



Mrs Sarah Cook Welch

September 25, 1927 - September 20, 2018

Sarah Cook Welch, 90 went to be with her heavenly Lord on Thursday, September 20, 2018, in Augusta, Georgia after a brief illness. Graveside services will be held at 3:00 pm Sunday, September 23, 2018, in Bethlehem Cemetery, 110 Pinchum Sly Rd., Bishopville, SC. Her son, the Reverend Bert Welch will officiate. Brown-Pennington-Atkins and Hancock-Elmore-Hill are serving the family.

Sarah was born on September 25, 1927, in Bishopville, SC as the only child of Emma Theo Woodham Cook and Dan Rushston Cook. Sarah graduated from Bishopville High School in 1944. At Columbia College, a Methodist women's college in Columbia, SC, she majored in Bible/Religious Education with a minor in English as well as completion of the business courses.

During WW2 she began a friendly correspondence with a Bishopville Marine serving in the Pacific named Hubert Welch. They married June 21, 1947. Their 55-year marriage was filled with many memories with neighbors on Richardson Circle, an annual 4th of July fish fry, morning coffee, playing bridge, family vacations and trips to the beach and mountains as well as service in the schools, community and her church while they raised their three children. Sarah loved being a 'stay at home' mom for 24 years. After the last child left for college, she used her love of numbers, detail oriented note-taking skills, and talent for organization to begin teaching taxes and later as office

manager for a 5-physician medical practice. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hartsville and then Covenant Baptist Church in Lancaster. Sarah taught Sunday school for 60 years. Together they taught their children the love of our Heavenly Father, family, and community. After living in Hartsville for over 50 years, they moved to Lancaster to a small wooded home and loved being near Bert and Susan. Hubert died in 2002 and subsequently, Sarah lived alone for 15 years. In 2017, she moved to Augusta 2017 to be near her middle daughter, Gayle.

Sarah was a true friend to many and she never met a stranger. She is remembered for her soft-spoken manner, soft smile and a sneaky sense of humor. She loved history, preserving memories and old-fashioned traditions. She was always a great resource to talk about the past and as a proud member of the 'greatest generation'. As a gift to her family, Sarah wrote a book about her life, *The Way We Were* as well as other books of her ancestry and treasured memories. Sarah was beloved by her family and friends and will be missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are her three children, Susan (Michael) Plunkett of Lancaster, SC; Gayle (Craig) Bentley of Augusta, GA; Bert (Kathy) Welch of Goose Creek, SC. Sarah has seven grandchildren, Brian (Tiffany) Plunkett, Laura Plunkett, Brooke (Eric) Main, Lauren (Tim) Maddux, Collin Bentley, Hugh (Mandy) Welch, and Sarah Anne (Shaun) Daley as well as 12 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Connie Maxwell Children's Home (<https://www.conniemaxwell.com>) an organization she and Hubert sponsored for many years or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Rebecca Wadsworth Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch*



Rebecca Wadsworth Walker - October 23, 2018 at 05:40 PM

CK

“ *Connie G Knotts lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch*



Connie G Knotts - September 26, 2018 at 10:33 AM

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Connie G Knotts - September 26, 2018 at 10:32 AM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch*



Rebecca Skinner - September 26, 2018 at 02:40 AM

BC

“ I have the most wonderful memories of Sarah. Keeping all of the Welch family in my prayers. ❤️
Beth Parnell Clark

Beth Parnell Clark - September 25, 2018 at 08:16 PM

SH

“ Sorry to hear of your loss.

Sharon Shirley Howle

sharon howle - September 25, 2018 at 06:19 PM

JL

“ Judy Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch



Judy Lane - September 24, 2018 at 12:33 PM

AS

“ ANDY SHIRLEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch



ANDY SHIRLEY - September 24, 2018 at 09:06 AM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss of Sarah. Grew up across the street from her mother

Becky Grantham McWatty

Becky Grantham McWatty - September 24, 2018 at 07:02 AM

CF

“ What a wonderful mother you have been blessed with for so many years. May your heart and minds be filled with many fond moments and memories. May God grant you His peace and strength in the days ahead. God Bless you all as you reflect on her life well lived.

Carol Ann (Terry) Frock

Carol Ann Frock - September 23, 2018 at 10:20 PM

CC

“ Cheryl C.taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch



Cheryl c.taylor - September 23, 2018 at 07:23 PM

PM

“ Susan, I am so sorry for your loss. May God bring you and your family comfort and peace during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Pinky McInville - September 22, 2018 at 10:04 PM

LH

“ *Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch*



Larry Huggins - September 22, 2018 at 09:58 PM

VB

“ *Violet Bragdon lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch*



Violet bragdon - September 22, 2018 at 07:31 PM

JL

“ *Joe Lavender lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch*



Joe Lavender - September 22, 2018 at 02:42 PM

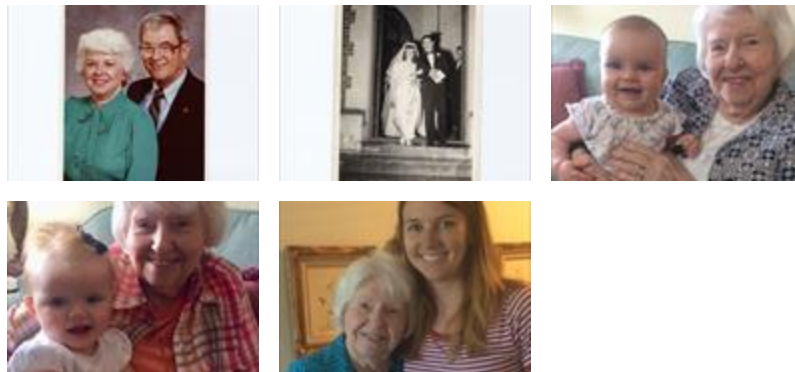
JL

Joe Lavender and family

Joe Lavender - September 22, 2018 at 02:43 PM

MP

“ 46 files added to the album Family Photos



Mel Pennington - September 22, 2018 at 01:12 PM

PM

What a delightful collection of photos celebrating your mother's life. Prayers for her legacy: Susan, Gayle, Bert, and families. Love Perribeth

Perribeth McKorell - September 26, 2018 at 04:44 PM

MP

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Mel Pennington - September 22, 2018 at 01:11 PM

JG

“ Jimmy&Judy Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch



Jimmy&Judy Gainey - September 21, 2018 at 08:47 PM

RM

“ Rachel Doyle Medlin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch



Rachel Doyle Medlin - September 21, 2018 at 01:34 PM

CB

“ Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch



carol bryant - September 21, 2018 at 01:19 PM

CB

Phyllis: Sending sympathy and love to you in the loss of your sweet mom. I am thinking and praying for you today and in the coming day. She will always be in your heart. Blessings, Carol

carol bryant - September 21, 2018 at 01:22 PM

HG

“ Harriet Gupton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Sarah Cook Welch



Harriet Gupton - September 21, 2018 at 11:15 AM