



## Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony

November 30, 1942 - October 14, 2025

Mary "Penny" Gay Anthony, widow of Timothy H. Anthony, beloved wife, mother, grandmother "Mimi" and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at the age of 82.

Penny was born on November 30, 1942, in Newport News, VA. She is the daughter of the late Richard Treadwell "Dick" Gay and the late Mary Dunn Gay. She attended Warwick High School in VA. She later attended Saint Andrew's College in Laurinburg, NC, where she met the love of her life, Timothy Hopkins Anthony. The two were married on June 13, 1964, in Newport News, VA, and later moved to Hartsville, SC, where they made their home and raised their family.

Penny and Tim were blessed with five children, and Penny devoted herself wholeheartedly to raising them. Her love, selflessness, morals, values, guidance, and unwavering faith were the foundation of her family's life.

She was a member of Saint Bartholomew's Anglican Church. Her faith and generosity touched everyone who knew her.

Penny also enjoyed playing bridge and often hosted bridge parties at her home, where laughter and friendship filled the air.

Together with her husband, she helped open the Hartsville Lighting Company, a venture that reflected their shared interest, while Tim continued to run The Hartsville Building Supply.

After her children were grown, Penny began a new chapter working for the City of Hartsville at the Hartsville Museum, as the Community Development Coordinator, where she enjoyed sharing her love of local history and fostering community connections. She was also a member of the Hartsville Toastmasters International.

Penny had a wonderfully creative and crafty spirit. She loved sharing that spirit with everyone. She loved making jewelry, teaching others how to knit, and creating a treasured family cookbook filled with recipes for everyone to enjoy and continue the Anthony traditions. Her creativity and thoughtfulness brought joy and warmth to all who knew her.

Penny will be remembered for her gentle kindness, devotion to God, and how she shared so freely her deep love for her family and friends.

Predeceased by her son, Cpl. Todd H. Anthony and her beloved husband of 59 years, Timothy H. Anthony. Left to cherish her memory are her four children: Lawrence K. Anthony, III (Sissy) of Salisbury, NC, Richard G. Anthony (Gina) of Kannapolis, NC, Benjamin H. Anthony, Sr. of Hartsville, SC, and Mary Pendleton Joyce (Joel) of Winston Salem, NC; brother, Rick T. Gay (Jane-Mary) of Hanahan, SC; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren and a great grand-dog Winston.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the devoted caregivers whose exceptional care and kindness brought comfort and peace.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday, October 18, 2025, in

The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home, with The Rev. Fr. William D. "Bill" Oldland officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. A private family burial will be held at Magnolia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to St. Bartholomew's ACNA, 107 N. 8th Street, Hartsville, SC 29550.

The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

OCT 18. 2:00 PM (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. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - October 17, 2025 at 11:38 AM

CG

*Penny was a very pleasant friend. I enjoyed visiting with her at the museum!*

**Cyndie Gerles** - October 18, 2025 at 12:56 AM

FC

*Mary Penn, my heart hurts for you, but God will give you peace and comfort if you look to him. Prayers to you and your family.*

**faye d callahan** - October 18, 2025 at 11:01 AM

JH

“ *Ms Penny was such a sweet lady! My deepest sympathies to her family* ❤️



**Jimmy Howell** - October 20, 2025 at 07:49 AM

JD

“*Mary Penn, Penny was a beautiful, kind friend. We are sending prayers for comfort and peace for you and your family. May God bless you all.*”

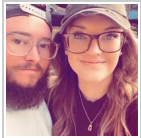
Judy and John Davis - October 18, 2025 at 06:14 PM

FB

“*Fred And Brenda Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*”



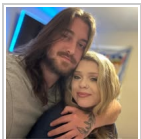
Fred and Brenda Beasley - October 18, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“*Joshua Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*”



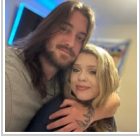
Joshua Davis - October 18, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“*Austin Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*”



Austin Davis - October 18, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ *May you rest in peace! Sending prayers for the family and friends!* ☐

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**Austin Davis** - October 18, 2025 at 11:55 AM

TS

“ *So saddened by the loss of a beautiful friend and neighbor. All my love to the Anthony Family. I hate I cannot be there to pay my respect in person. May God grant each of you peace and understanding that surpasses understanding. Much love, Rebecca Skinner (Terry)*

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**Tebecca Skinner** - October 18, 2025 at 02:24 AM

RW

“ *Mary Penn:*

*I loved your mom, dad, aunt, and love your brothers.*

*Amy and I send love to all of you, as does the full congregation of the church I pastor, Elim Methodist Church of Lamar.*

*I offer this prayer:*

*Dear God,*

*We come before You in prayer today on behalf of our grieving friends. Lord, bring them hope in this time of sorrow and anguish. Help them to cope with their grief and provide them with strength to pull through during difficult times. Provide a sense of security that comes from knowing that nothing happens outside of Your loving control. Help those grieving to heal from the wounds created by sorrowful losses. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

*Respectfully,*

*The Reverend Andy Williams  
Pastor, Elim Methodist Church  
The Oates Community  
Lamar, SC USA*

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**Rev. Andy Williams** - October 17, 2025 at 10:20 PM

DA

“ *Sad to hear this news, we've been family friends for decades now thanks to church, school, etc. Love and prayers from the Malone family in North Carolina - daniel*

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**daniel** - October 17, 2025 at 09:46 PM

CB

“ Tom & I are so very sorry for your loss. We also were members of St Bartholomews in the 80's, so we knew Tim, Penny, & all of you children. You have our sympathy, as well as our prayers. Bless all of you. Love, Cecelia

Cecelia Brown - October 17, 2025 at 08:50 PM

JB

“ Mary Pen and family. So sorry to see of the passing of your mom. May God give you strength and comfort in the days and months ahead. Love in Christ.

Janelle Britt - October 17, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - October 17, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony



Crystal Minnehan - October 17, 2025 at 05:54 AM

MN

“ Mike&Brenda Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony



Mike&Brenda Northcutt - October 17, 2025 at 01:26 AM

JB

“ Mary Pen and family. So sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. Always enjoyed talking with her when I would see her. May God give you strength in the days and months ahead. Love in Christ

Janelle Britt - October 16, 2025 at 10:00 PM

KF

“ Ms. Penny was such a beautiful, kind, loving, humble, intelligent woman.... Always willing to help . My thoughts , hugs , prayers and condolences go out to her amazing family. I pray God wraps his loving arms around each of you and give you the comfort you each will need in the days, weeks and months ahead. 🙏🙏🙏

Kathy Freeman - October 16, 2025 at 04:10 PM

JS

“ Jerry Sumner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony



Jerry Sumner - October 16, 2025 at 01:21 PM

PC

“ *Pressly Coker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



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**Pressly Coker** - October 16, 2025 at 10:50 AM

TM

“ *Tom Meares lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



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**Tom Meares** - October 16, 2025 at 10:31 AM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



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**Deborah Gandy** - October 16, 2025 at 09:52 AM

GG

“ *Gene And Teresa Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



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**Gene and Teresa Gibson** - October 16, 2025 at 09:45 AM

LS

“ *Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



**Lavonde Smith** - October 16, 2025 at 09:41 AM

PS

“ *Pam P Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



**Pam P Sansbury** - October 16, 2025 at 09:03 AM

RW

“ *Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



**Ron Wall** - October 16, 2025 at 08:36 AM

RM

“ *May she rest in peace. My sincere condolences to the family.*

*Rachel Adams Doyle Medlin*



**Rachel Medlin** - October 16, 2025 at 08:36 AM

CG

“ *Connee Gamble Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



Connee Gamble Grantham - October 16, 2025 at 08:13 AM

GG

“ *Genevieve Garrity lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



Genevieve Garrity - October 16, 2025 at 08:12 AM

BD

“ *My sincere condolences to the Anthony family. May God's peace be with you all 🙏*



Bill Dalrymple - October 16, 2025 at 06:54 AM

SB

“ *Suzanne Skinner Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony*



Suzanne Skinner Beasley - October 15, 2025 at 11:30 PM

BM

“ So sorry to get this news. Penny and Tim were bridge friends going back to the early 70's. Our prayers to the family.  
*Becky McWatty*

Becky Bob McWatty - October 15, 2025 at 08:04 PM

LG

“ Our prayers are with the family.



Laurie & Jeff Galloway - October 15, 2025 at 07:38 PM

MM

“ Mary Hart Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony



Mary Hart Morrison - October 15, 2025 at 07:08 PM

MS

“ Mike And Pat Sparrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony



Mike and Pat Sparrow - October 15, 2025 at 06:28 PM

HC

“ Heather Cope lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony



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Heather cope - October 15, 2025 at 05:56 PM

LO

“ Lorie A Oneal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Gay "Penny" Anthony



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Lorie A Oneal - October 15, 2025 at 05:36 PM

DP

“ Next to my Mom..Mrs.Penny was one of the best people I've ever met..She was genuinely a kind and loving and soft spoken Woman ..I will forever cherish the times I've spent with her and Mr.Timothy and getting the chance to be apart of her family if only for a short period of time..It feels like a lifetime to me  
I will forever cherish the memories and times spent with her ..  
My heart aches right now.. but I'm sending my love and prayers to the entire Anthony Family

*Deborah Willis Perry (caregiver and friend)*

*Rest well Mrs.Penny hug Mr.Tim for me*

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Deborah Willis Perry - October 15, 2025 at 05:35 PM