



## Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers

February 1, 1931 - March 8, 2022

Rachel Collier Flowers joined her heavenly celebration on March 8, 2022, after a long, fulfilling life of service to her family, church and community.

She was born on February 1, 1931, in Florence, South Carolina, to Thomas Key Collier and Iva Lee Harrison Collier. She graduated from Darlington High School and Coker College before earning a Master's Degree from Winthrop College. Yet, her passion for education continued throughout her career. She worked in the business school at Coker College and taught typing at Hartsville High School. After taking time to raise her three children, she resumed her career teaching fourth grade and later gifted and talented students at Thornwell Elementary School. Highlights of this time included field trips to New York City to see the Broadway musical Cats.

When she wasn't in the classroom or with her family, Mrs. Flowers enjoyed playing bridge with friends, attending events at the John L. Hart House, and serving in countless positions at Swift Creek Baptist Church. She was selfless in her dedication to her children, grandchildren, and later great-grandchildren — all of whom made her proud and brought her immense happiness.

She is survived by her sister, Leah Collier Crawford; children, Keith Dargan (Becky) Flowers, Jr., Claire Flowers (John) Shell, and Donald Maurice (Pam) Flowers; grandchildren, Bradley Dargan (Maggie) Flowers, Stephen Keith

(Morgan) Flowers, Amy Flowers (Caleb) Miller, Catherine Shell (Martin) Ryan, John Clinton (Kayla) Shell IV, Justin Brooks Flowers, and Peyton Key Flowers; and great-grandchildren, Colton, Weston, Dalton and Charleston Flowers, Anna Crawford and Thomas Flowers, Naomi and Jed Miller, Adelaide, Jack and Theodore Ryan, and Fields Shell.

In addition to her parents and sister Thomasina Collier, she was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Keith D. Flowers — with whom she has no doubt joyfully reunited.

Memorials can be made to the Swift Creek Baptist Church Endowment Fund or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Swift Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

413 North Center Road  
Hartsville, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation at the Residence

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Home of Mrs. Flowers  
2300 E. Carolina Ave.  
Hartsville, SC 29550

## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Swift Creek Baptist Church  
413 N. Center Rd.  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Robert Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Robert Andrews - April 11, 2022 at 04:13 PM

MP

“ Fondest memories of this lovely lady and her family.

Mitch Pate

Mitch Pate - April 05, 2022 at 05:58 PM

JG

“ So sorry for your loss ❤️🙏

Johnny and Rhonda Ghoens - March 20, 2022 at 09:05 AM

RM

“ So very sorry for your loss. I was a student at Thornwell when Mrs. Flowers taught there. I went to school there from first to sixth grade and my mother taught there with her. She was such a sweet and special lady! I know she will surely be missed but what a legacy she left with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, community, and church.

Rachel Marino - March 15, 2022 at 03:42 PM

LR

“ Mrs. Flowers was such a wonderful woman and teacher. Once we were talking about age and I told her I was 52. She said, "No Laura. You are 53."  
"HUH?", I replied. Mrs. Flowers quickly (and sweetly) reminded me that Claire and I were the same age!!!  
I quickly lost a year. I never was good at numbers!  
Loved her dearly. She was the best teacher.

Laura Ross Roscoe - March 15, 2022 at 11:02 AM

TT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.



Terry and Mary Thomas - March 14, 2022 at 04:42 PM

KH

“ Mrs . Flowers was a very special lady. She taught my son at Thornwell and she was a very caring teacher. She will be missed



kaye hodge - March 13, 2022 at 02:26 PM

AM

“ Our condolences to this sweet lady's family.



Amy and Randy Mixon - March 13, 2022 at 01:37 PM

TW

“ *Travis And Marilyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



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**Travis and Marilyn Walters** - March 13, 2022 at 07:05 AM

BG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort for your family.* 🙏

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**Bess Gore** - March 12, 2022 at 06:51 PM

TL

“ *Tru Lawton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



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**Tru Lawton** - March 12, 2022 at 05:16 PM

DW

“ *Mrs. Rachel Flowers was a sweet and special lady! I have fond memories of growing up at Swift Creek Baptist Church with the Flowers family! I'm so sorry for your loss! Sending my love and prayers to Dargan, Claire, Donald and the family!*  
*Debbie Wallace Weaver*

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**Debbie Weaver** - March 12, 2022 at 02:21 PM

PW

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you all find comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We will see her again one day.



*Pamela Winfrey and Family*

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**Pamela Winfrey** - March 12, 2022 at 01:19 AM

PM

*May God's Peace be with you all now and in the coming weeks and months ahead.  
Patricia Meehan*

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**Patricia Meehan** - March 12, 2022 at 02:26 PM

GC

“ Our daughter had Mrs. Flowers in the first grade at Thornwell; she was an outstanding teacher, and Ginger really loved her.

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**Gail and Richard Culyer** - March 11, 2022 at 10:31 PM

CB

“ Donald, Bradley and family, so sorry to hear about your Mama ,Grandmother and Great Grandmother. She was a special lady and raised an amazing family. She was truly blessed. Praying for strength during these difficult days 💕💕

*Claudette Bateman*

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**Claudette Bateman** - March 11, 2022 at 08:02 PM

PA

“ Pam LEE ARNETTE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



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**Pam LEE ARNETTE** - March 11, 2022 at 05:52 PM

RD

“ So sorry to read this. I have so many fond memories of Ms Rachel. Such a sweet lady. Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.

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**Renee Cooley Douglas** - March 11, 2022 at 02:24 PM

EB

“ Eric, Jo Lynn Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



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**Eric, Jo Lynn Bradshaw** - March 11, 2022 at 01:24 PM

MS

“ Mark And Scarlet Shealy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



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**Mark and Scarlet Shealy** - March 11, 2022 at 12:32 PM

DS

“ *Dylan Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



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**Dylan Smith** - March 11, 2022 at 12:30 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mcfarland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



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**kathy mcfarland** - March 11, 2022 at 12:05 PM

AY

“ *Abby Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



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**Abby Yarborough** - March 11, 2022 at 12:00 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mcfarland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



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**kathy mcfarland** - March 11, 2022 at 11:31 AM

BP

“ *Bill & Linda Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



**Bill & Linda Price** - March 11, 2022 at 11:28 AM

WL

“ *Willie Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



**Willie love** - March 11, 2022 at 10:02 AM

WR

“ *Warner And Paul Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



**Warner and Paul Rogers** - March 11, 2022 at 08:11 AM

JB

“ *Jill Beckham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



**Jill Beckham** - March 11, 2022 at 07:39 AM

RF

“ *Rebecca Skinner & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



Rebecca Skinner & Family - March 11, 2022 at 01:59 AM

JG

“ *James Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



James Gainey - March 10, 2022 at 08:26 PM

LR

“ *Lester And Lori Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



Lester and Lori Reynolds - March 10, 2022 at 08:23 PM

BJ

“ *B. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



B. Johnson - March 10, 2022 at 06:34 PM

RW

“ *Dargan and family,we are so sorry for your loss,may God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time and in the days ahead,prayers for you all!* 🙏

Rita and Jimmy White - March 10, 2022 at 05:49 PM

LP

“ *Linda Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



Linda Parker - March 10, 2022 at 04:25 PM

GM

“ *Our sincere condolences.*

*Billy and Gayle McDonald*

Gayle McDonald - March 10, 2022 at 03:41 PM

BM

“ *Bob Becky McWatty lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



Bob Becky McWatty - March 10, 2022 at 02:39 PM

GG

“ So sorry for the Flowers’s family . Mrs Rachel was a very special lady. She taught my girls in alert and they loved her! Prayers for all.



Gene and Teresa Gibson - March 10, 2022 at 02:32 PM

LG

“ Lou Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Lou Gardner - March 10, 2022 at 02:00 PM

LG

Donald, My sympathy goes out to you and your family. Your mother was a lovely person--both inside and out.

Lou Gardner - March 10, 2022 at 02:02 PM

DF

Thank you Mrs Gardner. You and Mom were cut from the same cloth I think. Both dedicated teachers and educators.

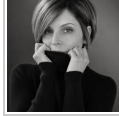
donald flowers - March 10, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ Angie Harmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Angie Harmon - March 10, 2022 at 01:46 PM



*I will always remember her grace and kindness. I was in one of her first grade classes at Thornwell and she inspired a lifetime love of learning in me that I pray I have shared with my many students over the years. She will be greatly missed. Praying for peace and comfort for the family.*

**Angie Harmon** - March 10, 2022 at 01:48 PM

VP

“ Vickie Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



**Vickie Parker** - March 10, 2022 at 01:39 PM

JA

“ Jeanie Andrews Altemose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



**Jeanie Andrews Altemose** - March 10, 2022 at 12:04 PM

GP

“ With deepest sympathy and prayers for comfort for you all. Mrs Flowers loved her children fearlessly . Her and Mr Keith’s devotion to church and family helped to create outstanding leaders in their children .



**Gary and Janice Privette** - March 10, 2022 at 11:24 AM

LL

“ Laurie And Gordon Lane sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Laurie and Gordon Lane - March 10, 2022 at 11:22 AM

EH

“ Elaine Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Elaine Hubbard - March 10, 2022 at 10:54 AM

LE

“ Larry And Jen Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Larry and Jen Easterling - March 10, 2022 at 10:51 AM

RM

“ Rachel Doyle Medlin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Rachel Doyle Medlin - March 10, 2022 at 10:17 AM

GV

“ Gary Vann lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Rachel Collier Flowers



Gary Vann - March 10, 2022 at 10:11 AM

GV

*I remember Mrs Flowers as a child at Thornwell Elementary*

Gary Vann - March 10, 2022 at 10:12 AM

JB

“ Sincerest condolences.  
Jo Ann and Billy Matthews



Jo and Billy - March 10, 2022 at 09:37 AM

BB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family for your loss.

Barbara R Bryant - March 10, 2022 at 09:27 AM

DW

“ Debbie And Richard Wynne lit a candle in  
memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Debbie and Richard Wynne - March 10, 2022 at 08:30 AM

JH

“ Jean N. Howard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



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**Jean N. Howard** - March 10, 2022 at 08:28 AM

AC

“ Ann Brown Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



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**Ann Brown Crowley** - March 10, 2022 at 08:12 AM

TO

“ I'm so very sorry for the loss of your Mother and Grandmother, Dargan and Stephen and to all of her family. Sending prayers for peace and comfort for you all



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**Tricia Frazier Outlaw** - March 10, 2022 at 07:53 AM

RW

“ I am praying for her family. Becky Walker



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**Rebecca Walker** - March 10, 2022 at 07:36 AM

RC

“ *Richard And Jane Cheshire lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



Richard and Jane Cheshire - March 10, 2022 at 07:35 AM

SI

“ *S Pressly Coker III lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



S Pressly Coker III - March 10, 2022 at 07:22 AM

SS

“ *Sherron Lee Skipper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



Sherron Lee Skipper - March 10, 2022 at 07:18 AM

DO

“ *Dianne O’Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



Dianne O’Neal - March 10, 2022 at 07:17 AM

MR

“ *Marty Robbins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



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**Marty Robbins** - March 10, 2022 at 07:17 AM

SR

“ *Sending love and prayers to the family of Rachel Flowers.*

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**Susan D. Reynolds** - March 10, 2022 at 02:32 AM

SP

“ *Sara Purvis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



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**Sara Purvis** - March 10, 2022 at 01:48 AM

SP

“ *Sara Purvis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers*



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**Sara Purvis** - March 10, 2022 at 01:47 AM

SP

“ Prayers for all the family.



Sara Purvis - March 10, 2022 at 01:47 AM

AB

“ Amy Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Amy Blackburn - March 10, 2022 at 12:08 AM

AA

“ Andy And Dawn Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Andy and Dawn Atkinson - March 09, 2022 at 10:43 PM

PY

“ Pam Yates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



Pam Yates - March 09, 2022 at 08:26 PM

DS

“ So very sorry, prayers for the family 🙏



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**Danny and Phoebe Stokes** - March 09, 2022 at 07:54 PM

LL

“ Sending love, hugs and prayers to this sweet family  
Lawrence & Cindy Lowe  
& family



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**Lawrence & Cindy Lowe** - March 09, 2022 at 07:53 PM

BH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Love in Christ,  
Blake and Patricia Hoffman



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**Blake and Patricia Hoffman** - March 09, 2022 at 07:48 PM

BW

“ Buck & Hettie Wilkerson lit a candle in  
memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



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**Buck & Hettie Wilkerson** - March 09, 2022 at 07:37 PM

JG

“ Jimmy And Judy Gainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rachel Collier Flowers



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**Jimmy and Judy Gainey** - March 09, 2022 at 07:32 PM