



Dorothy Paulk Ryan

July 24, 1929 - January 2, 2017

Dorothy Clayton Paulk Ryan, 87, died January 2, 2017 at Laurens County Memorial Hospital.

A native of Vidalia, Georgia, daughter of the late Robert Clayton and Gertrude Brown Paulk, she was a homemaker, a pastor's wife and choir director. Mrs. Ryan taught piano, was a teacher's assistant for autistic children, a longtime member of Taylors First Baptist Church and currently a member of Laurens First Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Rev. Roy Garlington Ryan, Jr. of the home; one son, R. Clayton Ryan of Asheville, NC; two daughters, Teresa R. Lasher (Mike) of Bahama, NC and Elizabeth Chapman (Doug) of Taylors; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Ryan was predeceased by one brother and one sister.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 6, 2017 at Taylors First Baptist Church conducted by Dr. Jimmie Harley, Rev. Rickey Letson and Dr. Lawton Neely.

Visitation will be held 9:30-10:45 a.m. prior to the service in the Gathering Space of the church.

Memorials may be made to Martha Franks Retirement Community, Helping Seniors Thrive Fund, 1 Martha Franks Drive, Laurens, SC 29360.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Taylor's First Baptist Church
200 West Main Street
Taylors, SC 29687

Memorial Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RL

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Momma Dot was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be missed. What a great charitable cause in her honor!

*Our prayers to the family~
Ernie, Becky, Kate and Meggie Lasher*

Rebecca Lasher - January 07, 2017 at 06:39 PM

CL

“ Clayton here. I must have been about 8 years old when our family began a trip toward Cherokee, N.C., with a stop overnight at Aunt Francis' house in Clemson. Mom was driving. She started getting sick about an hours' time from Clemson, driving those pre-interstate curving roads, throwing up about every 10 minutes until after midnight. But the next morning the Ryan family went to Cherokee. She was determined that we enjoy the day, although she must surely have been miserable.- One of an infinite number of selfless acts as our mother. Thank you, Mama.

Clayton - January 07, 2017 at 08:36 AM

RB

“ Rhoda Byrd lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Paulk Ryan



Rhoda Byrd - January 06, 2017 at 03:59 PM

PF

“ Libby,
I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Still remember her coming into our house at Lander and saying if we were all "Clemson fans" we would get along great! She was so sweet. I am praying for you and all your family.
Love you, Pam

Pam Freeman - January 06, 2017 at 11:12 AM

AM

“ Doshie was always so sweet to me these past almost 45 years. She, just like her sister Mary, always made me feel like part of the family. She was so loving and kind. She was always joking around and had the cutest sense of humor. She was a fantastic cook! Most of my favorite recipes - cakes, casseroles, etc. came from her. She was always willing to write down down the recipes and share them with me. We were so blessed to have her in our lives these many years. We will miss her so very much!

Ann Montgomery - January 06, 2017 at 07:27 AM

TH

“ The Dyches Family, Carol Paulk, and Will Hardegree purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dorothy Paulk Ryan.



The Dyches Family, Carol Paulk, and Will Hardegree -
January 05, 2017 at 04:43 PM

TD

“ *The Montgomery's and the Donalson's purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Dorothy Paulk Ryan.*



The Montgomery's and the Donalson's - January 04, 2017 at 10:18 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Paulk Ryan.*



January 04, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Paulk Ryan.*



January 04, 2017 at 07:45 AM