



Adrienne Nail Coats

March 2, 1935 - March 9, 2010

Heading: Adrienne Nail Coats

Dateline: Greer

Adrienne N. Coats, 75, died peacefully at her vacation home in Pawley's Island, S.C. on Tuesday March 9, 2010, of complications from Alzheimer's disease. Her husband of 53 years, Sidney O. Coats was at her bedside.

Born March 2, 1935, in Indianapolis, Indiana, Adrienne was the daughter of the late Adrian B. Nail and Jane Willis Nail. She graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and where she became one of the school's first exchange students, spending a year in Southampton, England, in the early 1950s when foreign travel for students was uncommon and exciting enough to make the newspapers.

Married in 1956, Adrienne spent the first half of her wedded life in Niles, Michigan, where she and her husband raised their two children. There she was a kindergarten and elementary school teacher, specializing in reading. The family moved to Greer in 1980 and quickly made lifelong friends of the "Creekers" in their Sugar Creek neighborhood. They became members of the First Presbyterian Church of Greer, both joining the choir. Adrienne continued teaching first grade for fifteen more years at Monaview School in Greenville. Adrienne was an avid cook and lifetime swimmer, a lover of pools and beaches. In retirement she enjoyed time for travel, especially to Hawaii and to Pawley's Island on the South Carolina coast. But nothing meant more to her

than her family, highlighted by spending time with four grandchildren she so adored.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her daughter, Cynthia Forman, of Joliet, Illinois, and her two children, Jennifer and Brian; her son and daughter-in-law, David and Beth Coats, and their two children, Allison and Matthew; all of Charlotte, North Carolina; and a sister, Nancy Nail Molitor of Atlanta, Georgia, her husband and their two children.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church of Greer, conducted by Rev. Wayne Cole and Rev. Ray White. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Wood Mortuary and immediately after the funeral service in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of South Carolina, 4124 Clemson Blvd., Suite L, Anderson, S.C. 29651 or to First Presbyterian Church of Greer, 100 School Street, Greer, S.C. 29651. Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Service

MAR 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall



“ Sid, David, Cindy,
Someone once used the phrase "Too short a season", probaly referring to something else entirely. However I take it to mean that the Season of our lives, like the spring, pass all too quickly. Our thoughts are with you as you grieve the loss of your beautiful wife and mother and our Aunt.##imported-begin##Jonathon Allen Coats##imported-end##

March 13, 2010 at 02:02 PM



“ Dad and Mary passed this along. I was so sorry to hear about Mrs. Coats. She is nothing but kind, gentle, and sweet in all of my memories of her. I will be thinking of all of you during this sad time. Diane Schnelker##imported-begin##Diane Schnelker##imported-end##

March 13, 2010 at 11:35 AM



“ Even at a time of such great sadness, love and memories endure. And they will stay with you forever. Thinking of you all with love and sympathy.
The Kirk Family##imported-begin##Kelley and Robert Kirk##imported-end##

March 12, 2010 at 12:50 PM



“ Mrs. Coats was a wonderful teacher at Monaview Elementary School. She loved her children very much and wanted them to reach their full potential. When my daughter was in kindergarden, she went to Mrs. Coat's class for reading and enjoyed her very much. Adrienne was a person who made a difference in educations. My sympathy extents to all your family members. My family's prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Pat Austin##imported-end##

March 12, 2010 at 10:52 AM



“ Sid and family, We pray that God's presence and comfort will be with each of you at this time.##imported-begin##Bill and Judy crews##imported-end##

March 12, 2010 at 09:25 AM



“ Adrienne was a lovely lady and dear friend. We will remember her fondly. It is reassuring to know she is in God's hands now.##imported-begin##Ray and Kay Jiral##imported-end##

March 11, 2010 at 03:33 PM



“ in revelations we read God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying and there shall be no more pain. For the former things have passed away. Don't cry because it,s over smile because it happened. Love you guys Dan and Paula##imported-begin##Dan Coats##imported-end##

March 11, 2010 at 03:12 PM



“ Dear Sid and Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of your beautiful Adrienne. We know she had a long struggle and that you were such a loving caregiver. It's only appropriate that she passed away at the beach that she loved!

May our Lord comfort you in this loss with the blessed hope of the resurrection.

Nancy and Jim Spinner##imported-begin##Jim and Nancy Spinner##imported-end##

March 11, 2010 at 11:45 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about your mother and extend our sympathy and prayers to you during this difficult time.

Sincerely, Ruth Larson##imported-begin##Ruth Larson##imported-end##

March 11, 2010 at 10:47 AM



“ David -- When I read your mother's obituary I was reminded of a quote: "A human life is a story told by God." -- Hans Christian Andersen. What a great story, your mother's life.

I'm saddened for your loss and you and your family are in my prayers.

LettyAnn##imported-begin##LettyAnn Felts##imported-end##

March 11, 2010 at 07:07 AM



“ I am sorry to hear about Aunt Adrienne. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I love the picture that you picked for the obituary -- it is the way I always remember her. I know that there are no words that can make this better. Just know that you are all thought of and loved. Debby###imported-begin###Debby Mathis###imported-end##

March 10, 2010 at 08:14 PM



“ "What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in winter. It is a shadow which runs accross the grass and looses itself in the sunset" -Crowfort.

Our thoughts are with you and your family Adrienne. Go in peace.###imported-begin###Jeffrey Owen Coats Sr.###imported-end##

March 10, 2010 at 05:17 PM



“ David - My deepest sympathy to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.###imported-begin###Gail Samisch###imported-end##

March 10, 2010 at 04:34 PM



“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. You and your family are in my prayers.

Taffy###imported-begin###Taffy Douglas###imported-end##

March 10, 2010 at 03:58 PM



“ David - I am so sorry for your loss. To me, Alzheimer's is one of the saddest diseases. My grandmother had it and it was unbelievably hard to see her not recognize us. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Pam##imported-begin##Pam
Wesst##imported-end##

March 10, 2010 at 03:58 PM