



## Mary Griggs Byrd

April 29, 1912 - March 21, 2010

Funeral services for Mary Griggs Byrd, 97, will be held at 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. The Rev. Patricia G. Warden will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family. The family will receive friends Monday, March 22, 2010 from 5-7 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Bethlehem United Methodist Church Educational Building Fund, or the charity of one's choice.

Mrs. Byrd, widow of Marion L. Byrd, died Sunday, March 21, 2010. Born in Darlington Co., SC, she was a daughter of the late Charlie C. and Sara Wilkes Griggs. She was a 1929 graduate of Antioch High School. She was the oldest member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church and was a member of the Bethlehem Stars, Saints Alive, Antioch Super Seniors, and the New Providence Seniors. She was employed with Hartsville Manufacturing for over 20 years.

Surviving are her daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Lou Derrick of Darlington, SC, Joan Byrd Woolard of Darlington, SC, Betty and Ronnie Sigmon of Darlington, SC, Ruth B. Wallace of Darlington, SC, Sara and Joe Mills of Lexington, SC, Jean and Lee Taylor of Darlington, SC; sister, Margie G. Byrd of Hartsville, SC; brothers, Ted L. Griggs of Hartsville, Bobby Earl Griggs; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 5 great great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Creighton Griggs, J. C. Griggs, Junius Griggs, William Griggs; sisters, Lucille Byrd, and Virginia Camp.



# Tribute Wall



“ Mary Lou, Joan, Betty, Ruth, Sara & Jean, and Aunt Mary's Family;

*I recall oh so many times spent sitting under the carport with your mother, my Aunt Mary, visiting, catching up and cutting up. Aunt Mary always emanated love and warmth. She had that special quality of making you feel that you were the center of the universe when she was speaking to you. She was indeed an original. Aunt Mary's wisdom was so profound, yet so straightforward, that it had washed over you before you knew you were wet. What a gift to the world Aunt Mary is. How fortunate you must feel to call her Mom. Her legacy lives on in all those whose lives she touched. Her spirit lives on in her daughters, all strong, intelligent, attractive and forthright women. You get it honest. You have my deepest sympathy. All my love, your cousin Paul Randall Camp###imported-begin##Paul Randall Camp###imported-end##*

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March 24, 2010 at 08:16 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mrs. Mary will be missed.###imported-begin##Betty & Bill Gaskins, Prospect UM family###imported-end##

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March 23, 2010 at 07:28 PM



“ my sincere sympathy to the family & friends. My thoughts & prayers are with the family & friends. Especially Keri Taylor my co-worker###imported-begin##ANNETTE L. HOPKINS###imported-end##

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March 23, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ Sorry ,for the loss of your family member , may her memories fill your hearts.##imported-begin##wanda Galloway##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 09:37 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of your Mom's death. She was such a fine lady and she always made me feel special.

I look forward to seeing her and your Dad in heaven!##imported-begin##Donna Chapman##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 08:29 AM



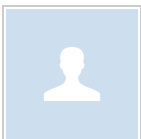
“ We were saddened to learn of Mrs. Mary's passing. We love all of you and will remember you in prayer. God bless.##imported-begin##David and Beverly Byrd##imported-end##

March 22, 2010 at 09:04 PM



“ Sorry I didn't come to the visitation, but I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Preston Wilkes##imported-end##

March 22, 2010 at 09:01 PM



“ You and your family are in our prayers!

We love you all....

Rip and Dee Welsh##imported-begin##Rip and Dee Welsh##imported-end##

March 22, 2010 at 11:53 AM



“ Dear Family. We were sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in our prayers. She will be truly missed. ##imported-begin## J.L. & Shirley Weatherford ##imported-end##

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March 22, 2010 at 10:38 AM



“ Dear Family:  
So sorry to read of your loss. You will remain in my thoughts and prayer in the day ahead as you journey through your grief. ##imported-begin## Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer ##imported-end##

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March 21, 2010 at 09:58 PM



“ For Aunt Mary, my Oak Tree~~~~~

*A mighty wind blew night & day. It stole the oak tree's leaves away, then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark, until the oak was tired and stark. But still the oak tree held its ground, while other trees fell all around. The weary wind gave up and spoke. "How can you still be standing, Oak?". The Oak tree said, "I know that you can break each branch of mine in two, carry every leaf away, shake my limbs, and make me sway. But I have roots stretched in the earth, growing stronger since my birth. "You'll never touch them, for you see, they are the deepest part of me." Thank you for taking such good care of us all these years Aunt Mary!*

*And to Aunt Mary's family: What a blessing to be a part of your big & wonderful & crazy family! Thanks for sharing your mom with us !##imported-begin## Sherralyn Longyear ##imported-end##*

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March 21, 2010 at 09:46 PM



“ *Ruth & Betty, may the memories of your Mom and the love of family surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. You may take comfort in knowing there is one more angel above us. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Debbie Winburn Smothers##imported-end##*

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March 21, 2010 at 03:55 PM