



Ruth Wicker Gardner

March 9, 1935 - November 2, 2009

Funeral services for Ruth Wicker Gardner, 74, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2009, at Kelleytown Baptist Church. The Rev. Lin Kirkman and Governor James H. Hodges will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family. The family will receive friends after the service in the church fellowship hall. Memorials may be made to the Darlington County Humane Society, Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551, or to the American Red Cross of Central SC, Box 91, Columbia, SC 29202.

Mrs. Gardner died Monday, November 2, 2009. Born in Sanford, NC, she was the daughter of the late Sherwood Brice Wicker and the late Lona Dawkins Wicker. Mrs. Gardner was educated in Hartsville Public Schools and graduated from Hartsville High School in 1953. She attended Draughan's Business School in Columbia and Coker College in Hartsville. She was employed with Coker College, E. M. Floyd, and the Darlington County School District for many years.

A member of Kelleytown Baptist Church, she was actively involved in Sunday School and church service. She was also a member of the Byerly Hospital and Carolina Pines Women's Auxiliary and the Home & Garden Club.

Surviving are her husband, Clyde Gardner of Hartsville, SC; son and

daughter-in-law, Andy and Diana Gardner of Hartsville, SC; daughters and sons-in-law, Rachel and Governor James H. Hodges of Columbia, SC, Frances Gardner and Van Richardson of Heath Springs, SC; grandchildren, Luke Neal Hodges of Columbia, SC, Samuel Mallette Hodges of Columbia, SC, Keller Ann Perry of Charleston, SC and her niece and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Sarah Wicker Hawkins.

Tribute Wall



“ Fran,
I was sorry to hear about your Mom. May God give you comfort during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Suzanne B. Williams##imported-end##

November 04, 2009 at 08:33 PM



“ Ms. Gardner, I am very sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Brittany Estridge ##imported-end##

November 04, 2009 at 04:28 PM



“ Andy I am sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Hold onto your memories and GOD will hold onto you and your family.##imported-begin##Robert Winburn##imported-end##

November 04, 2009 at 02:41 PM



“ Rachel and Family, So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You all will be my thoughts and prayers. Gary Vann##imported-begin##Gary Vann##imported-end##

November 04, 2009 at 12:21 PM



“ Mike and I are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Fran, please stop by to see me if you want to talk about her. I would love to hear more about her interesting life. She looks jus like you, Fran.##imported-begin##Dr. Noni McCullough Bohonak##imported-end##

November 04, 2009 at 10:23 AM



“ Fran and family,
Words cannot express the feelings that I have for you and your family at this time. I'm so very sorry for your loss and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Darlene and Ronny##imported-begin##Darlene Roberts##imported-end##

November 04, 2009 at 10:09 AM



“ To Fran Gardner & Family.
Prayers and blessings to all during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Avis R. Clyburn##imported-end##

November 04, 2009 at 09:11 AM



“ Fran and family, We are saddened by the loss of your mother. These are difficult days for you all and we send our warm thoughts and prayers your way.
Ashley and Walt Collins##imported-begin##Ashley and Walt Collins##imported-end##

November 04, 2009 at 08:47 AM



“ *Fran and family,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Karen##imported-begin##Karen##imported-end##

November 04, 2009 at 08:45 AM



“ *To Fran, Rachel, and family.....We are so sorry for your loss. You are your mother's legacy and how proud she was to have raised two strong, accomplished women. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Trina & Leon McFadden & Family##imported-begin##Trina McFadden##imported-end##

November 04, 2009 at 08:06 AM



“ *Clyde and Family, On behalf of LifeCare Hospice of SC we share with you in your loss of a loved-one. It is our prayer that God will give you the confort and peace that you need through the days ahead. Any time that you need us, we are just a phone call away. Sincerely, Kevin, Debra, Laura, Grady and Staff of LifeCare Hospice of SC##imported-begin##Grady O'Neal--LifeCare Hospice Of SC##imported-end##*

November 03, 2009 at 06:55 PM



“ *Mr. Gardner, Andy, family, I was so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. There are never words that are sufficient at a time like this, but know that God can offer peace in the midst of the storm and his love endures forever. I will keep you in my thoughts and pray that God will comfort and strengthen you and keep you in the palm of his hand.##imported-begin##Dale McCluney##imported-end##*

November 03, 2009 at 12:18 PM