



Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson

February 8, 1936 - January 8, 2022

Mary Oliver Nicholson, 85, passed away in Greenwood, SC, surrounded by her family as she slipped into the arms of Jesus on January 8, 2022. A funeral service celebrating her life will be held at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at St. Luke United Methodist Church, 302 Dunlap Drive, Hartsville, SC, with burial to follow in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall one hour prior to the service. The Reverend Charles Phillips will officiate the service and The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

Mary was born in Winter Haven, Florida on February 8, 1936, the only daughter of the late John Chandler Oliver and Ella Elizabeth Walden. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved her family. She had one adopted child, Danny, and two grandchildren, Taylor and Bryson whom she loved dearly. After graduating from Hartsville High School, she married William D. "Billy" Nicholson in 1956 and joined him in serving in the US Army in Washington, DC.

After returning to Hartsville in the early 1960s, she worked as a receptionist at Sonoco Products Company while completing her Degree in Education at Coker College. She later completed her Masters's Degree in Education from Francis Marion University. She influenced hundreds of students while teaching elementary school at West Hartsville, Washington Street, and Thornwell for

over 30 years. She considered St. Luke United Methodist Church her home church and attended for many, many years. Later, she visited Hartsville Advent Church because it was closer to her home on Richardson Circle.

She blessed many people with her love for handwritten letters. Words mattered to Mary. Often, it was stated that Billy and Mary owned stock in Hallmark Cards!! For many, many years, Mary and Billy delivered these handwritten cards to the mailboxes of family and friends. Mary considered these messages of encouragement a ministry to others. She also enjoyed reading and visiting the family beach house (DeDe's Beach Place) with Danny, Debra, Taylor, Bryson, and the dogs, Maggie, Summer, and Marley.

She is survived by her loving son, William D. "Danny" Nicholson, II, his wife Debra, and their children, Taylor and Sally Nicholson of Columbia, SC, and Bryson Nicholson of Old Fort, NC.

The family extends special thanks to friends who encouraged and attended to her needs, including the Connie Maxwell family, Bayberry Retirement Inn, and Hospice of the Piedmont.

In lieu of flowers, gifts of remembrance may be made to: Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries, 810 Maxwell Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke Methodist Church
302 Dunlap Dr.
Hartsville, SC

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke Methodist Church
302 Dunlap Dr.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

YP

“ Mrs. Nicholson was my second grade teacher at Thornwell. She was the one that told my mother that some day I would be a leader! I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. She will be missed

Yalonda Pendergrass - May 19, 2022 at 12:37 PM

KC

“ Danny & Family: I am so sorry for your loss! Mrs. Nicholson is my English tutor from long ago when I was a student in Carolina Elementary School. She was a very sweet lady. We have been exchanging cards during Christmas, Birthdays and Valentine's Day.
-- Kin Chung

Kin Chung - January 30, 2022 at 10:15 PM

LC

“ Linda Carroway-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson



Linda Carroway-Jones - January 18, 2022 at 09:04 PM

BH

“ Danny, I wish I had known this dear sweet lady. Had I been given the privilege to meet her, I would have "hugged her neck" and shook her hand, telling her if she had done none of the countless gracious and thoughtful things she did all her life, taking you home, raising you in a Christian home, and then giving you to the world, her entire life would still have been gift to all of us, as it most certainly is. My heart is with you and your family during this sad time.

I don't care how old we get, when our parents are gone, we feel like orphans. God love you, sweetheart.

Bettie Rose Horne - January 14, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Danny! Your mom was a sweet woman I remember going to your house alot as a child on the circle and her talking to me. Sending prayers.



Kim Lewis - January 12, 2022 at 06:44 AM

TM

“ Danny and Debra, so very sorry on the loss of Ms. Mary, I loved that woman, she was such and inspiration to so many. I have wonderful memories of her and your dad from the Circle. We were so blessed to have such wonderful and kind parents. Heaven gained a sweet angel and she is celebrating with your dad. I love all of you, many hugs and prayers. Tamara Morris

Tamara e Morris - January 11, 2022 at 09:36 AM

LL

“ *Danny and family*
We are so sorry to read about the loss of your sweet mother
We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers now and the days to come . Sending love, hugs and prayers your way
Lawrence and Cindy Lowe



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - January 10, 2022 at 08:56 PM

AL

“ *Danny, Debra, Taylor, and Bryson*
I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was always such a caring person and special lady. Please know that my prayers are with all of you at this time
Angela Lane

Angela Lane - January 10, 2022 at 12:14 PM

DB

“ *David B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson.*



David B. - January 10, 2022 at 08:35 AM

JH

“ Jean N Howard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson



Jean N Howard - January 10, 2022 at 08:07 AM

AS

“ Danny and loved ones, We are so very sorry for your loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Al & Melinda Sansbury - January 09, 2022 at 08:01 PM

GO

“ Danny I am sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you face the days ahead. Always reflect back on the memories you cherished together they will last a lifetime.



Grady Leon ONeal - January 09, 2022 at 08:00 PM

CG

“ Dear Danny & family, my thoughts & prayers are with you during this time. There are many fond memories of teaching with your mom at Thornwell. May your memories give you peace. Cheryl Gibson

Cheryl Gibson - January 09, 2022 at 06:02 PM

CM

“ *Danny sorry to hear about your mom such a beautiful person to know. Praying for all the family.*

charles mclendon - January 09, 2022 at 04:04 PM


EC

“ *Dear Danny and family,
We are so sorry to hear about Mary. For so many year's she sent us cards, even after we moved to Indiana ten year's ago. Christmas cards, birthday cards, valentine cards, get well cards and thank you cards for sending her a card. We always referred to these cards as her card ministry. Her ministry was one of love and caring for others. We have missed being in contact with her recently. She was so kind, thoughtful and humble. May God be with you and your family as you grieve for Mary.*

*Ron & Vangie Cannon
New Albany, IN*

Evangeline Cannon - January 09, 2022 at 01:36 PM

BG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort for all of you.*


Bess and Don Gore - January 09, 2022 at 01:09 PM

JB

“ *Danny,Debra,Taylor and Bryson my heart is broken for your loss of Mary. I can't express to you how much she meant to me and my mom. Always thinking of others making sure they were made to feel special. My prayers are with your family.RIP sweet Mary we will miss your earthly presence,but knowing you are an Angel watching over us is comforting 🙏*



Jill Beckham - January 09, 2022 at 09:27 AM

AC

“ *Ann Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson*



Ann Crowley - January 08, 2022 at 09:20 PM

JG

“ *Jimmy And Judy Gainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson*



Jimmy and Judy Gainey - January 08, 2022 at 09:15 PM

VM

“ Danny, you and your family are in my prayers.
Heaven has gained a very special angel!



Vicki McCluskey - January 08, 2022 at 08:52 PM

FL

“ Danny and family,
So sorry to hear about your mom. We'll be praying for your family.
Fran Bailey Langley & Shan Bailey Brown

Fran Langley - January 08, 2022 at 07:55 PM

PJ

“ Pat James lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Mary Oliver Nicholson



Pat James - January 08, 2022 at 07:09 PM

JH

“ JANICE THOMAS HUGHEY lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson



JANICE THOMAS HUGHEY - January 08, 2022 at 07:03 PM

LG

“ *Lyndal Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson*



Lyndal Gibson - January 08, 2022 at 06:57 PM

AW

“ *Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson*



Anna Williams - January 08, 2022 at 06:50 PM

LP

“ *Linda & Bill Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson*



Linda & Bill Price - January 08, 2022 at 06:18 PM

BM

“ *I remember Mary from our days at Sonoco. I was thinking about her the other day. She was a very sweet person and friend. My prayers for all her family. May you feel God's love and peace during this time of loss.*



Billie McManus - January 08, 2022 at 06:03 PM

CH

“ *Christel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson*



Christel - January 08, 2022 at 05:41 PM

BH

“ *Praying for you and your family. Your mother was so sweet, and I will never forget her birthday cards without fail for many years*

Bonnie Hamilton - January 08, 2022 at 05:00 PM

TM

“ *Danny,
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Trisha and Deke Montgomery*



Trisha Montgomery - January 08, 2022 at 04:22 PM

RA

“ *We are praying for all of you. Mary was a sweet lady.
Robin and George Atkins*

Robin Atkins - January 08, 2022 at 04:02 PM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson*



carol elmore bryant - January 08, 2022 at 03:37 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Oliver Nicholson*



Rebecca Skinner - January 08, 2022 at 03:18 PM

LD

“ *Praying for you all in the loss of your mother. She was a very special lady.* 🙏



Lynn DeWitt - January 08, 2022 at 02:43 PM