



## Hilda Reese

October 1, 1935 - May 26, 2023

Hilda Jean Mixon Reese, 87, wife of the late Walter “Al” Allen Reese passed away May 26, 2023, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

She was born in Olanta, South Carolina, and spent most of her life in Greer, South Carolina.

She was the daughter of the late William Hill Mixon, Lizzie Delle Mixon Welch, and stepfather Carl Welch

Mrs. Reese graduated from Olanta High School, Winthrop College and earned a master’s degree in Elementary Education from Converse College. She retired from education after teaching at multiple elementary schools in Greenville County. She was honored for her teaching contributions as Greenville County Teacher of the Year.

She is survived by two sons, Walter Reese Jr. (Angel) of Freeport, Florida and Ben Reese of Charlotte, North Carolina; one sister, Mary Welch Myers (Bryan) of Johnsonville, South Carolina; two grandchildren, Nicholas Reese and Katie Whilden; and three great-grandchildren, Jenna Reese, Jerome Reese, and Lydia Whilden.

She was predeceased by her loving husband of 57 years Walter “Al” Allen Reese; her infant daughter Mary Lisa Reese; and her brother James Welch. Hilda loved her students and loved teaching. While using bird feeders as a learning opportunity for her students, she developed a love for birds, bird watching, and this became her primary hobby. Whether it was simply observing through her window or going on birding expeditions, she was able

to amass a wealth of information and spend many enjoyable days doing so. Her knowledge and love for birding inspired many people to take up the hobby.

She served at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Greer and later attended Memorial United Methodist Church in Greer before moving to Charlotte.

A celebration of life service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2023, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to any of the following, The Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation ([www.alzinfo.org](http://www.alzinfo.org)), the Land Conservation and Growth ([www.upstateforever.org](http://www.upstateforever.org)), or the Greenville Humane Society ([www.greenvillehumane.com](http://www.greenvillehumane.com)).

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Hilda Reese*

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**The Wood Mortuary** - June 24, 2023 at 10:25 AM

MM

“ *Marvin, Donna, Lori & Mary planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hilda Reese.*

**Marvin, Donna, Lori & Mary** - June 23, 2023 at 11:24 AM

CM

“ *We are with you Walt, and family, in spirit and love. For all the birds your mom knew by name and the memories she left behind in every heart we dedicated gifts to Upstate Forever and the Fisher Center. Sending our hugs and prayers to you all.  
- Chuck & Maryann*

**Chuck & Maryann** - June 20, 2023 at 09:37 AM

WR

*Thanks, you and Chuck are awesome beyond measure. She (and I) loved all the wisdom you gave us on Alzheimers.*

**Walt Reese** - June 21, 2023 at 09:12 PM

LD

“ Lots of good memories of Hilda and Allen sure miss seeing them around Greer I loved them

Linda Dillard - June 19, 2023 at 12:06 PM

WR

Thanks Linda, indeed her and Al were a great pair

Walt Reese - June 19, 2023 at 02:36 PM

AA

“ Angie AshmoreKruse lit a candle in memory of Hilda Reese



Angie AshmoreKruse - June 07, 2023 at 09:51 AM

WR

Thanks

Walt Reese - June 19, 2023 at 02:34 PM

AB

“ Allison Burnett lit a candle in memory of Hilda Reese



Allison Burnett - June 05, 2023 at 09:23 PM

WR

Thanks Allison

Walt Reese - June 19, 2023 at 02:33 PM