



## Antho Valree Phillips

August 7, 1927 - June 8, 2021

Antho Valree Phillips, 93, went home June 8, 2021, after a three-year battle with dementia. A native of Greer, she was a daughter of Elbert and Nellie Mae Wilbanks Forrester. Surviving are her six children: Willie Phillips (Laura), Sandra Hester (Dean), Nancy Phillips, Rebecca Clement (Charlie), Sam Phillips (Cheryl), and Frances Creel (Jim), 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 3 sisters. She was predeceased by her husband Wendell, a son-in-law Darwin Klingman, and a brother.

Antho grew up on tenant farms in the O'Neal community and graduated from Mountain View High School. She married a dairy farmer, and they went on to raise beef cattle on their farm near Pelham. An active member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, she taught the nursery Sunday school classes, led a bereavement catering group, made choir dresses and costumes, and cooked for the Happy Hearts club meetings. In the community, she led Girl Scouts and delivered Meals on Wheels. Antho loved to sew. She started making clothes for herself and others while still in high school and continued to sew for many people into her late 80's, making everything from wedding dresses to smocked baby dresses.

A strong, quiet, unassuming person, she taught her children to work hard, be inventive, practice good stewardship, offer compassion, and to face life with a smile and calm fortitude, not by what she said, but by how she lived.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 11, 2021, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Todd Johnson. Masks are required.

Visitation will follow the service at the church. Burial is private.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 1002 S  
Buncombe Road, Greer, SC 29651.

Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
1002 S. Buncombe Rd.  
Greer, SC

# Tribute Wall

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“ I came to know Antho when I became a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and before long I learned about her sewing ability. She was my friend at church and my go-to for anything I needed altered and made for my girls and myself!! I loved being around her and have missed her since it's been a while since I have. My prayers and sympathy are with you, they family she so loved, today. May you feel God's presence abundantly as you work through your grief of losing her.

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**Joan Harbin** - June 11, 2021 at 04:28 PM

JH

“ Joan Harbin lit a candle in memory of Antho Valree Phillips



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**Joan Harbin** - June 11, 2021 at 11:53 AM

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“ Dear Phillips Family,  
What a strong and compassionate life Antho lived. Her love for God, for her church, for her family, and for others blessed all who knew her. May the LORD comfort your hearts today.  
With prayers and sympathy,  
The McGaha Family

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**Georjann McGaha** - June 11, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Antho Valree Phillips.*



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June 10, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ *The North Greenville University family is praying for you all.*

*Steve Crouse  
Senior Campus Pastor*

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**Steve Crouse** - June 10, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *Mary Bennefield lit a candle in memory of Antho Valree Phillips*



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**mary bennefield** - June 09, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Antho Phillips was a strong and wonderful lady. I feel very privileged to have known her for the past twenty years. Her voice always made me smile. The Phillips family is in my thoughts and prayers. Her memory will be a blessing to all who knew her.*

*Sincerely,  
Mike Shain*

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**Michael Shain** - June 09, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Antho Valree Phillips.*



June 09, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Antho Valree Phillips.*



June 08, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Fran and family we are sorry to hear about your Mother. Prayers for all of you during this difficult time you are facing. She certainly was a very giving person by all the kind things she did for others. May God grant you the peace that comes only from Him during this time.*



**Wallace&Judy Perry** - June 08, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of Antho's passing. She was a quiet role model for others, always faithful in her church attendance. Thoughts and prayers for the family. Linda Parr*

**Linda Parr** - June 08, 2021 at 12:19 PM