



## Mrs. Mary Francis Ellison Suggs

May 30, 1919 - January 15, 2012

Mary Francis Ellison Suggs died peacefully in Florence, SC on January 15, 2012. She was born May 30, 1919 in Ninety-Six, SC to the late Edward Pruitt Ellison and Cora Rush Ellison. Mrs. Suggs was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, John Thomas Suggs; sister, Ruby Ellison Teal; and brothers, James Ellison and Edward Ellison. After her marriage in 1942, Mrs. Suggs moved to the Oates community in Darlington County where she helped the family with the farm and was the unofficial "team mom" for many of the Lamar High School athletic teams. She worked at Lamar Schools for 12 years in the capacity of a teacher's assistant for kindergarten and elementary and later as Supervisor for Cafeteria Food Services. Mrs. Suggs had an unmatched zest for life, loved people and never met a stranger. In addition to her family and many friends, her greatest loves were her "other sons and daughters", her beloved Carolina Gamecocks, playing bridge and Wesley Chapel UMC. Some of her most cherished accomplishments were playing on the 1936 Ninety-Six Girls Class B State Championship Basketball team and being chosen Mother of the Year by Wesley Chapel Sunday School. Mrs. Suggs was a long standing member of Wesley Chapel UMC where she taught Sunday school and worked on numerous committees and projects. Mrs. Suggs is survived by her sons, John William Suggs and wife, Angela of Lake Norman, NC, and Thomas Ellison Suggs and wife, Jane, of Columbia, SC; grandsons, Jason Suggs (Katie), Joel Suggs, Brandon Suggs, all of Lake Norman, NC, Dan Blackmon, Columbia, SC; and granddaughter, Betsy

Blackmon, Atlanta, GA; as well as many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the staff, nurses, assistants, and friends of The Methodist Manor for their loving care. Services will be held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, January 17th, 2012 at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Lydia, SC. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. Memorials may be made to Wesley Chapel UMC, Box 56, Lydia, SC 29079.

# Cemetery Details

## Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Lydia Cemetery

3061 Wesley Chapel Road  
Lamar, SC 29069

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Lydia  
3061 Wesley Chapel Road  
Lamar, SC 29069

## Visitation

JAN 17.

The family will receive friends following the service.

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Robert And Renee' Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Francis Ellison Suggs*



**Robert and Renee' Taylor** - January 19, 2012 at 02:29 PM

JB

“ *Jeanette Sansbury Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Francis Ellison Suggs*



**Jeanette Sansbury Blackmon** - January 18, 2012 at 11:16 AM

DS

“ *Danny And Phoebe Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Francis Ellison Suggs*



**Danny and Phoebe Stokes** - January 17, 2012 at 08:09 AM

PS

*So sorry for your loss, your Mother was a wonderful person whom was adored by all. Sorry will be unable to attend the service today but will be there in spirt.Love to all...Danny and Phoebe Stokes*

**Phoebe Jordan Stokes** - January 17, 2012 at 08:13 AM

LK

“ *Suggs Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember when she taught  
Sunday School at Wesley Chapel. She was a lovely lady. She had a  
zest for life and you could tell she loved all children. I will be praying  
that God will wrap his arms around you during this difficult time. I  
am sure the angels in heaven are rejoicing for another saint has  
returned home. Please know all of you will be in my prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Linda Stewart Knorr { I am Cotton Stewart's daughter}*

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**Linda Stewart Knorr** - January 16, 2012 at 12:47 AM

PJ

“ *Pat & Robert James lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Mary Francis Ellison Suggs*



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**Pat & Robert James** - January 15, 2012 at 09:24 PM



“ *Mary was always an inspiration to me. She loved everyone she met  
and everyone loved Mary. She had more friends of anyone I have  
ever known. She will be missed dearly but I know she is in heaven  
with Mr. Johnny smiling, happy and at peace.*

*Violet Newsome Bragdon*

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**violet bragdon** - January 15, 2012 at 06:46 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Curtis-Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Francis Ellison Suggs*



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**Jennifer Curtis-Chapman** - January 15, 2012 at 05:28 PM

TA

*Tommy, sorry we cannot make it to the funeral. We will be thinking about you and your family.*

*Terry and Kit*

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**Terry Adkins** - January 17, 2012 at 06:45 AM