Nona Mae Rogers Howard

January 29, 1921 - March 14, 2008

Funeral services for Nona Mae Rogers Howard, 87, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 17, 2008 at the First Church of the Nazarene. The Revs. Darryl Bogatay and Michael Blankenship will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Sunday, March 16, 2008 from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Agape Hospice, 202 S. 2nd St., Hartsville SC 29550 or Church of the Nazarene Building Fund, 1909 W. Bobo Newsome Hwy., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mrs. Howard, widow of Luther G. Howard, Sr., died Friday, March 14, 2008. Born in Newberry, SC, she was a daughter of the late John Henry and Nona Caddell Rogers. She was a faithful member of the First Church of the Nazarene, Prime Timers, Seniors Adult Sunday School class, Sunday School secretary, and Prayer Warrior. She was a member of the WOW Lodge # 1112 and a great sports fan of the Red Foxes and Gamecocks. She was a loving mother, grandmother and sister and known as 'Gran-Gran". She had the gift of hospitality and left her children a beautiful legacy.

Surviving are her sons and daughter-in-law, Luther "Bucky" and Joye Howard, Ronnie and Carole Howard, all of Hartsville, SC; daughters and son-in-law, Ann and Paul Hudson, Doris Griggs, Dale and Loraine Davis, all of Hartsville, SC; sisters, Juanita Peavy and Myrtle Moore, both of Hartsville, SC; sister-in-law, Betty Gregory Rogers of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren (spouses), Rev. John "Bootsie" Griggs of Hartsville, SC, Sandy (Randy) Colston of Hartsville,

SC, Jackie (Toby) Tyner of Cheraw, SC, Carla (Kacey) Benton of Hartsville, SC, Megan Anne Howard of Hartsville, SC; great-grandchildren, Michaela Folk, Caroline Folk, Kolby Benton, Ronald Garrett Benton, Dalton Tyner, Gavin Tyner, and J. C. Colston. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Robert Rogers, John Henry Rogers, George "Bo" Rogers; sisters, Gladys Lane, Katherine Calsman, Frances Stevens Payne, Betty Rogers Howard.

Previous Events

Service

MAR **17**. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Church of the Nazarene
1909 West BoBo Newsome Highway
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

Dearest Muzz,

We know you are with Jesus today, but so many miss you dearly. You've been in your new Home for over 4 months now. We know you're loving it there! It's got to be a whole lot bigger than the little place on Old Camden Road for sure.

As I sit here at my desk today writing a sermon, the Lord seems to be bringing such a vivid memory back to my heart of your precious smile and your loving generosity to all. The funeral trip was hard. It was sad to know we'd not see you again until we meet in Heaven. Still, our love for you will always endure.

Your "Adopted Daughter" Gwen misses you greatly. She's said so often that she wished she could sit with you and enjoy a cup of decaff coffee and a plate of your delicious spaghetti.

God will continue to take care of your family Muzz. They'll be okay. You see it's because you raised all 5 kids to trust the same Jesus you're enjoying today.

Yes, it's so true and so very sad that many folks do not understand the LOVE the Howard Family possesses for people. But it's clear to me that it's because You and Mr. Luther laid the foundation. Rest assured that God will continue to build upon it because of the LEGACY you have left.

I love you Muzz and I miss you. It was an honor to be your pastor, but it was an even greater honor to receive your warmth and your smiles and especially to chuckle at those things that "Just Popped Out".

I'm not sure just when...but I know Gwen and I will see you in Heaven.

Much Love,

Darryl and on behalf of my precious Gwen##imported-begin##Pastor Darryl##imported-end##

July 24, 2008 at 12:03 PM

ANN,DALE,BUCKY.DORIS WAS SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR MOTHERS PASSING.SORRY I DID'T GET TO BE THERE BUT YOU WERE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.SHE WAS A WONDERFUL LADY AND ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE WHEN I SAW HER.MAY GOD KEEP HIS ARMS AROUND EACH OF YOU.

GOD BLESS YOU
LOVE IN CHRIST
LEO##imported-begin##LEO OUTLAW##imported-end##

March 25, 2008 at 07:29 PM

Bootsie and the Howard family,
Just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you during this time. Our thoughts are prayers are with you all. Just remember she is in a much better place. Take care. Robyn, Jill and Trilby##imported-begin##Robyn (Hall) Myers##imported-end##

March 25, 2008 at 10:13 AM

To the family of Mrs. Howard - You will all be in our prayers during these next several weeks and months. Her death will certainly leave a void in our church family that only she could fill. We will miss her sweet smile and all her hugs.

Love you all,

Jodi, Mike, Jordan and Hanna Caddell##imported-begin##Jodi and Mike Caddell##imported-end##

March 24, 2008 at 09:23 AM

To Bootsie and the Howard family;
We had the privilage of meeting Mrs Howard and many members of her family several years ago when our son Tim worked with Bootsie at SONOCO. We recall with fond memories the times we were invited to share Sunday dinner at the Howard home and the wonderful fellowship and friendship of all the family. It was very evident that God's love was a high priority of Mrs Howard thru her actions and what she said.
We shall always remember her sweet smile and the way she made us feel so welcome.##imported-begin##Grayson and Linda Nuckols##imported-end##

March 20, 2008 at 09:37 PM

To the Howard Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Nona Mae
held a special place in our hearts. She always no matter what was going on
would reach out with that hug meant just for you and give you that so special smile. We loved and admired the special LADY she was. We are so glad she was our sweet friend. You all are in our prayers.
Love,
Charles & Patsy##imported-begin##Charles & Patsy Wase##imported-end##

March 20, 2008 at 06:05 PM

Our thoughts and prayers are with each
of you. I know Nona Mae is in Heaven
with my dad, Virgil Scott, enjoying
all that Jesus has promised.
Our love to all of you,
Bill, Sheila, Jordan, David, Aaron Bray##imported-begin##Sheila Scott Bray & Family##imported-end##

March 20, 2008 at 03:23 PM

Dear Howard family,
I just heard from Bootsie and am saddened about the passing of Mrs. Howard. Momma Howard (as I fondly refered to her) welcomed me into her home. I shared many wonderful meals with the Mrs. Howard and the entire Howard family, enjoyed many great conversations, laughs, and hugs with Mrs. Howard, and was given the opportunity to share my Christian faith with her. She was simply a great woman. When my family and I moved away from Hartsville, I always knew there was someone like Mrs. Howard saying prayers for us. I know Mrs. Howard will be missed by many, but I know that Heaven is in for a "treat". We'll always have fond memories of Momma Howard. Our prayers go out to all of you during this time of loss. Tim, Michelle, Mandy, Courtney, and T.J. Nuckols##imported-begin##Tim Nuckols##imported-end##

March 19, 2008 at 06:31 PM

To My Cousins and their Families

I was so glad that I was able to be there with all of you and Aunt Mae during her last few days. When we were sitting up with her on Thursday night, I couldn't help but remember all the good times when we were growing up. I could see her and Mama gathering all of us into the house when the storms came up. I remember the way they cared and tried to protect us during the bad storms. We had many storms in our lives since those young days. I believe with all of my heart that the prayers of our Mothers and all of the Roger's family have sustained us through the difficult storms of life. I remember when Aunt Mae and Mama ran the little country store and how many lives they touched with their kindness to others. I believe they gave away more than they ever took in. I know my Mama had to rejoice when her sister and brother joined the rest of the family in Heaven less than two months ago. I know they would want us to look after the two sisters that are left until one day they also will join them in that Glorious place called Heaven. We too will join them one day as long as we contine to put God first in our life. I know how difficult these days ahead will be for you and if I can do anything for you all you have to do is to let me know. My prayers is that we can always love one another and care for each other as they did.
Love,
Kay (1Peter 5:6-7)##imported-begin##Kay Tumbleston##imported-end##

March 19, 2008 at 01:13 PM

Dear Doris,Dale,Ann,John,Carla,Ronnie & all the Howard family,
It was truly my pleasure to nurse Granny Howard. Her visits always made my days brighter and her smile always reflected her love for her Lord & others.
As the days grew short and she grew weaker she never loss any smiles or any amounts of encouragements.
I have now adopted the Howards as part of my family & I know that Granny Howard is rejoycing in heaven with my Granny that I loved so much.

Your family will never be forgotten. In Christian love.

Sharon##imported-begin##Sharon Autry,Case Manager RN Agape Hospice of the Pee Dee##imported-end##

March 18, 2008 at 04:25 PM

Dear Howard Family, I was so saddened to hear of Maes death. She was a good christian woman. As Tammy said above about thunderstorms and Mae, I too remember being young and thunderstorms coming up and her making all of us get under the bed! That was a long standing tradition with her. I wish I could have been there during this time but my health has not been good lately. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Joyce Jacobs##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 10:31 PM

To the Howard Family, Our loss is Heaven's gain. Mrs. Howard was a Godly woman, as evidenced by the lives of all her children and grandchildren! What a legacy to leave behind! May God embrace each of you in the coming days, as you live in the promise that you will meet her again.##imported-begin##Becky Tidwell##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 08:31 PM

Dear Howard Family,

I am sorry to hear about the loss of granny. I know that she is in a much better place. God sure did get a good one this time! My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you! Always know that I am here for all of you! If you need anything please call!

Scotty, Brigitte,Landon, & Noah McAteer##imported-begin##Scotty McAteer##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 05:21 PM

Dale,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss! Know that the Lord is with you and will guide you through these difficult times.
Hartsville Magistrate's Office##imported-begin##Hartsville Magistrate's Office##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 04:35 PM

Miss Doris, John, I am sorry to hear about Mrs Howard's passing. May God Comfort you during this difficult time. Sorry I will not be able to attend the service, but you are in my prayers. Love Grady##imported-begin##Rev. Grady O'Neal##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 03:07 PM

Many thoughts and prayers are sent your way. May God hold you in His arms through each night and day.
With each passing of the sun, His love will continue to bless each and everyone.
As time passes, so will the hurt you all are feeling in your heart. Memories you will hold dear of your mothers blessed love.##imported-begin##Carolyn Sain##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 02:19 PM

The Howard Family:Jeff and I are so sorry for your loss. We did not personally know Mrs. Howard but knew all of you and know that all of you were very special to her as you were to her. Please remember you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeff & Carol##imported-begin##Jeff and Carol Bryant##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 01:34 PM

Dear Loved Ones,
I just want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. To know Mrs. Howard was to know a real jewel. Not onlly was she special to you but to many others. May it help you to know that God is your refuge and strength and a very present help in trouble. Love,
Agape Hospice of the Pee Dee
Rev. Doris B. Smith, Bereavement Coordinator##imported-begin##Doris B. Smith##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 12:24 PM

Dear Family, I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Nona, but she is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and couldn't be better. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all, Evelyn##imported-begin##Evelyn Talbert##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 11:14 AM

The world is sorrowful, but the heavens rejoice...
I will pray for you all; Ms. Howard was definately one of the most beautiful spirits that ever graced the earth. I know that the Lord loves us because He put her in our lives.
Deepest Sympathies,
The Wirhousky Family##imported-begin##Mary Wirhousky##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 11:03 AM

Mrs. Doris and John, We were so sorry to hear of your loss. I know she will be missed very much. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jim, Jeri, John Harley and Kelly.##imported-begin##Jeri A. Cox##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 10:36 AM

To all the Howard Family, We are so sorry for your loss. You have our sincere sympathy. Love and Prayers, The Pait Family##imported-begin##Rayford & Carolyn Pait##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 09:55 AM

Dear Ann,
I just learned of your mothers passing. I cannot tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I never really knew your mother, but she must have been a wonderful lady as she has raised such wonderful children. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Tonya Hawkins##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 09:20 AM

Dear Dale & Howard Family
I am so sorry to hear the loss of Mrs. Howard. She was so sweet and friendly to everyone. She made everyone feel welcome. May God comfort ya during this time. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Janice and Kelley Woodham##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 08:48 AM

Al and I are so sorry for your loss. We can somewhat know what you're going through. I'm sorry that I haven't been able to see you this weekend. With work and grandchildren my time was booked. I plan to be at the funeral and please know that all of you have been in my thoughts and prayers. I love all of you as family. You have been so good to me.##imported-begin##Al and Sheila Mullis##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 08:33 AM

To the Howard Family,
May God Bless and Keep You thru this difficult time. I will be praying for you.
A long time friend,
Toby
1 Cor. 2:9##imported-begin##Toby Gainey##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 05:58 AM

Dear Family,
I am so sorry about the death of Aunt Mae. She was such a wonderful lady and I am going to miss her. I can recall so much of my childhood was spent running between her house and Grandma's. Those were the good old days! I remember all the times I climbed and fell out of her chinaberry tree and how she and grandma would make me, Bill, and Bootsie get under the mattresses if there was any sign of a storm brewing! Grandma and Aunt Mae convinced us that tornadoes were coming and we needed to hide under the mattresses! Now days when I hear thunder, I think about those times and how special they were to me. I also remember the first thing one of the "Rogers Sisters" would do if we were sick or hurting was to pray for us. So many of those prayers have sustained us during many phases of our lives. Sadly, our prayer warriors, our Grandmas and Aunts are leaving us for Heaven so I guess that means we must now somehow take over where they have left off and not only be there for one another no matter what but to also pray for each other and show the younger generations behind us just what a legacy they have been given. We really have been left with a great legacy and Aunt Mae was a big part of that. I love you all and if you need anything at all, you know I'll be there. I'll be praying for you all.
Love,
Tammy##imported-begin##Tammy White##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 09:31 PM

To the Howards,
Just wanted to let you know that we are thinking about you.
We love you
Betty and Joe##imported-begin##Betty and Joe Stratton##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 05:12 PM

Howard Family,
We love your family,you all are in our prayers and our hearts. May God give you strength and give you joy in remembering all the good times you have shared together.
Lisa,Stacy,Eddie,Tucker,Kenny and Kacey##imported-begin##Shiloh Ministries##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 05:11 PM

Dear Howard Family,
Our hearts go out to you as you mourn the loss of Nona Mae. The miles keep us from offering a physical embrace to you but our hearts embrace you. We all know that she is now with Jesus patiently waiting for that family reunion with each and every one of you. May God's love, comfort, and peace come to you.

The Switzer Family##imported-begin##Frank, Alison, Liberty, & Rachel Switzer##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 03:05 PM

Doris and all your family, We all know that your dear love one is now rejoicing in her eternal home. God will give each of you the strength to face each day and just know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love in Christ
Lee and Martin Davis##imported-begin##Lee and Martin Davis##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 02:29 PM

Dear Howard Family,
I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Howard. She was a fine lady and she will be greatly missed. I know she is now rejoicing in heaven and my mom was there to greet her in with open arms. Just remember to lean on the Father for everlasting comfort and strength. I will be praying for you all.
Love and Prayers,
Crystal Minnehan & Family##imported-begin##crystal minnehan##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 01:38 PM

Myrtle, Ann, and Doris--I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your sister/mother. It seems that your family has had more than your share of sadness and grief lately. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers in the very difficult days ahead. Your strong faith in our Father will be your comfort and strength! In Him, Rachel##imported-begin##Rachel Doyle Medlin##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 01:23 PM

Dear Howard and extended Family, We are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. The Vann's##imported-begin##Gary ,Annie Vann and Family##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 01:00 PM

I am very saddened by the loss of Aunt May, yet it comforts me to know that she is an angel in Heaven. She lived a very long and joyous Christian life and was always surrounded by her loved ones---especially her immediate family.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Michelle Brand##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 12:57 PM

Dear Howard family,
Bootsie just called with the news of Grannie passing. I usually welcome his calls, but not this one. I thought of Grannie as the true Southern lady, with tons of hospitality and love. She accepted me into her home and family as an outsider, and I'll never forget that. I know how close your family is, and even though her heart had been failing, this is so devastating to everyone, and my prayers and love are with each of you. She truly left a beautiful legacy. Grannie is resting with Jesus now and she will be missed by all of us but wonderfully remembered.##imported-begin##Dan Redkey##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 11:44 AM

I can't think of a single lady who was more Godly or hospitible than Mrs. Howard. She opened her home to so many and I could not count the times, I was priviledged enough to sit around her table or sit in her company. There were also many times her prayers could be heard throughout the house as she fought the battles of spiritual warfare of those she loved. The entire Howard Family holds a special place in my heart and life and I know that Heaven is sweeter because she has arrived. Know that God will hold you all through this difficult time.His Grace is truly sufficient. She was a living testimony of His love and grace. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With Much Love, Brandon, Amanda, and Anne Watts##imported-begin##Amanda J. Watts##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 08:14 AM

Dale,

I'm sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Lori Atkinson##imported-end##

March 15, 2008 at 10:59 PM

Dear Doris,Ann,Dale,Bucky,Ronnie and entire Howard family.First let me say how sorry we are for the loss of a great lady.Thank you all for sharing her with us over the last 12 -15 years.We truly loved Mrs. Howard as well as we love you all. The Howard family holds a special place in our hearts.I know the good LORD got a real good angel Friday night.You all are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love Wade,Laura,Amanda,& Emily Harris##imported-begin##Wade & Laura Harris Family##imported-end##

March 15, 2008 at 09:38 PM

To the entire Howard family, So sorry to hear of your loss, she was a wounderful lady, and was so loved by many family and friends, she was like a mother to us for so many years as we grew up beside each other, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Remember we love all of you. The Gainey family. Patricia, Barbara, Dora, Mach, and Wayne.##imported-begin##Dora MILLER##imported-end##

March 15, 2008 at 08:38 PM

SIster Howard, we will miss your love, your smile, your words of encouragement to us and most of all your prayers. Enjoy God's heaven and the homecoming He has for you. We are really blessed to have had you in our lives.##imported-begin##Rev. Michael & Rev. Susan Blankenship##imported-end##

March 15, 2008 at 07:24 PM

Aunt Dale,Carla,Uncle Loraine, and all of the Howard Family, I am feeling your pain with all of you at this very sad time. It is still very raw from the death of Daddy ,but all of you are very close to our Lord Jesus Christ and as I am doing right now rely on him for the strength and courage to face the pain you each are feeling now. You ALL know that we will be here for ANYTHING you may need. With our Love and Prayers, Kelli and Buddy Odom##imported-begin##Kelli and Buddy Odom##imported-end##

March 15, 2008 at 03:52 PM