



## Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Toomey

July 20, 1916 - February 26, 2008

Mary Elizabeth "Polly" DeWitt Toomey, 91, died Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at home after a short illness. She was born and educated in Darlington County. She was the daughter of William Lee and Elizabeth Ann Gravely DeWitt. Polly, as she was lovingly called by family and friends, was nicknamed by her father when the book Pollyanna Grows Up was first published. She was preceded in death by one brother, William G. DeWitt; sisters, Nannie DeWitt Anderson and Eleanor DeWitt Collins Turner. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Frances Toomey Black and William H. "Winky" Black, Jr; granddaughter and spouse, Mary Elizabeth and Christian Sherbert; grandson and spouse, Will and Joye Black. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren; three very special nieces, Nancy C. Keese, Elizabeth A. Woods and Joan A Zakour. Frances Soon was her special care giver and friend. Polly was the widow of Francis V. Toomey, who lost his life in the service of his country in 1950. She was a charter member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Florence, SC. She was very active in the church and served as Superintendent of the Childrens' and Youth Divisions for many years. She was a long time resident of Florence, SC and was the accountant for Cornell-Street and Patterson for 33 years before her retirement. After retirement, she traveled extensively and then moved to Hartsville to live with her family until the time of her death. At the time of her death, she was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, St. Luke United Methodist Church Building

Fund or the charity of your choice.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at the residence, 300 Loring Dr. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 28, 2008 at Mount Hope Cemetery, Florence, SC. The Rev. Tony Medlin will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Frances and family;  
We are sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers or with the family and we know that God will guide you in the days ahead.  
Love In Christ  
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“ *Mary Frances and Family,  
MRs. Polly was the sweetest lady in the wide world. Her smile and happiness was a ministry in and of itself. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
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