



Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins

February 25, 1949 - February 13, 2016

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Gardner "Sis" Huggins, 66, who died peacefully in her home on Saturday, February 13, 2016, will be held at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 in West Hartsville Baptist Church. The Rev. Kevin Walters will officiate with burial to follow in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday from 5:00 until 7:00 PM at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to West Hartsville Baptist Church, 1003 West Carolina Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550 or the American Cancer Society, 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210.

Ruth was born on February 25, 1949 in Hartsville, SC. Ruth graduated from Hartsville High School, Class of 1967. She was a graduate of Coker College where she earned a bachelors degree in Elementary Education. She was a reading specialist at Washington Street Elementary School until her retirement. She was a charter member of West Hartsville Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother. Always caring for others more than herself. She dearly loved her family and special friends of 60 years, Vicki Ferguson and Pam Newsome, also her friend, Linda Hyman, of many years.

Lovingly called "Sis" she fought a long hard battle with pancreatic cancer. She will be deeply missed by her family and many friends who visited and lifted her spirits during her difficult days. Her family thanks you.

She is survived by her loving husband, Kenneth Huggins of Hartsville, SC; children, Johnny and Sunni of Hartsville, SC; mother, Constance G. Gandy of Hartsville, SC; stepdaughter, Maria (Tom) McTighe of Mt. Pleasant, SC; stepson, Tony Huggins of Mt. Pleasant, SC; brothers, Robert "Butch" (Joyce) Gardner of North Myrtle Beach, SC; John (Carlynn) Gardner of Dallas, TX; sisters, Connie "Lou" (Eddie) Knotts of Hartsville, SC, Linda (Charlie) Hanks of Surfside Beach, SC, Nancy (Mike) Morris of Germantown, MD; beloved grandchildren, John Russell, Grant, Jerod, Lyvian and Andrea, all of Hartsville, SC, Cecelia of Columbia, SC, Ruthie and Clare both of Mt. Pleasant, SC; beloved nieces, Ashley Gardner of Charleston, SC, Jennifer (Kyle) Carlson of Columbia, SC. She was preceded in death by her daughter, JoAnna.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
info@bpafuneralhome.com
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

Service

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

West Hartsville Baptist Church
1003 W. Carolina Ave.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

AN

“ *i miss you grandma happy late 4th birthday in heaven* ”



andrea - February 18, 2020 at 10:20 PM

DW

“ *Danny Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins* ”



Danny Weaver - February 22, 2016 at 08:12 PM

KA

“ *Jen Carlson and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts <3
The O'Connor's* ”

Katie - February 19, 2016 at 06:18 PM

BR

“ *So sorry to hear we lost
Such a wonderful person. She was very dear our family when she
was a part of it. RIP Brenda, Frank, Frankie, Bryan, and Taylor.* ”

Brenda - February 19, 2016 at 04:21 PM

TJ

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TJ

Tanya Jennings

17 minutes ago

So sorry to hear of the loss of this wonderful person. She was also my aunt and a sister in law to mom Gwyn Grant "Doll"Jones. We had alot of good memories with her Johnny, Sunni, and Joanna.

Sorry we were not there to pay our respects. We just found out this past Thursday. RIP Ruth! Til we meet again! Rock, Doll, Tanya and Scott

Tanya Jennings - February 19, 2016 at 08:48 AM

PI

“

Connie and Family, we are so very sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter Ruth. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Pat and Beth



Pat Ivey - February 17, 2016 at 06:37 PM

MG

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Mitchell & Jackie Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



mitchell & jackie gainey - February 17, 2016 at 06:00 PM

LG

“ So sorry to hear fo Ruth's passing, The family is in my thoughts and Prayers, I know that her life with Danny was not even mentioned, He died to early with cancer also, She was my sister in law, I have a lot of good memories during that time. RIP

Linda Grant - February 17, 2016 at 04:28 PM

TJ

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Tanya Jennings - February 19, 2016 at 08:28 AM

JP

“ Johnny, Sunni and family. So sorry to hear about Ruth. She was a great lady. Many fond memories of growing up on Gardner Dr. With you all as neighbors and babysitting the girls. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family!!



Judy Pierce - February 17, 2016 at 09:13 AM

RW

“ Ruth was such a sweet person and always had a smile for everyone. I will keep her family in my thoughts and prayers.

Rhonda Watkins

Rhonda Watkins - February 16, 2016 at 09:10 PM

CG

“ *Connie and family - my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*



Connee Gamble Grantham - February 16, 2016 at 11:41 AM

CD

“ *Chell H. Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Chell H. Davis - February 16, 2016 at 10:37 AM

GM

“ *Gail & Goode Mobley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Gail & Goode Mobley - February 16, 2016 at 10:11 AM

TW

“ *Ruth had a smile that was contagious and a heart that was warm and friendly.....May you find comfort in the wonderful memories of this lovely lady and may God's love give you strength...She will be missed...*

Terri Northcutt Woodham

Terri Woodham - February 16, 2016 at 08:58 AM

CH

“ Ruth will be long remembered for her smile and love of others. She was a dear high school friend with whom I shared many happy moments during our teenage years.

May God's peace and joy be with the family in the days ahead as you reflect on her life.

Charlene Northcutt Herring

Charlene Herring - February 16, 2016 at 06:34 AM

RJ

“ Johnny, Sunnie, ANdrea..... my heart breaks for you. So many memories on Gardner Drive. Ruth had a big heart with that contagious smile who was very devoted to her family. It was an honor to have known her and enjoyed running into her at nhe with our grandkids. Andrea and my kaydance have been friends and in the same class for 4 years. Ruth will be greatly missed and God has gained a special angel. Cherish the memories and those will help you get through the difficult days ahead . May God wrap his arms around you as well. I will keep you all in my prayers. RIP my dear friend.

Rhonda Jones-Norton - February 16, 2016 at 05:02 AM

RJ

“ Rhonda Jones-Norton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Rhonda Jones-Norton - February 16, 2016 at 04:48 AM

CT

“ Just wanted to say how sorry I am to hear about Ruth. I remember when she and her Sister Connie Lou & Butch were young. We all grew up around the same neighborhood, Carolina Avenue, Green St. & Barefoot St. We all knew each other. I will be praying for her whole family. Her children and grandchildren are so blessed to have had so many good years with her. Love Cindy & Tony Thompson



Cindy Thompson - February 15, 2016 at 09:36 PM

SS

“ Susan King Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Susan King Smith - February 15, 2016 at 08:58 PM

SS

Ruth was part of my HHS class 1967 she was a sweet and pretty person ... my condolences to the family ..

Susan King Smith - February 15, 2016 at 09:00 PM

BS

“ Ruth and I worked at Washington Street Elementary School together for about 10 years. She always greeted everyone with a smile and was always nice to everyone. Grady and I light this candle in her memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, at this time.



Brenda Sullivan - February 15, 2016 at 06:33 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Cynthia Parker - February 15, 2016 at 05:52 PM

MC

“ *So sorry for the loss of "Sis" Ruth. She will be deeply missed by all of her family and many many friends. May God be with you all!*
Gail & Maxie

Maxie Cantley - February 15, 2016 at 04:05 PM

KJ

“ *Kathi Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Kathi Johnson - February 15, 2016 at 03:50 PM

AH

“ *Ann H. Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Ann H. Hudson - February 15, 2016 at 03:42 PM

RW

“ *Rebecca Wadsworth Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Rebecca Wadsworth Walker - February 15, 2016 at 03:39 PM

RA

“ *Ray Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Ray Alexander - February 15, 2016 at 02:43 PM

BH

“ *Bobbie Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Bobbie Huggins - February 15, 2016 at 02:29 PM

JT

“ *Jessica Freeman Tiller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Jessica Freeman Tiller - February 15, 2016 at 12:58 PM

JS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Johnny and Sharon Sturdivant - February 15, 2016 at 12:56 PM

JB

“ Jeff & Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Jeff & Carol Bryant - February 15, 2016 at 11:57 AM

AB

“ Allen Burr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Allen Burr - February 15, 2016 at 11:36 AM

DK

“ Donna B. King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Donna B. King - February 15, 2016 at 11:11 AM

CF

“ *Butch, Connie, Connie Lou and all family,
I am sad for all of you but know there is relief from Ruth's suffering.
We all go back to memories in high school and the innocent fun we
had. Good times!
My thoughts are with you all as you adjust to your losses. Knowing
that Ruth is at peace now will hopefully bring peace to you.
With love, Carole Flowers*

carole flowers - February 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM

CC

“ *I am very sorry to read of your family's loss. May the God of all
comfort, peace and tender mercies be with you. (2 Cor. 1:3, 4)
Please accept my heartfelt condolences.*

christie c - February 15, 2016 at 10:30 AM

PW

“ *A ray of sunshine all the time even when not feeling well. I well miss
that smiling face.*

Pat Winburn - February 15, 2016 at 10:01 AM

KB

“ *Krystal H Branch lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Krystal H Branch - February 15, 2016 at 09:06 AM

CT

“ Cheryl Cromer Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Cheryl cromer taylor - February 15, 2016 at 08:51 AM

CT

Connie and Connie Lou, I'm so sorry to hear of Ruth passing, I always thought a lot of Ruth and had fun with rack other birthday parties. Prayers for the family.

Cheryl cromer taylor - February 15, 2016 at 08:54 AM

CT

Fun with each other parties.

Cheryl cromer taylor - February 15, 2016 at 08:55 AM

BS

Connie: I was so sorry to hear of Sis's passing. I know how much she meant to you and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you and the members of the family.. Beth

Beth Scott - February 15, 2016 at 09:27 AM

AN

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of the family.



angela - February 15, 2016 at 08:43 AM

FN

“ Ruth, we spent many weekends and afternoons after school and I always remembered you as a bright shining star when you smiled. Watch over us as finish our journey here and we'll see you on the other side. Prayers for Connie and the family to ease the pain of losing someone so beautiful.

Faye Newsome - February 15, 2016 at 08:16 AM

AR

“ April James Rivers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



April James Rivers - February 15, 2016 at 07:47 AM

AW

“ Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



anna williams - February 15, 2016 at 06:36 AM

RG

“ Renee' Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Renee' Goodwin - February 15, 2016 at 03:50 AM

CD

“ Claudette B. Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Claudette B. Davis - February 14, 2016 at 11:54 PM

TB

“ Tonya Lloyd Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Tonya Lloyd Bennett - February 14, 2016 at 10:59 PM

JS

“ Jean H. Stratton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Jean H. Stratton - February 14, 2016 at 10:11 PM

CN

“ Charma Newcamp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Charma Newcamp - February 14, 2016 at 09:10 PM

DT

“ *Sunni, you the kids and family are in our prayers. We love you guys.* ”



Denise Thompson-Toney - February 14, 2016 at 08:59 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins* ”



Rebecca Skinner - February 14, 2016 at 08:07 PM

 Linda Warren Coates

“ *Linda Warren Coates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins* ”



Linda Warren Coates - February 14, 2016 at 07:33 PM

DC

“ *Dawn Holloman Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins* ”



Dawn Holloman Crawford - February 14, 2016 at 07:19 PM

GB

“ I remember Ruth as a young child at West Hartsville Baptist. Though Hartsville isn't a large town, it's easy to lose track of people. The last time I saw Ruth, she and members of her family were in the sanctuary . She looked good and her smile was so big! Her hug was strong! I knew of her battles with Cancer. More importantly than that, I knew how much she was loved...truly loved by one of our other members, Vickie Ferguson. She and I talked anout Ruth almost every Sunday we saw each other. Ruth inspired her and evidently soo many others. Mrs.Connie and I also talked about Ruth. She loved her so much and kept saying she didn't understand why she was still here and Ruth was so sick. Right after that, she would say she knew she wasn't suppose to question God. I know Ruth made a lasting impression for the good on many people. I also know she had many friends and that speaks volumes for the kind of life she lived. To Ruth's family and friends , I offer my heart felt condolences for your sadness. May you feel God's presence today and always.

In Christ's Love,

Gloria Beckham Butler

gloria butler - February 14, 2016 at 06:19 PM

TG

“ We are so saddened for the loss of our dear friend Ruth. She was loved by all and we will miss her sweet smile and gentle spirit. She will always have a place in our heart. Love and Prayers for family and friends. RIP Heaven's special Angel!

Teresa and Gene Gibson - February 14, 2016 at 06:17 PM

CS

“ Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Charles and Lavonde Smith - February 14, 2016 at 06:06 PM

LK

“ Lora Harrell Knotts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Lora Harrell Knotts - February 14, 2016 at 05:14 PM

KG

“ Kent And Linda Watson Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins



Kent and Linda Watson Gainey - February 14, 2016 at 04:33 PM

SC

“ My dear sweet beautiful momma,
You were my mother and my best friend. I love you more than anything in this world. You were taken from us to quick, but I know you and Joanna will together again and watch over me and my family. You were and are the strongest women I have known and I always felt your unconditional love you had for me, Johnny and Joanna. I miss you so much already, I feel a piece of me is missing and my heart physically hurts cause its broken. I know I will get through this by the grace of God and heaven knows they just received a true angel. I love you forever and will miss u and think of u everyday. Love, Sunni

Sunni cassidy - February 14, 2016 at 04:09 PM

TJ

Thinking of u Sunni! She was a strong woman!

Tanya Jennings - February 19, 2016 at 08:57 AM

KJ

“ Kaley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Ruth Gardner Huggins



Kaley Johnson - February 14, 2016 at 04:00 PM

DD

“ Dale Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Ruth Gardner Huggins



Dale Davis - February 14, 2016 at 03:52 PM

JG

“ *Jewel Walters Gibsin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Jewel Walters Gibsin - February 14, 2016 at 03:44 PM

PB

“ *Priscilla Hill Bochette lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Priscilla Hill Bochette - February 14, 2016 at 02:59 PM

VB

“ *Violet Bragdon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



violet bragdon - February 14, 2016 at 02:38 PM

DA

“ *Derry Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gardner Huggins*



Derry Atkinson - February 14, 2016 at 02:23 PM