



Mary Verne Williamson Powell

July 1, 1919 - January 10, 2008

Funeral services for Mary Verne Williamson Powell, 88, will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 14, 2008 at the First Baptist Church. The Revs. Ryan Goodroe and Charles Roberts will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Sunday, January 13, 2008 from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Carolina Pines Hospital Auxiliary, c/o Carolina Gifts, 1304 W. BoBo Newsom Hwy, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mrs. Powell, widow of J. Floyd Powell, died Thursday, January 10, 2008. Born in Marion County, SC, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Verne and Luna Williamson Williamson. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She graduated from Coker College in 1940 and taught for 35 years in the Hartsville area schools, where she developed the elementary school music program. She was a member of First Baptist Church and previously served as a Sunday School teacher. She was a member of the Hartsville Music Club and Community Concert Association. She served as a hospital volunteer at Byerly Hospital and Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center since WWII, completed over 12,000 volunteer hours of service during her tenure, and also was a past chairman of the Auxiliary.

Surviving are her sons, Jess Floyd Powell of Hartsville, SC, Joseph Williamson Powell of Hartsville, SC; daughter and son-in-law, Michaele Powell and Brian Hawthornthwaite of Hilton Head Island, SC; grandchildren, Stephen Hawthornthwaite of San Francisco, CA, Jennifer Staley of Hilton Head Island,

SC, William Powell, Jr. of Florence, SC, Jess Powell, III and Allie Powell, both of Fountain Inn, SC; great-grandchildren, Carter Hawthornthwaite and Bladen Hawthornthwaite, both of San Francisco, CA, Meredith Staley of Hilton Head Island, SC.

Tribute Wall



“ Mike, your heart must be heavy with pain over the loss of such a sweet and endearing mother. Although I never had the privilege of knowing her personally, I always enjoyed having her as a substitute teacher. Her talents were obvious to me and she was humble and gracious - the epitome of Southern charm. May the thoughts and prayers of others ease your grief in coming days and weeks.##imported-begin##Simone Barrett Laurence##imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 08:38 AM



“ Mike and Brian: We grew up together in the same class through elementary and high schools. Your beautiful, gracious, and hard working mother also grew up with my mother in school together. I heard my mother say some great things about how wonderful, dignified, and smart your mother was in school. It is the good memories that God gives us to help us find comfort when our loved ones leave us for a while until we all meet again in our real "Home." I am thankful to have known all of you and pray that you will find peace and comfort and strength in the days to come as you cherish those great memories.##imported-begin##Jimmy Ballard##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 08:00 PM



“ Mary Verne and Floyd were two fine people. I worked with Floyd at Sonoco for many, many years and he as well as Mary Verne were dignified and caring individuals. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Betty Anne McAlpine##imported-end##

January 15, 2008 at 12:35 AM



“ Dear Family, I was privileged to get to know Mrs. Powell during the past few months. We talked many times during my visits to my mother at Morningside. She was such a beautiful lady, inside and outside. "Elegance" described her. My heartfelt sympathy to you all.
Becky Tidwell###imported-begin##Becky Tidwell###imported-end##

January 13, 2008 at 10:46 PM



“ I grew up in First Baptist Church and remember Ms. Mary Verne Powell so well. My parents were Willie and Virginia Gibson and my mother was the teacher for the two-year-old class for many years. I am sure Ms. Powell will be missed by all who knew and loved her.###imported-begin##Juanita Gibson Melton###imported-end##

January 13, 2008 at 05:24 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of your mother's death. You, she, and your father are fond memories of growing up in Hartsville. Your mother was the embodiment of grace and elegance. I hope you are well and wish you joy and peace.
Hal###imported-begin##Hal Littleton###imported-end##

January 13, 2008 at 01:35 PM



“ I am a former Music student of Miss. Powell's She was a treasured lady and I really respected her. and admired her ability to work at Thornwell Elementary School in Hartsville. I could tell that she had a love for music and she taught it so well. Who could have taught it any better than Miss. Powell? well I couldnt think of anyone that could substitute for her on any given day. I don't think she even used a Music Director's Wand, she just used her finger and she had them children singing!!!!!! what a gift, what a treasure. To the Powell family, I am thinking of all of you and I have you in my prayers during this difficult time. May God send his loving angels your way to wrap their arms around you and give you the peace and comfort that you need. I can picture Miss. Powell now making music in that Heavenly Chorus!!!! As she inspired me to continue in Music, and on to Junior High School Chorus and then on to Saint John's High School Chorus. Godd bless you.##imported-begin##Grady O'Neal##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 01:11 PM



“ Mike I was so sorry to hear that your Mother had passed away. My deepest sympathy to you and all the family. I have so many fond memories of your Mother. She was such a talented lady and a warm wonderful person.

Martha##imported-begin##Martha White Gardner##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 11:53 AM