



Vada Gore

March 4, 1921 - March 9, 2005

Funeral services for Vada Newsome Gore, 84, will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2005 at St. Luke United Methodist Church. The Revs. Ben Gafford and Dora Gafford will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Thursday, March 10, 2005 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the St. Luke United Methodist Church, 302 Dunlap Dr., Hartsville SC 29550.

Mrs. Gore died Wednesday, March 9, 2005. Born in Hartsville, SC, she was a daughter of the late George Bennett and Dannie Kelley Newsome. She graduated from Winthrop College and received her masters degree from the University of South Carolina. She taught school for 42 years, most of them at Hartsville High School. In 1978, she was DECA Teacher of the Year for South Carolina. She was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church and past president of XYZ. She also was past president of the Byerly Hospital Auxillary.

Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Bess Gore of Hartsville, SC, Ben and Jada Gore of Hartsville, SC; sister, Ruth Newsome Parrott of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren and spouses, McCrae and Megan Gore, Tom Gore, Anna Gore, Bebe and Jeff Chapman, Bennett Gore; great-grandchild, Perry Claire Gore. She was preceded in death by her sister, Lida DuBose, Mayward Kline, Juanita Melton; brother; George Newsome, Jr. and Elias

Newsome.

Tribute Wall



“ Robert Andrews lit a candle in memory of Vada Gore



Robert Andrews - July 12, 2025 at 06:59 AM



“ Dear Donnie,

I read of Vada's death here on the BPA website and wanted to express my deepest sympathy to you and all of your family. Your mother was one of a kind and always kept people around her in the best frame of mind--always kept the crowd laughing. She will be missed by all who knew her. My prayer is that the Lord will give you the strength and comfort you will need in the days and weeks to come as you adjust to your loss. I hope you can find some comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering. God bless you and yours. In His love, Rachel###imported-begin###Rachel Doyle Medlin###imported-end###

March 13, 2005 at 01:50 AM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you during your loss. We have missed Vada’s interesting speeches at the Newsome Reunion. It just won’t be the same knowing she won’t be back, but her memory will always be there with us. She always knew how to liven up our crowd with her enthusiasm and humor. She had such a zest for life and it overflowed to the people around her. We know many great memories are left behind.##imported-begin##June Hyman, Christine Tolson, Joseph Elmore##imported-end##

March 11, 2005 at 05:29 PM



“ Vada will be missed--her wisdom, humor and vitality.##imported-begin##mary S Davy##imported-end##

March 11, 2005 at 01:10 PM



“ To the Gore family, I am truly sorry for your loss. I echo the comments given by others. Ms. Gore was such an inspiration to me and the class of 79. She entrusted us to pick up merchandise from local department stores, but she knew we would be teenagers and wander. I remember her telling us to go straight there and DO NOT STOP TO EAT ANYWHERE! She knew we would. One day, I can remember it as if it were yesterday, we came back and she told me I had mustard on my nose. Being the gullible one of the group, I wiped my nose. Silly me, I didn't even eat mustard, but she knew we had stopped for lunch! BUSTED!...oh how we loved her and she will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family!##imported-begin##Mona Parnell Howell##imported-end##

March 11, 2005 at 09:42 AM



“ *Herb and I want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have wonderful memories of your mother. She was always so interested in our trips and always told us to go while we could. She will be missed by her many friends. God bless you as you say farewell to her. Know she is with our Lord. How wonderful our faith at times like this. Herb and Betty Roos*###imported-begin###*Herb and Betty Roos*###imported-end###

March 11, 2005 at 09:11 AM



“ *To the Family of Mrs. Gore, I just wanted you to know how sad it is to loose such a GREAT lady..... I had Mrs. Gore as my teacher at Hartsville High back in the 60's.... thank you for sharing her with so many of us.... We loved her fun sense Of humor and wonderful smile... God Bless..... Gloria Watson Martin*###imported-begin###*Gloria Watson Martin*###imported-end###

March 11, 2005 at 08:32 AM



“ *To the Gore family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Bennett, I know this is a hard time for you right now but look to the memories as they will help you through this very difficult time.*###imported-begin###*Lisa Horne and Matt Grantham*###imported-end###

March 10, 2005 at 05:30 PM



“ To the Gore family: I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.##imported-begin##Ashleigh Sansbury##imported-end##

March 10, 2005 at 04:10 PM



“ Bennie and Donnie, I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. My thoughts are with both you and your families. Today, when I read of her death it brought back a flood of childhood memories. Though I have not seen her in many, many years, I remember her as if it were only yesterday. She was such a positive influence on so many people’s lives, and I certainly was no exception. Growing up around her, she wasn’t only my neighbor she was one of my first employers along with your Aunt Anita and your grandmother. Many times I walked with lawnmower and gas can in hand to her house for I knew if I didn’t cut her yard as we agreed, I would be sternly reminded of my obligations and responsibilities. Vada was a person I can only describe as, “a rare and very special breed”. She was independent, opinionated, candid and plain spoken. I suppose some of that was a product with being raised with brothers. Vada was someone you definitely did want to get on the bad side of. Her friends used to joke if she got mad the “Newsome” would come out in her. She could match anyone pound for pound, word for word. But, I also remember her having quite the humor too. I fondly recall her lively conversations while playing cards next door at Ted’s house or while visiting with my mother. Her humorous wisdom could crack up a room.

As recent as a week ago I passed her house on the way home and wondered how she was doing. I remembered when she was nearing retirement from teaching she spoke of her long teaching career and how excited she was about beginning a new chapter in her life. Not long afterwards I lost contact with her, as usually happens when children grow older and move on. I can only hope her retirement exceeded her expectations. I know she loved and worried about both of you when you were teenagers and she did what she had to, to keep both of you on the straight and narrow. I also know she was very, very proud of both of you and wasn’t shy to admit it. I don’t blame her either, she did an excellent job.

It is sad that it takes death for many of us to remember people and places that had a positive impact on our lives. I feel I was very

fortunate to have known Vada. She impressed upon me that if you ever wanted to succeed, it took hard work. No one was going to hand you anything. As I grew older, I better understood those words and what she was trying to instill. It is people like her that we all can learn from. Her passing saddens me. She will not be forgotten. She will continue living in all our hearts and minds because of her natural ability for instilling knowledge and discipline, as well as, all the fond memories she played a part in.##imported-begin##Joel and Robin Griggs##imported-end##

March 10, 2005 at 01:27 PM



*“ Our love and prayers are with you now. Vada was a role model in her dedication to others. She will be missed by many.
Love,
Sharon, Bruce & Kimberly##imported-begin##Sharon & Bruce Moon##imported-end##*

March 10, 2005 at 10:49 AM



*“ My condolences and prayers to your family. Mrs. Gore was a truly remarkable lady and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
Love and prayers,
Gail M. Young##imported-begin##Gail M. Young##imported-end##*

March 10, 2005 at 10:37 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ms. Gore had such an impact on me and my family. She was the influence that guided me to college -- and convinced my dad to attend night school to get his high school diploma. She was more than a wonderful teacher. She was my friend! I had the opportunity to visit her a couple of months ago. I'm so glad I did that -- and told her how much she meant to me!! I will pray for your family.##imported-begin##Renee Gainey##imported-end##

March 10, 2005 at 10:37 AM



“ Bennett, I am sorry for your loss. Your grandmother was one of my favorite teachers at Hartsville High. I will remember you and your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Wanda Pierce##imported-end##

March 10, 2005 at 10:16 AM



“ Dear Ben,

We were very sorry to hear about to hear about your mother. She was a great teacher and wonderful person and I remember her fondly. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##William and Kim Weaver##imported-end##

March 10, 2005 at 09:17 AM



“ MRS.GORE WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE TEACHERS
AT HARTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL I WAS IN THE CLASS OF 1976 I
WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER
HER A JOY TO BE ARROUND MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS
GO OUT TO THE FAMILY###imported-begin##DONNA TRUETT
BROWN ##imported-end##

March 10, 2005 at 08:24 AM



“ To the Gore Family,
We would like to say that Vada was a lovely person,we all enjoyed
the time we knew her. Our prayers are with you all, and may God
bless###imported-begin##Charlie,Patty, and Heather
Gainey##imported-end##

March 09, 2005 at 10:56 PM



“ Jada and family,
Thinking of you all in your time of sorrow. Vada will be missed by all
who came to know her in life. Keep in mind that she has only gone
on to rest and peace and we all will be reunited in time.
Edna Smith###imported-begin##Edna Smith##imported-end##

March 09, 2005 at 10:08 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. She taught with a firm yet
loving hand. She will be missed and remembered by those whose
lives she touched. Personally, she kept me on the straight and
narrow when it would have been easy to go astray.

Kent###imported-begin##Kent Reaves##imported-end##

March 09, 2005 at 05:31 PM