



Vermelle Gressette King

March 10, 1922 - September 29, 2008

Vermelle Gressette King, 86, died Monday, Sept. 29, at her home at the Presbyterian Community in Florence, S.C. after a long illness.

Born in Timmonsville, S.C., she attended Coker College. She and her late husband, Clyde W. King, a Hartsville native, lived for some years in Atlanta, but returned to their home town in 1994. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville.

Mrs. King was a voracious reader and frequent patron of the Hartsville Memorial Library, and an enthusiastic bridge player.

She was preceded in death by her husband, in 2004, her parents, Joseph Hardie Gressette and Margaret "Artie" Conyers Gressette, and a brother, William Gressette. She is survived by a son, Clyde W. King Jr. and his wife, Bonnie, of Orlando; a daughter, Peggy King, of Alpharetta, Ga.; a sister-in-law, Linda Gressette, of Indianapolis; several cousins and nieces and many dear friends. The family also wishes to express its appreciation to caregiver Sarah McElveen.

A graveside service of celebration and remembrance will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 4 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Hartsville, with the Revs. Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins and Mrs. King's cousin Cantey DuBose officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 213 W. Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550 or McLeod Hospice, 1203 E. Cheves St., Florence, SC 29501.

Tribute Wall



“ Clyde and Peggy, I first met your Mother when they moved back to Hartsville, and thought she was just precious! She and your Dad were good friends of my parents. I last saw her this summer at BIG's, and spoke to her. I reminded her that my Daddy always told me she was the "Farrah Fawcett" of "their" day! She just threw her head back and laughed. I am sure you have many fond memories, so hold them close to your hearts. I will remember you in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Dell Gandy##imported-end##

October 02, 2008 at 10:32 PM



“ Your mom and dad were both very gracious and giving people. I worked with Clyde at Puritan in Atlanta and got to know both of them pretty well through their warm, friendly and giving nature. Clyde went out of his way to help and teach me in the ways of the new company I had joined. I will never forget the kindness both of them shared with me. May God bless your family and may all of your memories of your mom be of joy.##imported-begin##Rick Bruce##imported-end##

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“ Peggy, Clyde and Bonnie...I am so glad to have reconnected with Aunt Vermelle in the last couple years, even if we never got to visit. I will always remember her soft southern accent, her gracious hospitality, her sense of humor and her amazing watercolor talent. She was a great lady.

Take care,
Sue and Terry Crago###imported-begin##Sue Crago###imported-end##

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“ Peggy & Clyde: I have great memories of your mom and dad - especially when yall lived in Hartsville and at the beach with the McKorells. It was great to re-connect with them in their later years. I was especially impressed with your mom's artistic talent and loved seeing her latest water color piece. It is sad that her generation is almost all gone now. There are not many of our parent's age left. My prayers are with you both at this time.###imported-begin##Margaret McKinnon Harris###imported-end##

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“ I remember Ms. Vermelle when I worked at the frontdesk at the Ymca. She always had a smile on her face. My prayers are with the family at this sad time. Just let God wrap you in his loving arms.###imported-begin##Karen Poston###imported-end##

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“ Vermelle was a regular patron at the Hartsville library and I always enjoyed talking to her and helping her find books. She always had a kind word and a smile. I shall miss her. God be with you at this time.##imported-begin##Anne Shepherd##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kathie& Steve Blackwell##imported-end##

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“ As a new Bridge player at Ladies' Day at the Hartsville Country Club many years ago, Vermelle was my partner. At one point, I looked up to see her studying me. In answer to my puzzled expression, she stated, "I like the way you look." Oh, my. She made this young mother's day. I promptly declared her my new best friend. And from that point on, we always greeted each other with, "Hello, best friend!" She was a kind and gracious lady.##imported-begin##Angie Ward##imported-end##

September 30, 2008 at 08:50 PM



“ god be with you at this time##imported-begin##wendy hoffman##imported-end##

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