



Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford

February 21, 1940 - January 6, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that the Cranford family announces the death of their mother, Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford, on Monday, January 6, 2025, after an extended illness.

Elma was born on February 21, 1940, to Lewis Winburn and Lydia Kirven Winburn in Chesterfield County. She was one of five children and was a loving daughter and sister. She married Howard Cranford, and together, they raised two children, Sheila and Eddie.

Elma was a loving daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a caring friend to many. She was a faithful, longtime member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church, where she served in many roles, teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and numerous committees. Her faith in God and her servanthood to Christ were evident in her life. Although she loved her Lord and Savior, she also raised her children to love Him. She was most happy when she was with her loving family.

She had many jobs outside the home over the years, but her most treasured employment was that of a wife, mother, and grandmother. Her favorite activities were working in her yards, picking up pecans, listening to the Hartsville Red Foxes football games (she started following the Red Foxes when her grandson Jamie played football and continued until the present),

and watching Clemson football with her son Eddie. She loved butterflies, both watching them outside and having them adorn her home.

She is survived by her children, Sheila (Brad) Outlaw and Eddie (Jessica) Cranford; grandchildren, Sydney (Matt) Coley, Jamie (Allyson) Outlaw, Molli, Kassidi, and Eli Cranford; great-grandchildren, John and Josey Coley, all of Hartsville. She is also survived by siblings, The Rev. Dr. Ernest (Brenda) Winburn and Bernice Winburn, as well as numerous nieces and nephews who cared for her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis & Lydia Winburn, husband Howard Cranford, grandson Lynn Aaron Watkins, and siblings Henry Lee and James Earl Winburn.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Lydia Bruce for her never-wavering friendship, loving care, and devotion to her dear friend and for making the last two years of Momma's life a fun and loving adventure. Their favorite adventure was to ride over to the farmer's market and stop by Arby's for a roast beef sandwich.

Also, a special thank you to the most devoted and caring cousins Susie, Elaine, Kim, and Aunt Brenda, who so easily gave of their time and love to help make momma's time peaceful and made her feel treasured and loved. Also, thank you to Annie Bell Simons who also helped to care for Momma. Our deepest heartfelt thank you to Pruitt Hospice (Melanie, Mary, Christina, and Betsy, who are all truly hand-picked by God for their job). Community Care for all their care with Momma, Kita, and Kendrick will always remain honorary members of our family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 2 o'clock on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at Chapel Hill Baptist Church, with The Rev. Dr. Ernest

Winburn and The Rev. Grover Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

1569 Ruby Rd.
Hartsville, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel Hill Baptist Church
1569 Ruby Road
Hartsville, SC

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel Hill Baptist Church
1569 Ruby Road
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - January 09, 2025 at 01:00 PM

BG

“ *Sheila, sorry for your loss.
Prayers.*

Bill Gaskins - January 29, 2025 at 01:07 PM

KC

“ *Kim Bryant Clanton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Kim Bryant Clanton - January 18, 2025 at 10:04 PM

WM

“ *So sorry to see that Mrs. Cranford passed. I used to wait on her at the bank. She was a super sweet lady. Prayers for all of her family.*



Wanda Moore - January 11, 2025 at 05:18 PM

TT

“ Thomas and Elaine



Thomas and Elaine Teal - January 11, 2025 at 04:35 PM

CA

“ Jamie and Family,

May God give you peace during this time of mourning.

Carrie Pate

HR Manager with your work family at Canfor

Carrie - January 10, 2025 at 09:27 AM

KM

“ Kathy T Mcfarland lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Kathy T Mcfarland - January 09, 2025 at 05:24 PM

JM

“ Johnny And Denise Mclain lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Johnny and Denise Mclain - January 09, 2025 at 03:26 PM

TW

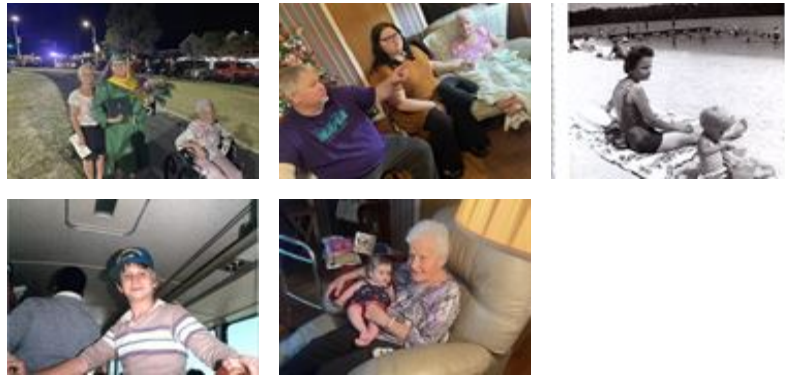
“ Travis And Marilyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Travis and Marilyn Walters - January 09, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - January 09, 2025 at 07:57 AM

AE

“ Angie (Byrd) Elmore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Angie (Byrd) Elmore - January 09, 2025 at 07:48 AM

DT

“ *Debbie Talbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Debbie Talbert - January 09, 2025 at 06:38 AM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



carol elmore bryant - January 09, 2025 at 05:47 AM

CB

My sympathy is extended to Sheila, Eddie and their families. I will miss my sweet, quick witted friend but know she is at peace and is smiling once again. Blessings, Carol

carol elmore bryant - January 09, 2025 at 05:51 AM

JE

“ *Jackie Edards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Jackie Edards - January 08, 2025 at 10:17 PM

JS

“ I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mama but so excited to know that she is well and in Heaven.. The song "I can only Image" says it all but sweet Ms. Cranford is now experience what we all long for. My prayers are with you during this separation period.
Love, Janet Mills Sherman

Janet sherman - January 08, 2025 at 09:34 PM

RG

“ So sorry for your lost. I will be praying for you and Eddie and family.

Russell Gainey - January 08, 2025 at 09:24 PM

BM

“ Sincere condolences, Bernice and all of the other families.
Loving prayers for you all.
Billy and Jo Ann Matthews

Billy and Jo-Ann Matthews - January 08, 2025 at 06:58 PM

TR

“ Theresa Rhodes lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Theresa Rhodes - January 08, 2025 at 06:02 PM

GT

“ George&Lynn Odom Tiller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



George&Lynn Odom Tiller - January 08, 2025 at 05:58 PM

TW

“ Travis Winburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Travis Winburn - January 08, 2025 at 04:45 PM

TB

“ My sincere condolences to the family.

*Toby E. Boyd
Canfor Southern Pine
Darlington*

Toby Boyd - January 08, 2025 at 02:57 PM

CB

“ Carol Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



carol beasley - January 08, 2025 at 11:57 AM

AT

“ Sheila,
Please accept my condolences on the passing of your sweet mother. You and your family remain in my thoughts and prayers. We rejoice that she is home with our Lord now.
Annette Mills Traylor
Asheville, NC

Annette Mills Traylor - January 08, 2025 at 11:46 AM

GG

“ Geraldine Jordan-Griggs Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Geraldine Jordan-Griggs Griggs - January 08, 2025 at 11:14 AM

RB

“ Shelia and family,
Sorry for your loss.



Randy Byrd - January 08, 2025 at 09:47 AM

MC

“ Michelle Caddell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Michelle Caddell - January 08, 2025 at 09:24 AM

CL

“*Burnice and Ernest, my condolences for the passing of your sister. I am sure she is rejoicing with Jesus and those who have gone before and waiting in expectation for all of you who will follow. I am praying for comfort for all of her loved ones.*”

Cheryl Crowley Lewis - January 08, 2025 at 09:15 AM

PD

“*Pat Dailey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*”



Pat Dailey - January 08, 2025 at 08:07 AM

PD

Elma and I were friends for a long time time. We took turns driving Sheila and my son to school every week while they were at North Hartsville School.

Pat Dailey - January 08, 2025 at 08:14 AM

BP

“*Our profound and deepest condolences go out to the family of Mrs. Lydia Elma Windburn Cranford. With our deepest regards, The Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church Family.*”



Brooks Peterson - January 08, 2025 at 06:29 AM

DJ

“ *Dennis And Robin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Dennis and Robin Johnson - January 08, 2025 at 04:52 AM

RJ

“ *Sorry for your loss I know Elma is with her Savior Jesus Christ. I don't know a more Christian, loving of her family person. You all are in my thoughts & prayers!*

Regina Jones - January 08, 2025 at 12:07 AM

JB

“ *Sorry to see of the passing of Elma. Such a sweet family and such a sweet Godly lady. May you find peace in the arms of Jesus. Love in Christ*

Janelle Britt - January 07, 2025 at 09:55 PM

TR

“ *Sheila, condolences to you and your family. Leroy. Tammie Robinson and the girls.*



TAMMIE ROBINSON - January 07, 2025 at 09:54 PM

JA

“ Jimmy Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Jimmy Andrews - January 07, 2025 at 09:25 PM

MG

“ Marie Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Marie Gardner - January 07, 2025 at 09:16 PM

HB

“ Hilda Crowley Biggerstaff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Hilda Crowley Biggerstaff - January 07, 2025 at 09:01 PM

GG

“ Sheila, Eddie and family! Heaven gained a sweet and gentle angel! So sorry to hear Ms. Elma's Passing! You all are in our love and Prayers! RIP Ms Elma!



Gene and Teresa Gibson - January 07, 2025 at 08:47 PM

KC

“ *Kim Bryant Clanton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Kim Bryant Clanton - January 07, 2025 at 08:31 PM

LL

“ *Sheila I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mama Everyone has said what a sweet, kind and special person she was I now know where you got it from Love and prayers sweet friend for our Lord to wrap his loving arms around you today and the days to come* ❤️🙏



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - January 07, 2025 at 08:20 PM

JG

“ *Jewel Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Jewel Gibson - January 07, 2025 at 08:05 PM

DT

“ *Shelia and Eddie and families. Your mom was one the best neighbors. She was the sweetest ladies ever. Just celebrate that she is our Lord and Savior and also your dad. I know she has a lot of catching up to do.
Sending love and prayers for you.*

Dana Munn Tiller

Dana Munn Tiller - January 07, 2025 at 07:54 PM



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



Crystal Minnehan - January 07, 2025 at 07:31 PM

SG

“ *Sending love and prayers to this family.
Elma was such a special person.
We all loved her.
Sylvester & Margaret Griggs*



Sylvester & Margaret Griggs - January 07, 2025 at 06:57 PM

PJ

“ *Sheila and Eddie, so sorry to see where your mother passed away. Such a sweet lady.*



Pat James - January 07, 2025 at 06:55 PM

FG

“ *Frances Griggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Frances Griggs - January 07, 2025 at 06:53 PM

SS

“ *Scarlet And Mark Shealy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Scarlet and Mark Shealy - January 07, 2025 at 06:38 PM

SA

“ *Sara Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Sara Alexander - January 07, 2025 at 06:37 PM

GV

“ *Sheila , I am so sorry I will miss seeing your Mom at Walmart we would hug and talk she was the sweetest lady. The last time I saw her I could tell she was getting more feeble my thoughts and prayers are you 🥹❤️*



Gary Vann - January 07, 2025 at 06:37 PM

KO

“ Eddie and family I am so sorry to have read this about your Momma. I am lifting prayer for comfort & strength during this time.



Kelli Davis Odom - January 07, 2025 at 06:26 PM

SF

“ Sheri Funderburk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Sheri Funderburk - January 07, 2025 at 06:07 PM

AH

“ Mrs. Cranford was such a sweet caring person! Sending love and prayers!



Ann Hudson - January 07, 2025 at 06:07 PM

BR

“ Betty Sue Millsaps Ralley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford



Betty Sue Millsaps Ralley - January 07, 2025 at 05:57 PM

CA

“ *Clifton Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Clifton Atkinson - January 07, 2025 at 05:25 PM

KB

“ *Ken & Mary Braswell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Ken & Mary Braswell - January 07, 2025 at 05:18 PM

AG

“ *Sheila and Eddie, I am so sorry about your Mother. She was such a sweet lady. Thoughts and prayers for you all. There is nothing like the love of a Mother. Angie Gainey*

Angie Gainey - January 07, 2025 at 05:13 PM

CA

“ *Sheila and Eddie, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember Miss Elma as Mom's oldest friend with them having gone to school together grades 1-12 and went to church together for nearly 50 years. I become close to her as a young man and she has a special place in my heart. I will miss her but know she's with our savior now and her and my mom are together once again.*

Clifton Atkinson - January 07, 2025 at 05:12 PM

PL

Sheila an Eddie so sorry for your loss. Your Mama was such a sweet lady. Y'all are in my thoughts an prayers 🙏

phyllis Lewis - January 07, 2025 at 07:27 PM

JG

“ *Johnny And Rhonda Ghoens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Elma Winburn Cranford*



Johnny and Rhonda Ghoens - January 07, 2025 at 04:59 PM

WW

“ *Sheila and Eddie, you both have my deepest condolences. Also to all the families. Ms.Elma was the most sweetest lady I knew. I loved her deeply. I will miss her so much but she will be missed by many people who loved her. I know she is no longer suffering and she is rejoicing in the presence of our Lord and Savior. All of her family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*



Wittie Waldron - January 07, 2025 at 04:45 PM

VO

Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God be with you throughout the days ahead!! At least you know she is in a better place. Love you and your family!!

Vicki B. Outlaw - January 07, 2025 at 05:53 PM