



Mary Montgomery

December 17, 1913 - January 5, 2006

Mary Wells Montgomery, age 92, passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2006, at the Presbyterian Home in Florence, SC, after a long illness. Mary was born in Sumter, SC, the first of seven children born to the late Annette Taylor Wells and Winburn Lawton Wells. She earned a triple major in English, Biology and Math with honors from Winthrop College in 1935. She taught school for 30+ years, English and math in junior high, the 4th grade, 7th grade and even kindergarten. She excelled as a teacher and thrived on the interaction with her students. She was the consummate teacher...both in and out of the classroom. She taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at the First Presbyterian Church, was Regent of the Major Robert Lide Chapter of DAR, was a founding member of Pine and Lake Garden Club, and served on many committees in the community. She lived a life of service, graciousness, excellence and strength.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Henry DuBose Montgomery, and by two sisters, Evelyn Wells Hughey and Nettie Wells Shelley. Mary is survived by her daughter Jeannette Alexander and husband John of Hartsville, SC, and by her son Henry DuBose Montgomery, Jr. and wife Nancy of Los Altos Hills, CA. She is also survived by her four grandchildren: J. Robert Alexander, Jr., MD. and wife Tracie of Mt. Pleasant, SC; Mimi Alexander of Charlotte, NC; and Tracy and Courtney Montgomery of Los Altos Hills, CA. She is survived by two great-grandsons, Robert Cole and

Aidan Wells Alexander of Mt. Pleasant, SC.

In addition, Mary is survived by five of her siblings: Edith Wells Watson of Orlando, FL; Louise Wells Wilbur of Jasper, GA; Lawton Wells of Elgin, SC; and Edna Wells Boyd of Albuquerque, NM.

The funeral service in celebration of Mary's life is Sunday, January 8, at 2 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville, SC. with visitation immediately following at the church's Memorial Fellowship Hall. There will be a private family burial on Monday morning at Hebron Church Cemetery near Sumter. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville, to the Presbyterian Home of Florence, to Kalmia Gardens of Hartsville, or to Hospice of the Pee Dee in Mary's name.