



Cornelia Hawkins

September 1, 1943 - August 24, 2018

Cornelia Ruth Holden Hawkins, age 74 of Spartanburg, SC died August 24th of complications from pulmonary fibrosis. Cornelia was born on Sept 1, 1943 in Inman, S.C. Cornelia was the daughter of the late Sidney and Marjorie Holden. She is survived by her husband Mendel “Sonny” Hawkins; her daughter, Sharon and son-in-law Rev. Dr. Douglas Cushing of Leland, NC; her sister Mildred and brother-in-law Gary Stephens of Inman; and brother Conner and sister-in-law Peggy Holden of Inman. Cornelia is pre-deceased by her brother, Benny Holden.

Additionally, she is survived by her nephew Greg Stephens and nieces Denise and Erica Johnson; and Andrea Owens.

Cornelia was a 1961 graduate of Chapman High School. She worked for 20 years at Homelite, but will be remembered for her 35 years working as co-owner of Mendel Hawkins Builders Inc. where her and her husband, Mendel, grew the company from its inception into one of the leading custom home builders in Spartanburg.

Cornelia will be greatly missed by her family. She will be lovingly remembered for her unconditional love; purity of heart; glorious smile; transcendent laugh and infectious sense of humor.

Her friends will remember Cornelia as an elegant lady with a heart of gold and someone who never met a stranger. She always had a smile on her face yet never took herself too seriously.

In addition to her love for family and friends, Cornelia loved her dogs,

providing a warm, happy home for countless dogs in her life. Her furry friends meant the world to her. Finally, Cornelia loved the spring of the year. It was during spring that she would brighten the world planting flowers, especially roses and wearing her famous pink outfits to church.

Cornelia possessed a beautiful Christian faith. For 40 years she was a faithful member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church and a dedicated member of her Sunday school class.

Dr. Dale Roach and Dr. Doug Cushing will conduct the funeral service for Cornelia at Poplar Springs Baptist Church on Tuesday August 28th at 4:00pm with a private service of committal at the Poplar Springs cemetery to follow. The family will receive friends beginning at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Poplar Springs Baptist Church and the Spartanburg Humane Society.

Cornelia leaves this life with no regrets for she has gone to a better world to be with her family who have gone before her and to be reunited with her four legged babies and, most importantly, her heavenly father.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 2:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Poplar Springs Baptist Church
790 Highway 417
Moore, SC 29369

Service

AUG 28. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Cornelia was a beautiful lady, inside and out. She had a heart of gold and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and in the days ahead.

Sharon White

Sharon White - August 27, 2018 at 05:24 PM

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“ Dearest Sharon,

We are so very sorry to learn the news about your sweet Mother! She was certainly the epitome of style and grace! We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Our heart goes out to you and Doug, your Dad, and to all of your family.

Sincerely, Faye and Eric

Faye Kincaid - August 27, 2018 at 08:10 AM

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I was so sorry to read this about Cornelia. She was a special person and she was one of my very best friends. I think of all of our time together from several years ago. I will miss her and her sweet smile. My heart goes out to you and your family. RIP my friend.

Carolyn Chapman - August 28, 2018 at 01:04 PM