



## Earline McKown

April 3, 1926 - January 19, 2010

Heading: Earline T. McKown

Dateline: Greer

Earline Tapp McKown, 83, of Greer, died January 19, 2010.

A native of Spartanburg County, daughter of the late Garold Willis and Marie Millwood Tapp, she was a graduate of Limestone College and earned a masters degree at Converse College. Mrs. McKown taught at Greer High School for 29 years and was a member of Greer First Baptist Church where she was the former director of the Jr. Department for 49 years.

Surviving are her husband, Horace Homer McKown, Jr., of the home; a daughter, Karen McKown Lee and her husband Allen of Greer; a grandson, Matthew Lee, and a sister-in-law, Marie Benson McKown of Greer.

Mrs. McKown was predeceased by a son, David Spencer McKown.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at Greer First Baptist Church and will be conducted by Dr. Rick Ezell, Rev. Dow Welsh and Rev. Brad Vassey. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Honorary escort will be the Hayne Griffin Sunday School Class.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday at Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home of Marie McKown, Greer, S.C. 29650.

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

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 23. 2:30 PM (ET)

Greer First Baptist Church  
201 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650

# Tribute Wall



“ *She was my Science teacher.I loved her so much.zshe helped me not only learn science but to be a better person.She will definately be missed in my heart! Love always Ms.M!##imported-begin##Angela Clayton##imported-end##*

---

January 28, 2010 at 11:03 AM



“ *To the McKown Family,*

*Our family is saddened by the news of your loss. May God give your family the strength and comfort, your friends their love and support during the difficult days which lie ahead. Our sympathy and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lynch##imported-end##*

---

January 26, 2010 at 03:35 PM



“ Dear McKown Family,

*I am sadden to hear of Mrs. McKown passing. Even though I have traveled extensively with my position I have spoken with her in passing many times thought these years. Still addressing her as Mrs. McKown.*

*I as many attended Greer High School where Mrs. McKown was my Chemistry teacher in my junior and then my Physics teacher my senior year. I have not forgotten how she was so kind hearted and caring for her student body. She was as others have noted, respectful to her students and expected the same in return. This is a great loss to the community Greer because she had a positive impact in many people's lives.##imported-begin##Johnell "Annette" Lynch##imported-end##*

---

January 26, 2010 at 02:51 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss and wanted to you to know that she will be missed. I was one of here students and she made an impression on me. I know I am not the only one who went through her class that she encouraged to rasie above our expectation. God has another wonderful person to watch over us who were her stidents.##imported-begin##James Michael (Mike) Crawford##imported-end##

---

January 25, 2010 at 02:34 PM



“ Mrs. McKown taught me science in 12th grade. She was always a nice teacher. My deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Martha Penfield##imported-end##

---

January 24, 2010 at 04:08 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all the loved ones of Mrs. McKown. God bless you all. - McKown Customer##imported-begin##Evelyn Gregory##imported-end##

---

January 24, 2010 at 04:06 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss of a wonderful lady. She was always wonderful working at the school and church with the children. I will miss her driving by my house everyday. Our condolences. Stacey, Karl, Adam and Lori Rudd##imported-begin##Stacey Rudd##imported-end##

---

January 23, 2010 at 06:45 PM



“ My favorite teacher##imported-begin##Mary Ann Crim Frazee##imported-end##

---

January 23, 2010 at 05:03 PM



“ I am saddened by the loss of Mrs. McKown. I will always remember her, leading us in Sunday School assembly before we went to our classes. She was quiet, tender, gentle and kind. The world needs more people like her.##imported-begin##Debbie Gordon##imported-end##

---

January 23, 2010 at 09:11 AM



“ Dear McKown Family,

*I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. McKown. I read of it on the online site of the Greenville News. At Greer High School, I was in her Chemistry class as a junior and her Physics class as a senior (1989). I have not forgotten any of my teachers, and I remember her as someone who always tried to be respectful to her students and expected the same in return. As I live in New York State, I cannot attend the visitation or funeral but will be thinking of your family.##imported-begin##Anita Friday Swett Edgemon##imported-end##*

---

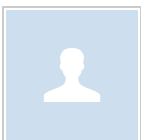
January 23, 2010 at 02:52 AM



“ Mr. McKown and Karen so sorry about your loss. She was such a great lady and a wonderful teacher. I really enjoyed her teaching when I was in her class. Please know my thoughts are with you during this difficult time in your life. Rick Stokes##imported-begin##Rick Stokes##imported-end##

---

January 22, 2010 at 08:48 PM



“ She will be remembered as a very caring teacher and as one of my favorites. Class of 1965.##imported-begin##Skip Jones##imported-end##

---

January 22, 2010 at 05:06 PM



“ You all are in our hearts and mind. May beautiful memories carry you on the wings of love to a place of comfort and peace. Earline can spread those wings now that she has carried so beautifully all these years.

Love Dr. Stephen Looper and Staff

Azalee, Sylvia, Stacy, Phyelecia, Amy###imported-begin###Azalee Jones###imported-end##

---

January 22, 2010 at 04:38 PM



“ May god be with the family in this time of tragic loss. I was a student of Mrs. McKown at Greer High School in the mid 80's. I remember her well and fondly. She taught me so much and was an excellent person as well.###imported-begin###Kirk Atkins###imported-end##

---

January 22, 2010 at 12:25 PM



“ Mrs. McKown taught me chemistry at Greer High in the 1960s. She was an outstanding teacher (always my favorite) and a wonderful person. May God bless your family during this time of sorrow.###imported-begin###Dennis Dobbins###imported-end##

---

January 22, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ Mrs. Mckown was a wonderful caring teacher. May God Bless her and her family.###imported-begin###James (Duck) Stewart ###imported-end##

---

January 22, 2010 at 07:45 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs.McKown's passing. She was a wonderful and incredibly smart woman. I was in her chemistry class at GHS. She had a key chain made for me my senior year. I will never forget that! My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.##imported-begin##Carol Wilson##imported-end##

January 22, 2010 at 01:11 AM



“ May the Lord comfort you in this sad time. But I know He is happy to have Mrs. McKown in heaven with Him. She was a blessing to thousands of students who went through Greer High, myself included. Praying for you all.##imported-begin##Allison Ashmore Kellum##imported-end##

January 21, 2010 at 11:11 PM



“ May God comfort you in this time of loss and in the days ahead. My son Kirk Atkins was a student and thought highly of Mrs. McKown##imported-begin##Marilyn Atkins##imported-end##

January 21, 2010 at 08:58 PM



“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU .MRS.MCKOWN TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES, SHE WAS A TEACHER OF MINE AT GREER HIGH. SHE WILL BE MISSED. GOD BLESS THE FAMILY. (CLASS OF 1982)##imported-begin##TRACY PHILLIPS PAYNE##imported-end##

January 21, 2010 at 08:50 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. McKown. So tragic. She was a wonderful teacher and one of my favorites. God bless her family and may it comfort you to know she was so highly thought of. Greer High School Class of 1978##imported-begin##Denise Reed-Garrett##imported-end##

---

January 21, 2010 at 08:19 PM



“ Dear Horace, Karen, and family,  
Mrs. McKown's passing is such a heartbreak, for all of those who loved her in Greer - we are many. Please know my prayers go up for you in your sorrow. I ask God for peace, understanding if possible, and comfort for you.

*I will always remember Earline's incredible sweetness, quiet, comforting ways, and the goodness she always exuded.*

*May God's Angels of comfort accompany all of you.*

*Love & Peace,  
Sarah##imported-begin##Sarah McIntyre##imported-end##*

---

January 21, 2010 at 08:06 PM



“ Mrs. McKown was a great teacher! She will be missed by the many lives she touched over the years of teaching. Please know that your family will be in our prayers. Class of 1979 GHS##imported-begin##Sheila Ann Bomar Ross##imported-end##

---

January 21, 2010 at 04:33 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
I was so sorry to hear about Mrs. McKown's accident. She was a wonderful teacher and friend.  
May God bless you and comfort you.  
Jean Davis###imported-begin##Jean Davis###imported-end##*

---

January 21, 2010 at 04:23 PM



“ *Dear Horace, Karen and family,*

*I grieve with you, the citizens of Greer, and all those who had the privilege of knowing Earline. She was a gifted, talented and giving person, a pillar of the Greer community, a mentor - and a dear friend. She lived life of caring and sharing, setting an example for all who knew her. She will be greatly missed, but we will keep her - and you - in our hearts.*

*May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time. My condolences and deepest sympathy to you.*

*Respectfully,*

*Brandon R. (Rob) Smith  
AT&T Global Operations  
Atlanta, Georgia###imported-begin##Brandon R. (Rob)  
Smith###imported-end##*

---

January 21, 2010 at 04:20 PM



“ My prayers are with the family during the celebration of Mrs. McKown's life. She was a favorite teacher to many students during her tenure at Greer High and loved by her extended Church Family.###imported-begin##Chuck Reynolds###imported-end##

---

January 21, 2010 at 02:54 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you Karen. What a tragedy for your entire family. May God wrap his arms around you and your entire family so that you will feel his love and conform during this hard time. We will continue to hold you up in our prayers. Love in Christ.###imported-begin##Linda Garner###imported-end##

---

January 21, 2010 at 02:27 PM



“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Mrs. McKown touched so many lives and will never be forgotten. May you find comfort from your family and friends and God's peace be with you.###imported-begin##Angie Ashmore###imported-end##

---

January 21, 2010 at 12:57 PM



“ Karen,  
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I will pray for you and your family. Please let me know if there is any way I can help you!###imported-begin##Christine Wallace###imported-end##

---

January 21, 2010 at 12:10 PM



“ Mr McKown, Karen and Family, I am so sorry for the untimely death of Mrs McKown. I will miss seeing her at our favorite restaurants. I know how hard it is to lose your Mom and you all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Hold tight to the memories of your Mom, death cannot take them away. Love Mary Susan##imported-begin##Mary Susan Woodruff Pearson##imported-end##

---

January 21, 2010 at 11:29 AM



“ Mrs. Mckown was my chemistry teacher at Greer High. She was one of my favorite teachers. She was a wonderful lady and will definitely be missed. God bless her family.##imported-begin##Mary Foster Hudson##imported-end##

---

January 21, 2010 at 08:44 AM



“ Karen, Allen and Matthew  
My deepest sympathy to you on the death of Mrs. McKown. May God hold you close and tenderly in the days ahead. Love,  
BJ##imported-begin##BJ Parkins##imported-end##

---

January 21, 2010 at 08:20 AM



“ Karen, I am praying for you and your family. May the peace of God overwhelm you in this time of need!

*In Christ,*  
Ellis##imported-begin##Ellis Eshelman##imported-end##

---

January 21, 2010 at 08:13 AM



“ *She is on the "favorite teacher list" for hundreds of past students. May God bless you and your family during this time of sorrow. Johnny Stewart "Class of 65"###imported-begin##Johnny Stewart###imported-end##*

---

January 21, 2010 at 07:42 AM



“ *Karen and family,  
May you find strength in your faith in Christ who will carry you through your sorrow and grief. I will always remember class time with your Mom at GHS. God bless you.###imported-begin##Debi Hughes Dowling###imported-end##*

---

January 20, 2010 at 11:25 PM



“ *Horace and Family:  
We were so sorry to learn of the untimely passing of your dear wife, Earline. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this sad time. Mot & Frances###imported-begin##Mot and Frances Southerland###imported-end##*

---

January 20, 2010 at 07:33 PM



“ *Dear Horace and Karen:  
We are saddened by Earline's sudden and unexpected passing and the unfortunate circumstances which caused it. May God give you comfort and peace and friends give you encouragement and support during the difficult days which lie ahead. You have our prayers and deepest sympathy.  
Jack & Suzanne Coggins###imported-begin##Jack & Suzanne Coggins###imported-end##*

---

January 20, 2010 at 05:26 PM