



## Mary Louise "Lou" Raley Scott

January 12, 1923 - April 22, 2010

Mary Louise "Lou" Raley Scott returned to the loving arms of her beloved husband Scotty, and her savior Jesus Christ, on April 22, 2010. Lou was born the daughter of William M. and Mary Francis Byrd Raley on January 12, 1923 in the Angelus Community of Chesterfield County. She graduated from Angelus High School and attended Winthrop College. The state of South Carolina is far better off for "Lou" being born on that rural stretch of Chesterfield County. Described as a "Sermon in Shoe Leather" by a former pastor, Lou Scott dedicated her every waking moment to serving others. She began her mission as a school teacher in Blaney, S.C., worked in the Pentagon during World War II, and found her true calling upon moving to Hartsville, S.C. with her husband in 1949. Lou was an active member of First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school and "training union." She was a member and past president of the Pilot Club, den mother for the Cub Scouts, and active in Girl Scouts as well. She was a member of: Easter Seals, Human Rights Committee for Saleeby and Pee Dee Centers, United Way Board, S.C. Human Service Providers, Inc., Advisory Committee for Rural Assistance Program for SCDOT, Treatment Team for Darlington County, AGAPE Board, Pee Dee Providers Assoc., and the JSEC Committee for the SC Employment Security Commission just to name a few. Lou, or "Miss Lou" as many referred to her, was the recipient of numerous awards, such as: Hartsville's First Lady of the Year, Citizen of the Year in Darlington County, Tribune's Special Mother of the Year, Job Creator Award, Lou Scott Day by

the city of Hartsville, Lena Fields Lifetime Achievement Award, and resolutions from Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs, Darlington Co. Legislative Delegation, and the S.C. General Assembly. South Carolina Governor Carroll Campbell awarded her The Order of the Palmetto in 1994 upon her retirement from The Scott Center, which Lou began in 1967 as a church kindergarten program for the mentally disabled. Her fierce advocacy and tenacity as a fundraiser and unending community support grew the program from its initial budget of \$2,700 dollars, serving 2 children, to a budget of \$4.6 million, serving approximately 400 individuals, including group homes for adults and a worker program for her clients. Lou's never-give-up spirit will shine brightly on the hearts and faces of numerous individuals she touched for many years to come. She is survived by her sister, Margaret R. Clark of Bishopville, SC; her son, Dr. Geoffrey I. Scott and daughter in law, Anne H. Scott of Rockville, SC; and three grandchildren whom she was deeply proud of Christopher J. Scott of Hartsville, Cecile Hart Scott of Newberry and Geoffrey I. Scott Jr. of Rockville. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan B. Scott; her daughter, Sondra L. Scott and an infant son, William Scott. The family will receive visitors on Saturday, April 24 from 3-5 PM at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home in Hartsville, SC. Funeral Services will be held at 3 PM on Sunday April 25 at the First Baptist Church of Hartsville, with burial following at Magnolia Cemetery in Hartsville. Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the Lou Scott Memorial Fund at Scott Center, 201 Damascus Church Road, Hartsville, SC 29550. Funeral arrangements will be handled by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home of Hartsville, SC.

# Tribute Wall



“ Geoffrey- I am late sending my condolences- I just looked at the Messenger online and saw that your mom passed away a couple of weeks ago. I was so sorry to read that. She was so wonderful and giving in her work with mentally disabled children. My parents thought the world of her. She will be truly missed and left a giant legacy of services for special needs persons. My thoughts are with you. Charlotte Bowen Hardin###imported-begin###Charlotte Bowen Hardin###imported-end##

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May 07, 2010 at 12:13 PM



“ Dear Scott Family,  
Ms Scott was a very sweet lady and she will be dearly missed. God bless and keep you all close during this difficult time. You will be in our prayers,  
Crystal Danny Cameron & Danielle Minnehan and my dad W.E. Talbert###imported-begin###Crystal Talbert Minnehan###imported-end##

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April 25, 2010 at 01:55 PM



“ Scott Family: I grew up down the street from the Scott's. She was a remarkable lady and was very well known and loved by the community. She touched alot of lives and will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to all of you and may God give you the strenght to get through the difficult days ahead.###imported-begin###Rhonda Jones Norton and Betty Jean Jones###imported-end##

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April 25, 2010 at 10:22 AM



“ I got to know Lou several years ago as the result of an assignment to do article on her work and the center for a newspaper. Her love for the kids, her contagious brand of enthusiasm, and her strong sense of dedication and purpose in life was an inspiration to me. Now she is spreading that dedication and love among the saints in heaven. We all were truly blessed to have known her. May God grant you peace and comfort as you cherish happy memories of her life.##imported-begin##Jimmy Ballard##imported-end##

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April 25, 2010 at 02:53 AM



“ Dear Scott Family, We want you to know how much we loved your mother. She has been so dear to me and to Larry for so many years. She was truly a wonderful neighbor! I will never forget ALL she did for me when I was young. I know she has gone to a greater place. I want you to know that I know she is also happy now! May God give you peace and comfort at this time in your life. We love you. Larry and Martha##imported-begin##Larry and Martha Barr##imported-end##

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April 24, 2010 at 08:16 PM



“ Growing up in Hartsville, I went on to become the mother of a daughter with Down's Syndrome. Through the years it has heartened me greatly to see what Lou Scott did for persons with developmental disabilities. I am ever grateful for her positive spirit that made so many good things happen. Thanks to Hartsville for putting her name on a vital program.##imported-begin##Linda Wofford Hawkins##imported-end##

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April 24, 2010 at 07:21 PM



“ *Scott family.*

*We were saddened to hear of your loss. We will be praying for your family that you will be able to find the comfort beyond all understanding. We know GOD is able. May you find those memories that will give solace.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mary and Linda##imported-begin##Mary Stewart and Linda S. Knorr##imported-end##*

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April 24, 2010 at 04:25 PM



“ *Chris, and family, On behalf of the Staff of LifeCare Hospice of SC, we wanted you to know that we are sorry to hear about Ms. Lou's Passing. She touched so many lives with her inspration. The Hartsville Community has lost another Warrior in the healthcare field. we will miss her friendship, May God send peace and comfort your way to help you in the days haead of you, Sincerely, Staff of LifeCare Hospice of SC##imported-begin##Grady L. O'Neal-Bereavement Care, LifeCare Hospice of SC##imported-end##*

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April 23, 2010 at 03:20 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to your family. I've known Mrs. Scott all my life it seems. I grew up in First Baptist and then worked for her at Scott Center. She will be greatly missed. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Donna Wadsworth Johnson##imported-end##*

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April 23, 2010 at 03:03 PM



“ We are sadden to hear about Mrs. Scott.  
May God comfort and bless you during this time. She will be missed here but welcomed with open arms in heaven. Our prayers are with you all.  
Randy and Dawn Davis###imported-begin##Randy and Dawn Davis###imported-end##

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April 23, 2010 at 11:06 AM



“ Growing up in First Baptist Church, Miss Lou's name was a name to remember. She was always everywhere! Hartsville is a better place because of her; touching so many lives; and giving her talents so generously.  
Terri Woodham###imported-begin##Terri Northcutt Woodham###imported-end##

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April 23, 2010 at 10:54 AM



“ Mrs. Lou Scott was a remarkable lady: she helped many and left an important legacy in the Hartsville community. I was privileged to know her as an employee of the Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board. She will be missed by me and by all who knew her. My condolences to the family.###imported-begin##Heike Rubinstein###imported-end##

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April 23, 2010 at 10:26 AM



“ I am so sad to hear of Mrs Lou passing away. She touched so many people in Hartsville. You did Gods work while you were here so relax and enjoy the rewards. We will miss you!###imported-begin##Brian Rudick###imported-end##

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April 23, 2010 at 08:57 AM



“ I am blessed to have known Mrs. Scott. She was a wonderful Christian lady who had a tremendous positive effect on so many lives.##imported-begin##Susan D. Reynolds##imported-end##

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April 22, 2010 at 10:36 PM



“ It was a pleasure to have known Ms. Lou! She was such a wonderful lady that had so many accomplishments. She was selfless and helped so many people. This world is a better place for having her in it! Gwen @ Dr. Bell's office##imported-begin##Gwen M. Steen##imported-end##

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April 22, 2010 at 09:44 PM



“ Geffory and Chris, Ms. Scott was a classy lady and a profesional business women. She was a visonary and a leader who inspired people to follow. She lead by example. I will miss our talks. She was always extremely kind to me and I know she appreciated my love for her agency and for the consumers I served while employed at the center. Your family will remain in my prayers.  
Love, Carolyn and Jeff Sifford##imported-begin##Carolyn Sifford##imported-end##

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April 22, 2010 at 08:15 PM



“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MRS SCOTT.. SHE WAS LOVED SO MUCH BY OUR FAMILY...##imported-begin##MARGARET JORDAN##imported-end##

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April 22, 2010 at 07:59 PM