



## Mrs. Violet "Vickie" Griese

July 22, 1922 - March 25, 2020

(This obituary is posted by Brown-Pennington-Atkins as a courtesy to Rev. Brad Griese for his Hartsville friends.)

Mrs. Violet (Vickie) MacKenzie Griese, 97, passed into glory on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at the Rolling Green Nursing Facility in Greenville, SC. A private graveside service for family will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Woodlawn Memorial Park, 1901 Wade Hampton Blvd, Greenville, SC.

Vickie was born on July 22, 1922, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, the youngest of three children born to the late William Henry and Loretta Fay MacKenzie. At the age of seven, Vickie's family moved to Fredericksburg, VA, where she graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1939. She then graduated from Strayer Business College in 1940 and took a job at the FBI in Washington, D.C. She married Alvin Griese on February 3, 1950. They were married for 45 years until his passing in 1995. Vickie stayed home and raised five children over 20 years. She then went back to work in retail, then as an administrative assistant and a legal secretary to help with her children's college tuition. Upon her retirement in 1988, she and Alvin moved to Greenville where Alvin began working as an Architect for Bob Jones University. The greatest occurrence in Vickie and Alvin's lives occurred in 1965, when they both received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior under the ministry of Pastor Ollie Goad at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Annandale, VA. This changed the whole course of

the Griese family.

Vickie was preceded in death by her parents and husband referred to above; her two brothers, William and Alex MacKenzie; and a granddaughter, Sandra Ahrens.

She is survived by her five children: William Griese of Gainesville, FL; Patricia Griese Ahrens (Kevin) of Sebring, FL; James Griese (Ilma) of Spain; Bradley Griese (Karen) of Florence, SC; and Loretta Griese Turner (Scott) of Greer, SC; thirteen grandchildren, William, Jr., Michael and John Griese, Stephen Ahrens, Crystal Ahrens Taylor, Lucas, Jakob and Nicole Griese, Bradley Griese, Jr., Rachel Griese Nelson, Benjamin Griese, Gregory Turner and Lisa Turner Leonard, and twenty-two great grandchildren.

Memorials are encouraged to be made in Vickie's honor to The Gideon's International, Spartanburg North Camp, 2939 Chesnee Hwy., Spartanburg, SC 29307, 864-578-1771.

Condolences to the family may be sent to her daughter, Loretta Turner, at 204 Windward Way, Greer, SC 29650.

# Tribute Wall

GG

“ *Gene And Teresa Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Violet "Vickie" Griese*



**Gene and Teresa Gibson** - March 29, 2020 at 11:14 AM

JG

“ *Jewel Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Violet "Vickie" Griese*



**Jewel Gibson** - March 28, 2020 at 03:25 PM

JG

*Pastor Brad,prayers for you and family.GOD bless Jewel Gibson*

**Jewel Gibson** - March 28, 2020 at 03:27 PM

WW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Pastor Brad,Karen,and all of the family. I know our Lord is holding you in His loving arms during this time and that you have the comfort of knowing she is walking those beautiful streets of gold. Love you and Karen.*



**Wittie Waldron** - March 27, 2020 at 10:24 PM

KG

“ *Kent And Linda Watson Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Violet "Vickie" Griese*



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**Kent and Linda Watson Gainey** - March 27, 2020 at 08:43 PM

JG

“ *Fond fond memories of your mom and the entire family. Blessing on you all!*

*JON GOAD*

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**jon goad** - March 27, 2020 at 07:19 PM

RK

“ *Brad, Praying for you and your family for comfort. Randy & brenda*

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**Randy Kelly** - March 27, 2020 at 06:26 PM

DO

“ *Pastor Brad, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your precious Mother! She was a lovely lady & I'm sure you & your family will miss her! You all are in my thought & prayers & I'm sending love & hugs to you during this difficult time! My deepest condolences to a dear friend! Hold all those beautiful & sweet memories inside your heart!* ❤️🙏



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**Doris** - March 27, 2020 at 05:54 PM

DT

*So sorry to hear about the loss of your mom !! Please know we're praying for your family.*

**dawn tolson** - March 27, 2020 at 06:27 PM

GO

“ *Grady O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Violet "Vickie" Griese*



**Grady O'Neal** - March 27, 2020 at 04:18 PM

MC

“ *Michele Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Violet "Vickie" Griese*



**Michele Crowley** - March 27, 2020 at 03:06 PM