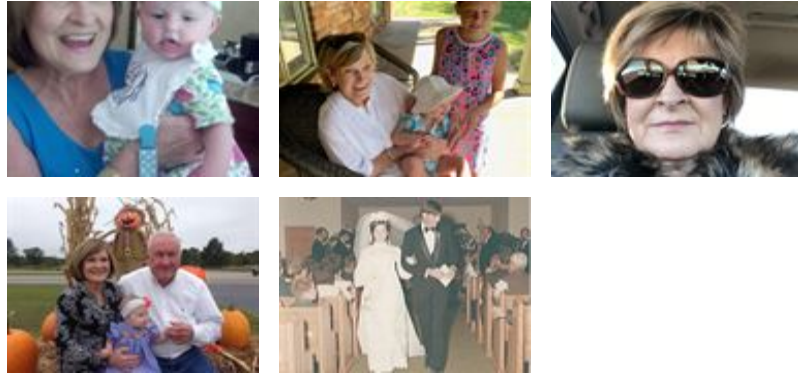
PH

“ Dear Steve and Family. Just know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and in the days ahead. Kathie's warm beautiful smile will be missed. Ray and I went to school with Kathie throughout our school years. She was a friend and a beautiful person. I can tell by the video on this website that she had a lot of love and happiness in her life brought to her through her amazing family. Thank you! Love Ray and Pansy Howell

Pansy and Ray Howell - August 14, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - August 14, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ *Marty Robbins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Marty Robbins - August 14, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ *Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Al & Melinda Sansbury - August 13, 2025 at 11:54 PM



“ *Tom & I are so very sorry for your loss. She will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy for all of the family. Love, Cecelia Brown*

Cecelia Brown - August 13, 2025 at 09:58 PM

CH

“ Chris Howle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Chris Howle - August 13, 2025 at 09:27 PM

JR

“ Steve, Stephanie, Jon ,Connie and her precious grands. Jimmy and I are so sad to hear about the loss of Kathie. She loved her family dearly and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this most difficult time. 🙏❤️🙏 . Jimmy and Rhonda Watkins.

Jimmy and Rhonda - August 13, 2025 at 06:41 PM

AL

“ Alyson Lucas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Alyson Lucas - August 13, 2025 at 02:49 PM

DH

“ Donna Helms lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Donna Helms - August 13, 2025 at 12:32 PM

MS

“ Mike And Pat Sparrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Mike and Pat Sparrow - August 13, 2025 at 12:28 PM

VB

“ Violet Bragdon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell

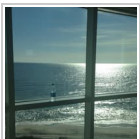


Violet Bragdon - August 13, 2025 at 12:09 PM

CD

“ Kathy and I were good friends in high school and actually was in her wedding. I'm sad to hear that she has passed and I pray for comfort for the family. Debra Bell Culpepper

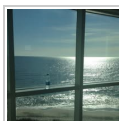
Culpeper Debra - August 13, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ Bill Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Bill Stokes - August 13, 2025 at 11:12 AM



Angela and Bill Stokes

Bill Stokes - August 13, 2025 at 11:12 AM

JG

“ Steve and family so sorry for your loss of Kathie,prayers for you and family.GOD bless each of you.Jewel

Jewel Walters Gibson - August 13, 2025 at 10:25 AM

JD

“ May Bod wrap his loving arms around this family during this time .



Jennie DeWitt - August 13, 2025 at 10:24 AM

JG

“ Jewel Walters Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Jewel Walters Gibson - August 13, 2025 at 10:23 AM

DB

“ Dick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Dick Brown - August 13, 2025 at 10:13 AM


Jeanette
Blackmon

“ *Jeanette Blackmon lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Jeanette Blackmon - August 13, 2025 at 09:53 AM

AH

“ *Dear Steve and extended family, please know that you all r in our
thoughts and prayers during the loss of your precious wife! We are
sending our love and prayers!*

The Howards

Ron Howard, Ann Hudson, Dale Davis!

Ann Hudson - August 13, 2025 at 09:48 AM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



carol elmore bryant - August 13, 2025 at 09:21 AM

CB

*Steve: I am so sorry for your loss of Kathie. Hold onto your sweet
memories-she will live forever in your heart. Love and prayers, Carol*

carol elmore bryant - August 13, 2025 at 09:22 AM

CW

“ Steve and family We are so sorry to learn of your loss. I grew up less than 1 mile from Kathie She and my little sister were the best of friends in their early years We will certainly miss that beautiful smile and warm heart of hers.



Carl & Susan Watkins - August 13, 2025 at 08:50 AM

AW

“ Beautiful Kathie. We love you.



anna williams - August 13, 2025 at 08:46 AM

FM

“ Frankie Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Frankie Morrison - August 13, 2025 at 08:44 AM

SJ

“ Sheila Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Sheila Johnson - August 13, 2025 at 08:32 AM

KM

“ *Katherine Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Katherine Moore - August 13, 2025 at 08:28 AM

PS

“ *Pam P Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Pam P Sansbury - August 13, 2025 at 08:15 AM

RW

“ *Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Ron Wall - August 13, 2025 at 07:44 AM



“ *Joseph Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Joseph Bradshaw - August 13, 2025 at 07:33 AM

JC

“ Sending my condolence to Steve and the family taking a moment to reflect on our youth, a promise plan that we can all meet again.

Jimmy Curtis - August 13, 2025 at 07:18 AM

AW

“ May all of your many loving memories help you through your journey of grief. God has promised we will see our loved ones again to never be separated from them again. Sending love and prayers. 🙏🙏❤️❤️🌈🌈



Avis Wainright - August 13, 2025 at 06:55 AM



“ Steve and family, I am truly sorry for your loss and you are in my prayers.



James Butch Mckenzie - August 13, 2025 at 06:48 AM

LE

“ Larry Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Larry Easterling - August 13, 2025 at 05:53 AM

RD

“ Rick And Debbie Dutton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Rick and Debbie Dutton - August 12, 2025 at 11:03 PM

RD

“ I met Kathy when her mother was in the nursing home with my mother in law. She was so sweet and friendly. She will surely be missed. Prayers for her family 🙏❤️

Rick and Debbie Dutton - August 12, 2025 at 11:02 PM

MN

“ Mike And Brenda Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Mike and Brenda Northcutt - August 12, 2025 at 10:17 PM

RM

“ Rodney And Kathy McFarland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Rodney and Kathy McFarland - August 12, 2025 at 10:15 PM

JG

“ We are sadden to hear of the passing of Kathy. We send our love and prayers during this difficult time.

Ervin and Jackie Gibson



Jacqueline Ellison Gibson - August 12, 2025 at 10:00 PM

MJ

“ Mark And Amy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Mark and Amy Johnson - August 12, 2025 at 09:53 PM

MG

“ Mitchell And Jackie Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Mitchell and Jackie Gainey - August 12, 2025 at 09:47 PM

WG

“ Steve, Stephanie, Jon, Connie, and Family: We are so very sorry to read that Kathy has passed. She was an amazing person and friend who loved you all with her whole heart. Duck and I will be lifting prayers for comfort and peace during this most difficult time.



William and Jean Gullede - August 12, 2025 at 09:34 PM

JB

“ Steve and family. Very sorry to hear about Kathy’s passing. I met her when we were teenagers. She was such a beautiful and sweet lady. My prayers are with y’all during this loss.

Joyce Beasley - August 12, 2025 at 09:32 PM

BV

“ Kathie was very dear to me. I met her when I was dating my late husband, Vince. He was the widower of her sister Joyce. She accepted me right away and made me a part of the family. I will always treasure her memory. My deepest regrets to family.

BJ Vincent - August 12, 2025 at 09:31 PM

GG

“ Our sincere condolences are extended to family and friends of Kathy!



Gene and Teresa Gibson - August 12, 2025 at 09:04 PM

RW

“ My wife, family, and my entire church congregation send love to all of Kathie’s friends and family. She was a great encouragement to me as I rebuilt my life after the hell of untreated alcoholism, and she genuinely cheered for me all the way up to my wedding in 2023 and up to my seminary graduation in 2024. In July of 2024, I became an ordained Methodist minister and was hired by the church she and Steve were married in, and the church they raised their children in, Elim Methodist Church of the Oates Community outside of Lamar. EMC stands ready to be of any assistance to the family they solicit from us.

May Kathie rest in peace. She was a wonderful human being on every level.

Yours in Him,

Rev. Andy and Amy W. Williams, FNP-C

Rev. Andy and Amy Williams - August 12, 2025 at 08:31 PM

SM

“ Sheila Mullis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Sheila Mullis - August 12, 2025 at 08:16 PM

RM

“ *Rae McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Rae McDonald - August 12, 2025 at 07:53 PM

RS

“ *Rae Lee Sessoms lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Rae Lee Sessoms - August 12, 2025 at 07:31 PM

DM

“ *Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



Doug and Scarlett Mason - August 12, 2025 at 07:11 PM

JS

“ *James Sumner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell*



James Sumner - August 12, 2025 at 06:46 PM

JS

Steve and the kids I am sorry for the loss of your Mother, Wife ,Mother, Grandmother! I had no idea that she had been sick! Prayers 🙏 for all!!!

James Sumner - August 12, 2025 at 06:50 PM

RS

“ Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Katherine Sansbury Blackwell



Rebecca Skinner - August 12, 2025 at 06:29 PM

FI

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Our prayers are with you and yours. Bubba and Frances.

Finley F Morrison III - August 12, 2025 at 06:25 PM

DG

“ I will miss her so much, We got married the same day and stayed at the same hotel! We loved sharing things that we researched. Fly high my friend!

Debbie Grant - August 12, 2025 at 06:24 PM

PD

“ So sorry to read that your sweet wife just passed. 🙏



Pat & Grayson Dailey - August 12, 2025 at 05:17 PM

DN

“ Our prayers are with the family. Kathie was a sweet precious lady with always the warmest smile to everyone she met. May God's great love comfort you all.



Dan and Kathy Newsome - August 12, 2025 at 05:09 PM

DS

“ Steve and family, I'm so saddened to see this , my prayers and thoughts are with the each of you. I've known Kathie my whole life we lived in Oates and went to school in Lamar.



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - August 12, 2025 at 05:03 PM

TW

“ Kathie was family and a very close friend ... I shall always cherish the bond we had and the memories I'll have forever...Rest now , my friend , you've fought a long hard battle .. rejoice in your healing ..you are with God and your loved ones.

Terri Northcutt Woodham - August 12, 2025 at 04:52 PM