



Ruth Easterling Helms

June 15, 1917 - August 6, 2010

Mrs. Ruth Easterling Helms, wife of the late Eugene Creighton Helms, died August 6, 2010 at the Hospice Center of Charleston following an illness.

Born July 15, 1916 in Hartsville, SC, she was the twelfth child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Whitman Easterling. Mrs. Helms was a homemaker, part-time schoolteacher and known to many as Hartsville's "Cake Lady".

She is survived by: daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Wesley Haynes of Mt. Pleasant, SC; son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Linda Helms of Hartsville, SC, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation: August 7, 2010 from four o'clock to six o'clock at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home at 306 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Funeral Service: August 8, 2010 at four o'clock at First Baptist Church of Hartsville, 104 East Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Interment immediately following at New Providence Baptist Church Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ I know you came by the office and we talked but I just wanted to say how much I miss your MOM. She was one of a kind. I have never met anyone with more drive and determination than Miss Ruth. We spent many hours in the office talking about her, family her church, her cake baking(I'm still waiting for my cake), her piano playing, working in her yards, etc. I just loved talking to Miss Ruth. The cake was a running joke between us. My first words were always you brought my Coconut cake. I loved and will miss Miss Ruth. I'm sure she had that cake baked and waiting for me in heaven.##imported-begin##gary mims##imported-end##

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“ So sorry for your loss. I will be remembering you all in my prayers in the days ahead.
Sincerely,
Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer##imported-begin##Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer##imported-end##

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“ I frequently saw her when I went to First Baptist in SC. She was teaching Sunday School at an advanced age, remarkable and amazing. My dad Richard Wadsworth was first cousin to Sam Easterling, Jr. Uncle Sam and Aunt 'Batchie'(Beatrice) were my family also. You are in my prayers, Becky Wadsworth Walker##imported-begin##Becky Wadsworth Walker##imported-end##

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“ *Mrs. Ruth was a true Southern lady. Everything she did was done with a quiet grace and determination that made her one of a kind.*###imported-begin###Julie Elmore Burch###imported-end###

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“ *Helms Family, Ruth was very special to our family. She had a special love for all those she came in contact with. We will miss her. Our prayers are with you during the difficult days ahead.*###imported-begin###Wayne & Edna Sims###imported-end###

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“ *Sorry to hear about Mrs. Ruth. We have known her and Mr. Gene for a long time. My husband, Vernon Lewis (who is with the Lord now,also) worked on their house years ago. We learned to love them then and visited Mr. Gene when he was in the hospital before his death. Mrs. Ruth was always a loving and happy person and could play the piano so good. She will be missed.*###imported-begin###Shirley and Larry Lewis###imported-end###

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