



## Cora Alexander Haynes

October 27, 1929 - October 11, 2015

Born nearly eighty-six years ago on Crow Creek, near the Keowee River, Cora Alexander Haynes was one of eleven children of a farming father and a schoolteacher mother lost too young, and granted a stepmother she called an “angel on this Earth,” who raised all eleven as her own. Cora worked at Southern Bell in Greenville for thirty-five years, eight of them before she married James Hunter Haynes, Sr., who then joined her in helping care and provide extras for the children still at home on the farm. She had learned to value hard work and no one ever worked harder to make an old house beautiful and create an abundance she could share with others.

She had high standards and would likely let you know when you failed to meet them – and love you anyway if you made amends (or made her laugh hard enough, as the case may be – and, oh, how she could laugh when she was tickled). She will be remembered with gratitude, fondness, respect, and a great deal of love and admiration for her generosity and forbearance.

She is survived by her children, James Hunter Haynes, Jr. (Jim) and Rebecca Hunter Koch (with husband David), her grandchildren, Sarah Catherine Burns (with husband Derrick) and imminent great-grandson David Hollis Burns; James Hunter Haynes III and Audrey Elizabeth Haynes; her remaining brothers and sisters Lila A. Steen, Ruth A. Greer, Caroline A. Morgan, William T. Alexander, Jr., H. Carli Alexander (with wife Lavonne), Daniel “Boone” Alexander (with wife Sharon), Brenice A. Murphree, and R. Dwight Alexander (with wife Miriam), brother-in-law Furman Whitmire; and her many nieces and

nephews. She was preceded in death and, because the circle will be unbroken, was welcomed to a better home awaiting by Hunter, her husband of forty-seven years, her father William Talton Alexander, Sr., her mothers Elizabeth Barker Alexander and Mittie Crenshaw Alexander, and sisters Gladys A. Watson, and Helen A. Whitmire.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Visitation with the family will begin on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall of Earle Street Baptist Church, followed by a memorial service at 12:00 noon. Because she was a member and faithful servant to Earle Street Baptist Church for decades and, in her later years, attended Keowee Baptist Church in Six Mile, donations may be sent to the one of your choice in lieu of flowers.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Earle Street Baptist Church  
225 W Earle Street  
Greenville, SC 29609

## Memorial Service

OCT 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HD

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Cora was a blessing to us during our childhood. Her father and our grandmother were brother and sister on the Alexander side and our grandfather and Aunt Mittie were brother and sister on the Crenshaw side. Sending love and condolences to all the family.*

*Helen Winchester Dodgens*

*Ruth Ann Winchester Wilson*

*Diann Winchester Reece*

*Janet Winchester Rowland*

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**Helen Dodgens** - October 19, 2015 at 08:42 PM



“ *Jimmy, Susie, Rebecca and David,  
What a beautiful obituary for a beautiful lady. Cora was the best, in so many ways. She was a hard worker and she would tell you what she thought and if you needed her, she was there for you in a skinny minute. No one made better corned beef and cabbage than Cora. I shared many meals, fun times, sad times and adventures with Cora.*

*We were always looking for a bargain. She taught me so much about cooking, flowers and dealing with life and loss. She was the wisest woman I know. She and Hunter raised two beautiful, smart, talented children. She was so proud of her family, rightfully so. My prayers will be with you on Saturday. I have training in Charlotte and will only be with you in spirit. Eunice Morris*

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**Eunice Morris** - October 15, 2015 at 12:59 PM

DV

“ Jimmy and Rebecca, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Cora. Haynes, Wilkes, and I are all thinking of you and the family. I wish we were closer to home, but our thoughts and prayers are with you.



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**dale vaughn** - October 15, 2015 at 12:14 PM

DV

“ Dale Vaughn sent a virtual gift in memory of Cora Alexander Haynes



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**dale vaughn** - October 15, 2015 at 12:07 PM

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**Dale Vaughn** - October 15, 2015 at 12:05 PM

MO

“ *During this difficult time for your family, I know the memories of her will be blessings and your family shall not be comfortless.*

*With Sympathy,*

*Monico-LIFE*

*John 14:18*

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**Monico** - October 14, 2015 at 09:42 PM

SB

“ *Rebecca,  
My condolences to you and your family. Your mother sounds like an incredible person, much like her daughter. You are such a valued member of the Life U community and I know all of our hearts go out to you. My thoughts are with you during this time.*

*- Shelly Batcher and the Marketing Team at Life U*

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**Shelly Batcher** - October 14, 2015 at 09:59 AM

JH

“ *Rebecca:  
Your mother sounds like an amazing person. My condolences on your loss - and to David also.*

*Jerry Hochman*

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**Jerry Hochman** - October 13, 2015 at 05:31 PM

YT

“ Rebecca, my deepest sympathy to you and your family during this time of loss.

*I want you to know that earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. She is gone, but she is not gone, for she will live on forever in your heart. Place your thoughts on the good times you have shared and after a while when thinking of her a big smile will suddenly appear. (With LOVE, Yvonne Troutman-LIFE)*

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**Yvonne Troutman** - October 13, 2015 at 03:03 PM

JS

“ Rebecca, my deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your Mother. As someone who has always brought comfort and affirmation on many occasions and has been a source of refuge and understanding to countless many in our Life community, I am hoping that you find in some small way, a measure of reciprocity for all that you provide to others during your time of great sorrow.  
[Jeremy Smith --Life University]

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**Jeremy Smith** - October 13, 2015 at 01:51 PM

SU

“ Rebecca - Your mother must have been an amazing woman to have raised such an amazing daughter! I know you will miss her but she will always be with you - you will see her in many things, even in yourself. My thoughts are with you.  
(Susan Starling-Life )

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**Susan** - October 13, 2015 at 01:26 PM