



Shirley Coward

November 2, 1926 - April 15, 2008

Graveside services for Shirley Hunnings Coward, 81, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 18, 2008 at Westview Memorial Park Cemetery. The Revs. Terry Martin and David Surrent will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home will be serving the family. The family will receive friends Thursday, April 17, 2008 from 5-7 p.m. at the residence, 417 Kenwood Dr. Memorials may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church, 145 E. College Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550, American Cancer Society, 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210, or the Darlington County Humane Society, Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551.

Mrs. Coward, who was married to the late Newell Coward for 50 years, died Tuesday, April 15, 2008. Born in Carteret County, NC, she was a daughter of the late Wardie Giles and Lillian Bell Hunnings. She graduated from Central High School in Charlotte, NC, attended Queens College and was graduated from Duke University with a B. S. degree in nursing. She was treasurer of Buyck-Coward Co. where she worked as a buyer. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Kenneth Keuhner Sunday School Class and the Tincie Y. Crouch Circle. She served on the Administrative Board and was president of the United Methodist Women. She was a board member of the Darlington County Mental Health Board. Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Wilson Newell and Pat Coward of Florence, SC, Roger Giles Coward of Hartsville, SC and Karen Sammons of Irmo, SC; daughter and son-in-law, Wardie Coward and Keith Sanders of

Hartsville, SC; sister, Betsy Bell Hunnings; brother and sister-in-law, Wardie Giles and Barbara Hunnings, Jr.; grandchildren (spouse), John Coward, Melissa Coward, Michael Coward, Jamie (Tracey) Coward, Brandon Coward; great-grandchildren, Caroline Coward and Courtney Coward; niece, Lynn Fox; nephews, Rob Hunnings, Giles Hunnings, Dr. Paul Coward, Fred Coward. She was preceded in death by her nephew, David Hunnings.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Wilson, Wardie and Roger, we just got the news of your mother's death -- we are now in the Dominican Republic, so it takes a while for messages to reach us. It triggered many memories of good times past. We're sorry that Shirley is gone, and hope that you all know some peace even in the midst of your loss. Don't know when we'll next get to Hartsville, so it may be a while before we see you again. But we have a common history of the relations between our two families, and within the old Kenwood neighborhood, that will last a while longer. God bless. Michael (and April)###imported-begin###Michael and April Floyd###imported-end###

April 30, 2008 at 11:03 PM



“ Wardie, I learned from you today that you had just lost your mother. After reading nearly all of the posts here, I can tell you had a wonderful and very loved mother. I didn't know her, but if she was anything like you, she was a wonderful person. I lost my mom a few years ago and if you ever need to talk or an understanding shoulder, please feel free to get in touch with me. May God give you and your family the strength that you will need as the weeks go by without her.
In God's Love, Dianne###imported-begin###Dianne McDougald
James###imported-end###

April 23, 2008 at 11:50 PM



“ Wardie,

I so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during the time.

Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy Colston##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 08:02 PM



“ Wardie and Wilson---my prayers are with you in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sharon H. Sturdivant##imported-end##

April 21, 2008 at 04:44 PM



“ Miss Shirley was a grand and charming lady, the epitome of a southern belle. She was concerned and caring about those around her, especially her family. I am so glad I had the privilege & honor to know her.##imported-begin##Mitchell Dampier##imported-end##

April 20, 2008 at 10:37 AM



“ *"Our Aunt Shirley"*

Dear Wardie, Wilson, and Roger,

On Tuesday night our Lord reached down and said "My child, Come Home". I am so thankful Paul was with Aunt Shirley when the Lord called her home, just as he was by Uncle Newell when he was called Home to Heaven.

Our Aunt Shirley was a beautiful person inside out. We all loved her dearly. The only regret we have is we wished we could have had more time with her. Quality time is what we had with her and we shall ALWAYS remember these happy times together.

We love you all so very much. I will end as Aunt Shirley often said "LUV" to everybody.

All our love, Your cousins,

Paul and Mary Coward and all our family##imported-begin##Paul and Mary Coward##imported-end##

April 19, 2008 at 09:17 AM



“ *Wardie, So sorry for your loss. You have been on our hearts and minds. Jennifer and Annie Vann##imported-begin##Jennifer and Annie Vann##imported-end##*

April 19, 2008 at 08:11 AM



“ *DEAR ROGER, WARDIE, AND FAMILY,
OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. YOUR MOM WAS TRULY A "LADY". TAKE COMFORT IN YOUR MEMORIES OF HER, AND IN THE LOVE AND CONCERN OF YOUR FRIENDS,
GOODE & GAIL##imported-begin##GOODE & GAIL
MOBLEY##imported-end##*

April 18, 2008 at 02:16 PM



“ *Wardie, We are so sorry to learn of your great loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kathie Blackwell, Jon Blackwell & Stephanie Hungerpiller##imported-end##*

April 18, 2008 at 11:15 AM



“ *Coward Family, we are sorry to learn of your loss. Our prayers are with each of you. To God be the glory. Isaiah 43:5##imported-begin##Wayne and Edna Sims##imported-end##*

April 18, 2008 at 09:01 AM



“ *Wilson, Roger and Wardie, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I am reminded of the many times while growing up that I was allowed to be included in the love your mother shared with Chip Lester, myself, and Im sure many many others. All of you are in my prayers as GOD brings you through this time of loss.##imported-begin##Sean Irvin##imported-end##*

April 17, 2008 at 09:49 PM



“ *Wardie, I am so sorry to hear about your Mother. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Take care, Geraldine A. Cox##imported-begin##Jeri A. Cox##imported-end##*

April 17, 2008 at 03:36 PM



“ Dear Wardie and Family,
I am sorry for your loss. I lost my mother in Novemeber and I know how you are feeling. Just hold on to the memories you shared and ask God to put his arms around you and give you comfort. I will keep you in my prayers.
Love and God bless,
Crystal T. Minnehan##imported-begin##Crystal Talbert
Minnehan##imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 12:47 PM



“ Dear Wardie and family,
What a great loss of your true treasure! Shirley, was a gem! I smile thinking of the great memories of times in Hartsville that included times with Shirley. I send love and good energy to all of you at this time of loss.
love, Theresa##imported-begin##Theresa Durand##imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 11:23 AM



“ Hi Wardie,
Just a note to say how sorry I am to hear about your Mother. I know how close you were to her and know she will be missed terribly. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers....love, dawn##imported-begin##Dawn Caldwell##imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 10:28 AM



“ Wilson, Roger, Wardie, and all the family,
I am saddened with the news of Shirley's passing. I feel I have lost
a dear friend to me, and my family. Mother sends her heartfelt
regards. She, too, is feeling a great loss. They go way back to the
early days of Hartsville and all of us kids. Please know that all of us-
me, Mother, Jeff, and Steve have all of you in our prayers.
Much love,
Jane##imported-begin##JANE WARREN
(THRAILKILL)##imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 10:26 AM



“ Dear Wardie and Family,
My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. I have very fond
memories of your mother being so sweet to me as I looked at all the
merchandise in the store as a child and never losing patience with
me as I asked a million questions! She was such a sweet lady and
she will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Mandy Rion
Tyner##imported-end##

April 17, 2008 at 08:00 AM



“ Wardie, Keith, Roger and family

I was so saddened to hear that " Miss Shirley" was no longer with us. She was such an amazing woman. I know that many young girls went to her for advice and fashion when they felt that they were the only ones who feeling insecure and inadequate. Her smile and gentle words of encouragement will be sorely missed. Please find comfort in those special times and family moments. We will all be reunited one day and what a glorious day that will be. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Lynn, Phil, and Mari Penn
The Boatwrights

April 17, 2008 at 07:16 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Each time we saw you and Shirley it was obvious the care, love, respect and admiration you had for her... God will bless you for honoring her...
Michael & Delores Hickey and family

April 17, 2008 at 06:46 AM



“ Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Shirley was a such a lovely lady in all ways. May God surround each of you with His love.
Belinda Copeland

April 16, 2008 at 11:26 PM



“ We're thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. May God bless you.

Shirley and Wayne McCutchen##imported-begin##Shirley and Wayne McCutchen##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 08:28 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to Wardie and the rest of the Coward family and friends. *Jeanne Taylor##imported-begin##Jeanne Taylor##imported-end##*

April 16, 2008 at 07:43 PM



“ I've always told people how spending time in Hartsville is a life changing experience because people like Shirley live there. I was blessed to have spent time with Shirley and know her spirit, drive and compassion live on in her daughter Wardie. We are so saddened by her passing and send our hugs and prayers to all of her family. God bless. *##imported-begin##Shannon Reynolds and Tracy Deley##imported-end##*

April 16, 2008 at 05:36 PM



“ To the Coward Family, I am sorry to hear about your loss. She was a very nice lady, and always friendly when I seen her at The department store there on 5th Street. always cheerful and treated everyone she met with a smile. May God send His loving Angels to wrap their arms around all of you and give you the comfort that you need during this difficult time. God bless you all *##imported-begin##Grady O'Neal##imported-end##*

April 16, 2008 at 04:39 PM



“ *Ms. Shirley will be greatly missed. My prayers are with your family.*##imported-begin##Linda Watford##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 03:02 PM