



Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker

July 30, 1938 - April 20, 2016

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker, 77, will be held at 4 o'clock on Sunday, April 24, 2016 in St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Bill Oldland and The Rev. John Foster, III will officiate with burial to follow in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the Baxley Residence, 812 Prestwood Drive, Hartsville, SC.

Margaret Bryan Coker went home to be with the Lord on April 20, 2016, after an extended illness. Born on July 30, 1938, she lived in Hartsville her entire life. She graduated from Hartsville High School in 1956 and, in the same year, married Daniel Hollis Coker, also of Hartsville. They were married for 47 years until Dan's death in 2003.

Margaret was raised in the Episcopal Church where her grandfather, Rev. Homer Leach Hoover, served as Rector of St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church. She devoted her life to serving the Lord through her church and her family. Margaret was a member of the Daughters of the King, a service ministry within the Episcopal Church. She worked alongside her husband in the family owned business, Fifth Street Cleaners, for 38 years. She exemplified the Proverbs 31 wife and mother while her selfless, kind, and compassionate spirit was felt by everyone she met.

After her husband's death from early onset Alzheimer's Disease in 2003, she

added another lifelong mission to her life. Margaret became a very active advocate for caregivers across the state, serving on the SC Alzheimer's Association Board and hosting a charity golf tournament in her husband's memory for 11 years. The funds that were raised supported further research in finding a cure as well as respite care for families and their caregivers. Margaret also facilitated a support group for Alzheimer patients' caregivers for many years in Hartsville and Darlington. She spent much of her time visiting homes and offering advice and a listening ear to the families.

Margaret is survived by her brother, Hugh Blair Bryan of Hartsville, and her extended family of brothers and sister in-laws who always made her feel a part of their family. She has 4 children, Kathy Baxley of Hartsville, Dan H. Coker, Jr., (Becky) of Weaverville, NC, Dick B. Coker (Jackie) of Hartsville, and David H. Coker (Tena) of Hartsville. She was blessed with 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren with her next great-grandchild and her namesake due to join the family in August.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the SC Alzheimer's Association, 4124 Clemson Boulevard, Suite L, Anderson, SC, 29621, or St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 103 Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC, 29550.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Baxley Residence
812 Prestwood Drive
Hartsville, SC 29550

Service

APR 24. 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - April 22, 2016 at 04:11 PM

CM

Beautiful tribute to our loving sister-in-law, Margaret Bryant Coker.

Carolyn Coker Moore - April 22, 2016 at 10:30 PM

CS

“ *Cassandra Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Cassandra Smith - July 17, 2016 at 12:16 PM

DD

“ *Debi Drinkwater lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Debi Drinkwater - April 27, 2016 at 03:54 PM

SH

“ Coker Family

I'm blessed to have known your precious mother. She was an inspiration to many in the Hartsville community. When she spoke about alzheimer's everyone saw her strength and passion for the care givers and victims of this horrible disease. She answered many questions and gave me valuable information which I still treasure.

God bless you all

Sharon Shirley Howle

sharon howle - April 27, 2016 at 01:28 PM

DT

“ Kathy and Dick,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. What a sweet and special lady!

Our prayers are with you and your family.

Love,

Scott and Debbie Timms



Debbie Timms - April 25, 2016 at 11:01 AM

MS

“ Myrtle Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Myrtle Stokes - April 24, 2016 at 10:25 PM

MD

“ I graduated Hartsville High School with Dan and Margaret in 1956. I got to know Margaret when we began eighth grade. Many years after our high school days we had our first reunion in 1976. Margaret and Dan were both there and such a beautiful couple. The last mini reunion I saw Margaret was at one of the quarterly luncheons at Mr. Bs a few months prior to her falling ill. We talked about her involvement and dedication to working with the S.C. Alzheimers Assoc. She still had that signature smile. I will always have fond memories of Margaret. Thank you for sharing her life through the photos. May God's grace and comfort be with all the family and dear friends. Precious memories.

Marlene (Collins) Dalrymple
Roanoke, Virginia

Marlene Dalrymple - April 24, 2016 at 03:30 PM

PJ

“ Pat James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Pat James - April 24, 2016 at 03:28 PM

GY

“ Gail Mathis Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Gail Mathis Young - April 24, 2016 at 02:48 PM

FA

“ As I was growing up and living in Fairmont, N.C., we did not get to Hartsville as much as we could have except for the gas rationing situation. However, when we did, it was a very big treat for me and my brother because the Coker cousins entertained us in such a fun way!! Sometime during that tme, I met Danny's good friend(and probably girl friend, but we did not realize it at that time), Margaret , whom I learned to know and like very much. While I was in school at Coker, I became even better acquainted with her and learned to love her. In later life when Ray and I lived at Myrtle Beach and she and Danny would come to the beach for a visit, we would meet them often for a meal and enjoy their company very much! And now, our sympathy and prayers are with Kathy, Danny, Dick and David at this time.

-Faith and Ray Allen

Faith and Ray Allen - April 24, 2016 at 02:26 PM

JF

“ My prayers are with the family at this time. Mrs. Coker was such a wonderful lady and great Alzheimer's advocate these past few years. She helped so many people who were dealing with this horrible disease.I know you'll miss her and no words can fill that "Mom" hole that is now left in your hearts. God's peace and comfort to you all.

--Julie Morris Fails

Julie Fails - April 24, 2016 at 11:53 AM

CL

“ Connie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Connie Lewis - April 24, 2016 at 11:39 AM

LM

“ *Linda Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Linda Morris - April 24, 2016 at 08:17 AM

PS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all. She was a fine example of a "Southern Lady".*


Pam and Jerry Sansbury

Pam Sansbury - April 24, 2016 at 08:03 AM

LE

“ *Kathy, Danny, Dick and David ... Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate your Mom's life. Your Mom, along with your Dad, hold a special place in our hearts.*
Larry & Jen Easterling & family

Larry & Jen Easterling - April 24, 2016 at 06:45 AM

 Linda
Warren
Coates

“ *Prayers sent. She was a beautiful Lady inside and outside..*

Linda Warren Coates - April 23, 2016 at 05:26 PM

DG

“ Don Gaskins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Don Gaskins - April 23, 2016 at 05:14 PM

JC

“ John Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



John Crawford - April 23, 2016 at 10:45 AM

LT

“ Lynn Odom Tiller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Lynn Odom Tiller - April 23, 2016 at 10:02 AM

LT

Thoughts and prayers for the entire family during this sad time!

Lynn Odom Tiller - April 23, 2016 at 10:03 AM

CS

What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time. Much love. Richard and Carol Smith

carol smith - April 23, 2016 at 01:54 PM

GG

“ Prayers for the Family. Such a lady!



Gene & Teresa Gibson - April 23, 2016 at 09:33 AM

RS

“ Share a memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker or send condolences to the family.



Rae Lee and David Sessoms - April 23, 2016 at 09:12 AM

MC

“ Matt Cssidly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Matt Cssidly - April 23, 2016 at 07:48 AM

MH

“ Maxine Howle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Maxine Howle - April 23, 2016 at 02:13 AM

BW

“ *Bess Moore Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Bess Moore Watkins - April 22, 2016 at 07:35 PM

MH

“ *Martha And Melvin Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Martha and Melvin Hall - April 22, 2016 at 06:08 PM

VJ

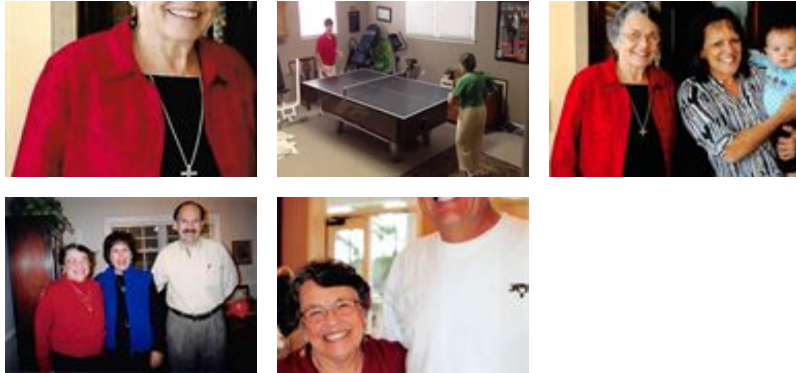
“ *Von Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Von Johnson - April 22, 2016 at 06:04 PM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - April 22, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *J. JaNet Bishop lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



J. JaNet Bishop - April 22, 2016 at 03:19 PM



“ *Heather Lewis Walters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Heather Lewis Walters - April 22, 2016 at 03:19 PM

DH

“ *David & Wanda Hodge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



David & Wanda Hodge - April 22, 2016 at 03:15 PM

CG

“ *Curt & Cindy Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Curt & Cindy Griggs - April 22, 2016 at 02:38 PM

JB

“*Hugh, Kathy, Dan, Dick, and David and families: I am saddened over the loss of a good friend and wonderful, classy lady. She was a great business woman, mother, grandmother, church worker, and friend to everyone. Years ago I visited her a few times to interview her about the Reaves Coker - Spot Mozingo campaign for the senate while doing the story for The Messenger. She was eager to talk to me about it and gave me a lot of information. Families: you made a serious omission in the obit and hope you will edit it to add this information: Margaret, a beautiful, petite beauty, was the youngest Miss Hartsville ever at age 15 and then went on that Fall, Labor Day weekend to win Miss Southern 500. Years ago, on the 50th anniversary of those events, I did an article for the Hartsville Messenger with two pictures of her about her winning the beauty pageants. Margaret's nephew was Jimmy Coker in Greenville, son of J. Reaves Coker, a fine Christian man who served with distinction in the state legislature. Then he ran against J.P. "Spot" Mozingo for the S.C. Senate from Darlington County. I think the year was 1954. She told me to contact Jimmy and get more information about the campaign, which at that time, was the hottest ever in Darlington County. Margaret had very sharp memories and passionate feelings about that campaign. I remember the first time I met her. I was in the 8th grade and she and Dan were Juniors. They came up to me in the school yard and asked me for my vote for her for student body president. She won the office easily and did a great job. Dan was the great love of her life and they were a great couple until his tragic death from Alzheimer's. Now she is with him. I love this picture of her with this obit. She will be missed by so many people. I was already missing seeing her in Ruth's Drive In. RIP, Margaret, shine your light in heaven. I love you and the whole family so much. You truly lived a great and blessed life!*

Jimmy Ballard - April 22, 2016 at 02:12 PM

JB

I just saw the tribute video; it brought tears to my eyes. This former Miss Hartsville and Miss Southern 500 was beautiful until the day she died, a real head-turner. I want to add that when she and Dan came to me to ask me to vote for her for student body president at HHS, I told her I would because she was the only one to ask me. Her opponent was Bill Blakeney. She did a great job as president. I am so glad that I knew this angelic lady. She and Dan were the perfect couple.

Jimmy Ballard - April 22, 2016 at 05:48 PM



“ *Judy Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Judy Lane - April 22, 2016 at 12:21 PM

RP

“ *Rayford & Carolyn Pait lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Rayford & Carolyn Pait - April 22, 2016 at 12:12 PM

RW

“ *She was such a dear, dear friend. I am glad that she has gone to be with her Lord. I am praying for her family. Rebecca Wadsworth Walker, Durham, NC*

Rebecca Walker - April 22, 2016 at 11:24 AM

CI

“ *David, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers, love, and hugs.*

Cindy Isgett - April 22, 2016 at 11:13 AM

ED

“ *May all of you know that our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Evelyn and Charles

Evelyn Dampier - April 22, 2016 at 10:01 AM



DP

“ *Don/Peggy Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*

Don/Peggy Purvis - April 22, 2016 at 09:39 AM



CG

“ *Prayers for the family.*

Connee Grantham - April 22, 2016 at 09:38 AM



AS

“ *Ann Soforic lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Ann Soforic - April 22, 2016 at 09:19 AM

AS

This was one of the sweetest ladies with the most sincere smiles I have ever known. She was always so nice. My prayers for peace and comfort for your family in your time of loss

Ann Soforic - April 22, 2016 at 09:23 AM

DS

“ *Our prayers for comfort and peace for all the family on the loss of your dear Mother, Margaret Bryan Coker. We have fond memories of our times together as young families in the same neighborhood.*



Dick and Faye Stinson - April 22, 2016 at 09:11 AM

JC

“ *Jim, Jeri, John, Kelly Cox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Jim, Jeri, John, Kelly Cox - April 22, 2016 at 08:36 AM

LS

“ *Letty Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Letty smith - April 22, 2016 at 08:33 AM

HS

“ *Helen Sherrill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Helen Sherrill - April 22, 2016 at 08:26 AM

CS

“ *Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Charles and Lavonde Smith - April 22, 2016 at 08:20 AM

JM

“ *Johnny And Denise McLain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Johnny and Denise McLain - April 22, 2016 at 07:11 AM

CB

“ Thoughts, prayers and sympathy to family and friends!
Connie and Craig Braddock



Connie/Craig Braddock - April 22, 2016 at 03:36 AM

KG

“ Kent And Linda Watson Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Kent and Linda Watson Gainey - April 21, 2016 at 11:49 PM

GC

“ Gail W Cassidy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Gail W Cassidy - April 21, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ Crystal Minnehan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Crystal Minnehan - April 21, 2016 at 09:26 PM

GO

“ Kathy, and family I am sorry for the loss of your loved one, I remember mrs Margaret's smiling face everytime Ive been to the cleaners there. she will surely be missed by all who loved her.

Grady O'Neal - April 21, 2016 at 08:59 PM

BM

“ Bryan & Stacy Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Bryan & Stacy Martin - April 21, 2016 at 08:47 PM

BM

“ Bryan And Stacy Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Bryan and Stacy Martin - April 21, 2016 at 08:43 PM

SH

“ Sandra & Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Sandra & Larry Huggins - April 21, 2016 at 08:22 PM

JM

“ John & Susan Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



John & Susan Martin - April 21, 2016 at 08:09 PM

DS

“ Danny And Phoebe Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - April 21, 2016 at 08:01 PM

MB

“ Mia Butler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Mia Butler - April 21, 2016 at 06:55 PM

SP

“ Sara Purvis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Sara Purvis - April 21, 2016 at 06:11 PM

CF

“ *Chanda Fenters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



chanda fenters - April 21, 2016 at 05:29 PM

BM

“ *Becky And Bob McWatty lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Becky and Bob McWatty - April 21, 2016 at 05:03 PM

DB

“ *Sallie and I will always treasure the time we spent as next-door neighbors to Dan and Margaret. In a lot of ways, Margaret was like a 2nd mom to both of us. You could not ask for a more kind and considerate friend. We had lost one of our fur-babies and Margaret let us share Pride and Freddie for many years. Kathy, Danny, Dick, and David, our hearts break with yours. Your mom was a special lady who is in Heaven today and no longer in pain. You are all in our prayers.*

Dwain Bailey - April 21, 2016 at 04:26 PM

KB

Thank you so much for the love in your message. God bless you!

Kathy Baxley - April 22, 2016 at 06:52 AM

DB

“ Margaret was such a dear, sweet person. A friend and prayer partner for many years. She was always smiling and encouraging. I will miss her.

Donna B.



Donna Barrett - April 21, 2016 at 04:13 PM

MD

“ Marie DeAngelo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Marie DeAngelo - April 21, 2016 at 03:12 PM

JM

“ Jean Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Jean Mixon - April 21, 2016 at 03:03 PM

JB

“ Jeff & Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker



Jeff & Carol Bryant - April 21, 2016 at 01:46 PM

DT

“ *Debbie & Greg Talbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Debbie & Greg Talbert - April 21, 2016 at 01:31 PM

TB

“ *Tonda Bunch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Tonda Bunch - April 21, 2016 at 01:05 PM

JG

“ *Jewel Walters Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Jewel Walters Gibson - April 21, 2016 at 01:00 PM

MM

“ *Mike And Toni Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Mike and Toni Martin - April 21, 2016 at 12:51 PM

TR

“ *Tru lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Tru - April 21, 2016 at 12:18 PM

EB

“ *Eric Jo Lynn Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Bryan Coker*



Eric Jo Lynn Bradshaw - April 21, 2016 at 11:46 AM

EB

Dick, David Kathy and Dan, We are to hear of your loss. Your family will be in our prayers. May God Bless each one of you. Love and Prayers, Eric, Jo Lynn Bradshaw

Eric Jo Lynn Bradshaw - April 21, 2016 at 11:47 AM

AW

“ *Dear David, Dick, Kathy and Dan, What a beautiful lady your sweet Mother was to her family and to all who knew her. She and your dad were such a huge part of my life with SO MANY special memories. Now she is at peace with your dad. Love to all of you.*

Anna

anna williams - April 21, 2016 at 11:12 AM