



Katie Walters Best

May 19, 1924 - January 27, 2008

Funeral services for Katie Walters Best, 83, will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at Emmanuel Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Gary Colboch and the Rev. John Hamilton will officiate with burial in Westview Memorial Park Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Tuesday, January 29, 2008 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 949 N. Marquis Hwy., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mrs. Best, widow of C. Odell Best, died Sunday, January 27, 2008. Born in Darlington Co., SC, she was a daughter of the late Gettis and Nolia Benson Walters. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. She was a hostess at Mr. B's for many years and also helped with the catering.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Reba and Bobby Goff of Lydia, SC; son, Mike Best of Lydia, SC; sister, Ruth Morrell of Hartsville, SC; sister-in-law, Bonnie Best of Sumter, SC; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jeryl and Frances Best of Lydia, SC; grandchildren, Rob (Kathryn) Goff of Florence, SC, Dan (Tara) Goff of Hartsville, SC, Dori (Michael) White of Florence, SC, Bill (Shawna) Best of Waxhaw, NC; great-grandchildren, Collin Goff, Tallon Goff, Adam Goff, SaraAnna Goff, Ashlyn Goff, Caroline Howell, Kathryn Howell, David Howell, Jr., Carter White, Brittany White, Kayla White; godchild, Megan Johnson of Hartsville, SC. She was preceded in death by her brother

Tribute Wall

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“ Robert Andrews lit a candle in memory of Katie Walters Best



Robert Andrews - July 11, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ Hey Nanny!! I went and saw you today!! I sure do miss you! There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you at least once! I was told today by one of your friends that my being nice and the way that I acted today reminded them of you!! You don't know the smile I got on my face!! That is one thing I try to do is be more like you!! You were loved and are missed by so many!! I love you and I miss you! Give Granddaddy a kiss for me and tell him I love him too!! I do have to tell you one thing that was crazy! The other day I was different things kept coming up about you or endings of your phone number or just different little things! That night I went to call a friend and not thinking I dialed your number! It was still my voice on the line!! I saw what I did and just hung it up and cried!!! "I miss you" Love Dori###imported-begin###Dori White###imported-end##

August 27, 2008 at 04:06 PM



“ Reba, I'm so sorry about your loss. I know how hard it is to lose your best friend. I have so many wonderful memories of us as kids playing and just enjoying life. Our mom's were great friends and I will forever remember her and her smile. I'm sorry for the lateness of this note but sometimes after the storm comes a moment of peace and happiness. I hope that when you read this, a smile will come to you as you remember some of the fun times. She was a great lady and I loved her. Karen###imported-begin###Karen Norris Newsome###imported-end###

February 19, 2008 at 11:20 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your Mothers passing. My prayers are with you and the family. It has been many years, but I remember how sweet and nice she was. May God Confort you in your sorry.###imported-begin###Donna (Lewis) Radford###imported-end###

February 05, 2008 at 02:21 AM



“ Dear Reba and Family, We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Miss Katie was such a delightful person. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Shand and Lenette Newsome###imported-end###

February 04, 2008 at 08:02 PM



“ Mrs. Katie will be missed by many but your void of a mother, grandmother, & great-grandmother is like no other. I continue to keep each of you in my thoughts & prayers. Love, Lisa Smith###imported-begin###Lisa Smith###imported-end###

February 04, 2008 at 11:28 AM



“ Dear Dori, Reba and family, we would like to extend to all of you our deepest and most heartfelt condolences on your loss. We understand how devastating it is to lose a loved one, but we must remember, so long as we carry those beautiful memories of our loved ones, they are always with us. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all so very much and we miss you as well. Please know that we are here for you if you need us. Even though miles may separate us, love binds us and we consider you family and we are here for you. We love you. Blessings to all of you from Kentucky.##imported-begin##Lisa & Joe Hutcherson##imported-end##

February 03, 2008 at 08:58 PM



“ Reba, Dori, and family,
You had a sweet and special woman in your lives that became so special to many other lives. I can remember making a homemade card (my first one) for Carroll to give to Ms. Katie for her birthday. Every time I saw Ms. Katie she would talk about how she loved that card and would always keep it. She loved Carroll and Brent and they both thought the world of her, as I did. I know she will truly be missed by many. I just wanted to let you know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Ms. Katie is rejoicing in Heaven now and is no longer feeling any pain and I pray that this will be a comfort to you through these hard days that you are experiencing. My prayer is that God will give you the strength you need and you will be able to feel the comfort that only God can give you during this time. My daddy (Minor) always talked about how sweet Ms. Katie was and he wants you to know that his thoughts are with you also.##imported-begin##Dianne (Walters) James & Minor McDougald##imported-end##

February 03, 2008 at 11:24 AM



“ *Reba & Family, We are sorry to hear about your mother. Consider it not losing her but a homecoming to look forward too. Remember all the happy memories and years you and your family were able to share. She is looking over you and your family and smiling. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Love Dondi, Stephanie, Brandi and Morgan Campbell ---- CAMPBELL'S ROOFING'LLC##imported-begin##Stephanie Campbell##imported-end##*

February 02, 2008 at 09:11 PM



“ I have to tell anyone that reads this something to cute! One of my little ones (David) had this thing about asking alot of questions about nanny. One of the things he was worried about was her getting wet and dirty when they put her in the ground as he said! Mr. Carl Pennington could not have been any better to him to answer and take up so much time with him on the issues he was having. He explained to David what happens and that she would not get wet, dirty or anything like that! This morning when I woke up and looked outside I could not help but cry! It was raining!!! Nanny was all over my heart and mind! I could not help but think about what all David had said and his worries! You never know what little ones are thinking and will say! I just thought that it was so cute how they deal with different things like that in life. He had to make sure that she was going to be ok and nothing was going to mess with her (in the ground) as he put it!

Thanks Mr. Carl for taking up so much time with my kids to help them in the hard time that we are all having to deal with. Nanny loved each and everyone of you and now I know why she would have no other but the best to take care of her!!

btw David said that he wanted to go ride with you again someday! (lets make it a joy ride and not a have to ride though please)

Thanks

Love you all

Dori Goff White##imported-begin##Dori##imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 08:46 PM



“ We send our sympathy to all the Best family. The Pait's##imported-begin##Rayford & Carolyn Pait##imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 10:45 AM



“ Dear Reba and family, We will be thinking of you during this difficult time. Your mother was a special and kind lady, Love The Mac's##imported-begin##Earl andTrena McElveen##imported-end##

January 31, 2008 at 09:52 AM



“ Reba,
I loved your mother so much. She brightened up my life so much. She could make anyone smile. I know that she has gone home to be with the lord. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Heather Rhodes##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 09:55 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Reba and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. You and your family was so generous during the time of my mothers death, in return if their is anything you need I am just a call away. I want you to know that we will be praying for you and your family as you go through this grieving time. Always remember, she is now helping our Heavenly Father prepare a place for us. God be with you all.Tracy##imported-begin##Woody & Tracy Beasley##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 09:52 PM



“ We are so sorry about Miss Katie. We loved her warm smile and friendly ways. We know you will miss her greatly but we all know she is with the Lord and having a wonderful time. She is probably planning a big gathering for when we get there. We love your family and the testimony you have had in the community for so many years.##imported-begin##Ellen and Lide Winburn##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 06:30 PM



“ Reba, I am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. I enjoyed the amount of time that I was able to get to know Ms. Katie, and she was a very sweet and loving person. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Leslie McWatty Wilkes##imported-begin##Leslie Wilkes##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 03:57 PM



“ Dear Reba and Family,
We are so sorry to hear about the death of Ms. Katie. It is always hard to give up loved ones but it helps when you know your loved one is rejoicing in Heaven with others that have gone on before them. We pray that God will surround your family with love and good memories to get you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dickie and Tammy White##imported-begin##Tammy White##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 02:56 PM



“ Dear Reba and Family,
I was so sad to hear of Ms. Katie. My heart is heavy for you. I know she will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers and may God comfort you in this time of need.

Love and Prayers

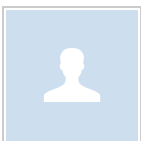
Dale Davis###imported-begin###Dale Davis###imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 12:05 PM



“ you are in our hearts, Cherry and Athamae Byrd###imported-begin###Jelenna###imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 11:46 AM



“ our hearts go out to the family, Danny and Dee Dee byrd###imported-begin###Jelenna###imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 11:45 AM



“ Reba and all family members, We were sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. Our prayers are with you during this time. It is hard because as you know we lose Mother one week today. Just remember all the good times you shared together and you have the blessed assurance that you will see her again in a more beautiful place. May God shelter you in his arms and comfort you now and during the days and weeks ahead. God bless you all.

Pete&LindaStevens###imported-begin###Pete and Linda Stevens###imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 11:08 AM



“ *May God be with you in your time of grieving. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jeanette Blackmon##imported-end##*

January 30, 2008 at 10:54 AM



“ *I'm thinking of you all... I stood there last night looking over the room of people and Nanny's beautiful family, and I couldn't help but smile to think of how she must be so proud looking down for all of you, Grandell by her side. You are a strong, compassionate, beautiful family, and I hope the memories of her bring you happiness in the coming years. Love you all very much, Kristan and Jay Jeffords##imported-begin##Kristan Jeffords##imported-end##*

January 30, 2008 at 10:23 AM



“ *Reba and Family, So sorry for your loss, but just think of heaven's gain. Having lost my Mother a couple of years ago, I know what you are feeling. But she is with me everyday in my heart and thoughts. After the hurt eases, then will come the flooding of memories of things she said or did and that is when you and your family will have much happiness through your memories. Sharing your memories with your grandchildren, will keep her in your daily lives. I thank God that I had a Loving and Kind Christian Mother. And you too were blessed with a Loving and Kind Christian Mother. God will see you through this. You are all in my prayers. Love and Prayers. Jennie Sellers##imported-begin##Jennie Sellers##imported-end##*

January 30, 2008 at 08:52 AM



“*“Good morning nanny!! I just wanted to say I love you and I miss you so already! Today is going to be really hard for me and my girls but I know that you will give me the strength to get us through it. I cant say that there is anything that I wish that I would have told you or got to do with you because I got to do and tell you alot! You were more to me that you will ever know and I love you!! I see you all in my mother and for that I am thankful. She is my bestfriend as you were hers. I got her now for you and dont you worry I will take care of "your baby" as you and my daddy always called her. You rest now with Grand daddy and we will all see you again oneday soon! I love you and kiss grand daddy for me”*

As for everyone else! I would like to say thank you for all the sweet phone calls and cards and visits that you have made to our family. We are fortunate to have such wonder friends that are always there to help pick up the pieces. Thanks alot for everything!

I have to say a special "thank you" to the nurses that took such special care of my nanny before she left us! You are truley angels from God! I have always said that it takes a special person to do a job everyday like you do. You put up with alot but you get alot of love out of it and in the end you have such wonderful memories to remember everyday. I just wish that you would have got to meet nanny before she came to the rehab home to you. She was a wonderful lady one that I wish I could be more like. You made her stay there much better seeing that we could not bring her home in the shape that she was in. It was very comforting to my mother to know she had angels like you to watch over her mother while she was away at work. Thank you for all that you did. I know you loved her alot and that means alot to our family.

Thanks again everyone!! I love you all!" Dori Goff White###imported-begin###Dori###imported-end###

January 30, 2008 at 08:18 AM



“ Dearest Reba & family,
We sure were sorry to hear about Miss Katie. I know you all will miss her very much. She was very lucky to have you all to love and love her. Our prayers are with you now and days to come. Let us know if there is anything we can do.
All our love,
Livvy & Barbara##imported-begin##Livvy Baird & Barbara Anderson##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 07:43 AM



“ Reba, Dan, Dorie and family- we are thinking of you, as are so many others that care for your whole family..Hopefully knowing this will help you through the difficult days ahead...God Bless..##imported-begin##Kay and Don Rowe##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 10:14 PM



“ Reba,

I was so sad to learn of your mom's death. The last time I saw her was at my uncle's funeral.

I remember the fun times I had at your house when we were in elementary school.

I will keep you in my prayers.

Becky Newsome Inabinet##imported-begin##Becky Newsome Inabinet##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 06:36 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Reba, Dori, Dan, Rob and Families: I am truly sorry for the loss of such a special mother and grandmother. There are sure to be difficult days ahead. Remember her wonderful spirit and hold her memory close to your hearts. Please know that each of you are in my prayers. Love, Tara##imported-begin##Tara McDonald Steen##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 05:53 PM



“ To the family, please know you all are in our prayers. Ms. Katie was a great neighbor to me and my family. I will remember her most for her heartfelt notes and cards as well as her delicious pear preserves.##imported-begin##Taylor Coates##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 05:28 PM



“ TO REBA/FAMILY MRS KATIE WILL BE MISSED,HOWEVER HER LOVE FOR PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE TO REMIND US THAT WE HAVE TO IMPART THIS TO ONE ANOTHER JUST AS SHE DID DAILY.MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CONTINUE TO LOOK TO THE GOD WHO BRINGS COMFORT TO ALL IN THIS TIME OF SORROW.WE LOVE YOU.##imported-begin##Herman/Connie Coe##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 04:54 PM



“ We always want more time with our loved ones but in truth there is always that time when we need to say good bye. It is the time when we know that the smiling and energetic person we love deserves and welcomes the peace of eternal life. Katie's main goal in life was to insure that everyone around her was enjoying life. The times that she has put a smile on my face & my mothers is countless. She will be missed but our love for her continues.##imported-begin##Dewey Griggs##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 04:47 PM



“ Dear Reba and family - We are so sorry about the home going of Mrs. Katie. She was such a precious lady and loved her church dearly. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. What an honor to know that your loved one is in heaven today rejoicing!##imported-begin##Wanda and Charlie Brown##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 04:22 PM



“ My deepest sympathy Reba, Mike and all the family. Rebecca Skinner##imported-begin##Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 04:21 PM



“ Reba and Bobby, Dan, Dori, and families, I was so sorry to read in the paper of your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers as you say goodbye to one who was so important in your life. These times are so hard. Please be gentle with yourself as you go through the days ahead and be very close to your Savior as He will lean close to you. Only He can heal your broken heart.##imported-begin##Pam Hill Clemons##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 04:17 PM



“ I used to love when my grandma Mildred would take me to Aunt Katie's house when I was little. She was a wonderful lady. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Brandy Wilkes Zeller##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 03:20 PM



“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of a precious lady. May God be with you all and comfort you as only He can.##imported-begin##Kathie & Steve Blackwell##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 02:22 PM



“ *My dear Reba,
We were like sisters in high school and your Mother was so very instrumental in showing me how to be a good Mom. I never remember her getting mad at us, even though we probably tried her patience more than once. I will never forget the times we sat at the table and talked and talked. You can truthfully say that you were as good to her in her later years as she was to you growing up. I love you and will remember you and your family in my prayers.*

Gayle##imported-begin##Gayle McDonald##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 02:08 PM



“ *Reba and Family: Mrs. Katie was an inspiration to all who knew her and she will certainly be missed by everyone. I will never forget my mother, Dorothy McLendon King Tollison, taking me to get all of my "curly permanents" at your Mother's house when I was in elementary school. Hold your memories of her dear to your heart. She is no longer suffering but is now rejoicing in heaven with her Lord and Saviour. I will continue to keep you and your family in my prayers. Continue to trust in the Lord and he will give you the strength to get through each day.*

Love in Christ.

Barbara King Lee##imported-begin##Barbara King Lee##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 12:41 PM



“ I would like to respond to something for nanny since she is not here to do so for herself. She wrote her obituary before her death. She chose to respect Mikes wishes not be be apart of the Best Family. In respecting his decision to sever his family ties she felt it was the right thing to do to leave him and his descendants from the obituary. This is not the time or place to recount private issues.##imported-begin##Dori White##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 11:35 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We bought have loss loving mothers. It is comforting to know they are at peace. God be with you.
Charles, Dixie and Family##imported-begin##Charles Lee##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 11:14 AM



“ Dear Family, We will keep you in our prayers. May God bless you.
Matt and Betsy Bramlett Bishopville, SC##imported-begin##Matt Bramlett##imported-end##

January 29, 2008 at 10:47 AM



“ *Reba, Bobby and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you all.*

*In Deepest Sympathy,
Hill & Jordan
Debbie, Rob, Connie and Susan##imported-begin##Hill & Jordan
LLC CPA's##imported-end##*

January 29, 2008 at 10:20 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of one of the most vibrant,
sweetest saints of God we have known. We loved Katie, and will
miss her very much.##imported-begin##Bob and Brenda
Braddock##imported-end##*

January 29, 2008 at 09:55 AM



“ *Reba, Bobby and family
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear Mother.
I hope that you find comfort in knowing Ms. Katie's was a life well
lived and her kindness, friendliness and her smile we will always
remember.
Count on Jesus to see you through this season of sadness.
Thinking of and remembering you in my prayers. Denise##imported-
begin##Denise (Turner) Reider##imported-end##*

January 29, 2008 at 08:42 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Richard and Debby Galloway##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 09:44 PM



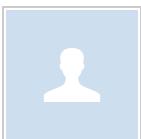
“ Reba, I am so sorry to hear about Ms.Best. She could always make you laugh. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time.##imported-begin##Kelly Perkins##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 08:49 PM



“ Michele Smallwood & Family; I was very sorry to read of the loss of your grandmother. It is never easy to lose a family member and my heart is with you. At a time when the entire family should be grieving it was disappointing not to see you, Shirley, Ginger, Michael and all the grandchildren listed as part of the family, I'm sure it was an oversight but please accept my condolences on your loss and may God Bless you and yours.##imported-begin##Mary Naylor##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 05:48 PM



“ While I am sorry for anyone's death, I am very sorry that even to this day, after my grandmother's passing, we still get no recognition. For those that don't know, Mike is married with 3 children and 7 grandchildren. That was left out of the obituary information.##imported-begin##Michele (Best) Smallwood##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 04:26 PM



“ *She was a blessing to all. Larger than life. She will surely be missed. Your family is in our prayers.*
Love,
Brent, Susan, and Scott##imported-begin##Brent, Susan and Scott Walters##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 04:20 PM

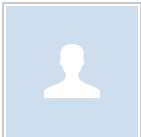


“ *Dear Mrs. Reba and Family,*

How precious your mother was! I loved her smile, her wit, and even her "fussin" when she was on a good topic of conversation. Our lives were brightened by her very presence. Though she is now in the presence of God, we will cherish her memory in our hearts. She will forever be in her special place in church, with us sitting behind her. God bless you all.

Teresa and Raymond Fisher##imported-begin##Raymond and Teresa Fisher##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 12:23 PM



“ *Reba, We just read the sad news of your Mothers passing, Our thoughts & Sympathy goes out to all of the Family. Audrey & Raphael Price##imported-begin##William R.Price##imported-end##*

January 28, 2008 at 12:19 PM



“ DEAR REBA AND FAMILY,
IAM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF KATIE'S PASSING. SHE WAS A
VERY DEAR LADY. SHE WAS SO GOOD TO SEND ME CARDS
WHEN IWAS SICK. ALL OF YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND
PRAYERS.
LOVE IN CHRIST,
BLAKE AND TRICIA##imported-begin##blake and patricia
hoffman##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 11:59 AM



“ Sorry for your lost, please let me know if there is anything we can
do. Aunt Katie was a wonderful, warm hearted person who was
always cared about others.##imported-begin##Jennifer & Gene
Chapman and family##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 11:30 AM



“ Reba and family, Remember that your loss is shared by your family
and friends who care and that your are in our thoughts, heart and
prayers. I remember seeing her smiles and hearing her laughter
when we would see her at the restaurant. She seem to be so happy
working in the restaurant so she could see and talk to people. I feel
that she lived a happy and full life.

Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Sam and Fran
Masters##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 10:17 AM



“ Reba and family;
Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Ms. Katie was a wonderful lady and will be missed by many. We all know that she is celebrating today and looking down over her family. I pray that your entire family will let God be your guide as the days go by. Cherish the love and memories that you all hold dear.
Love In Christ,
Lee and Martin Davis##imported-begin##Martin & Lee Davis##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 09:53 AM



“ Reba, I remember when you and your Mom opened the Hutch and all the wonderful conversations we had there. Katie was the sweetest lady and will truly be missed. God Bless you and your family!##imported-begin##Beth Hampton##imported-end##

January 28, 2008 at 02:04 AM



“ Dear Reba and Family,
My prayers go out for you in the homegoing of your mother. She was a precious lady and a real blessing. May God give you His grace and peace during this time.##imported-begin##Matthew Winters##imported-end##

January 27, 2008 at 10:59 PM



“ i god to you pray go heavey jesus i miss you all your family bye love, kyle##imported-begin##kyle stokes##imported-end##

January 27, 2008 at 10:47 PM



“ To all the family of Katie, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. May the Lord be with all of you.##imported-begin##Pat & Robert James##imported-end##

January 27, 2008 at 09:05 PM



“ my gradmama dot galloway . i know you daef amy best with you . i so sorry heart stop .remeber me . i love, kyle##imported-begin##kyle stokes##imported-end##

January 27, 2008 at 08:19 PM