



Inez Berwick Hay James

October 1, 1917 - April 9, 2010

Name: Inez James

Dateline: Greer

Inez Berwick Hay James, of 1103 West Poinsett Street, died April 9, 2010 after several years of declining health. She was 92. She was predeceased by her husband of 39 years, Walter Ennis James, Jr., and was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Greer.

She is survived by: three children, Charlotte Hay James Koehler and her husband, William Ted Koehler of Greer, Dr. Walter Ennis James, III and his wife Jean Drury Timmons James of Greenwood and Nelle Smith James Howell and her husband, Jeffrey Malcolm Howell of Greer; six grandchildren, Caroline Virginia Koehler Wells and her husband, Charles David Wells of Dearing, Ga., William Walter Koehler, of Summerville, SC, Dr. Walter Ennis James IV of Richmond, Va., Leslie Hay James of Greenville, Jeffrey Ennis Howell of Greenville and the Rev. Elizabeth Nelle Howell of Indianapolis, IN; and two great grandchildren, Elizabeth Hay Wells and Charlotte Winborn Wells.

Born on Wadmalaw Island, S.C. on October 1, 1917, she was the youngest daughter of Edith McClung Beckett and Lewis Holden Hay. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters, Rev. Theodore Beckett Hay, Julia Oakman Hay Leland, Henry Mueller Hay, Lewis Holding Hay, Jr., Frank Seabrook Hay, Elizabeth McClung Hay Mitchell, Edith Beckett Hay Morrison and Mary Moffat Hay.

After earning her baccalaureate degree in English from the College of Charleston, she graduated from Peabody College with a degree in Library Science. Arriving in Greer in the fall of 1940, she was employed at Greer High School as the librarian. She met her husband in Greer and together they founded Palmetto State Oil Company where she worked closely with him for many years. She was a founding board member of Greer Community Ministries.

The family would like to thank Judith Merritt and many caregivers from Comfort Keepers and Journey Hospice for their support during her last days. A visitation will be on Sunday, April 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Wood Mortuary. A memorial service will be at First Presbyterian church on Monday, April 12, at 2 p.m. followed by burial at Wood Memorial Park.

Those wishing may make a donation to Greer Community Ministries, P.O. Box 1373, Greer, S.C. 29652.

Previous Events

Service

APR **12**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall



“ Charlotte: I just learned of your mother's death. In my mind are many kindnesses she showed to me and so many others. In this time of grief, I know that you will find joy in remembering the blessing of having had such a wonderful mother.
Blessings: David Smith, Lenoir, N.C.##imported-begin##David Smith##imported-end##

April 19, 2010 at 01:36 PM



“ Charlotte, Bill, and family,
I know with no doubt that Inez is exactly where she strove to be; and this, I would not take away from her for anything there is to be found in our world! May God walk with each of you in your grief, giving His Perfect Comfort and Peace to you. Know my prayers will continue for this.
Love & Peace,
Sarah##imported-begin##Sarah McIntyre##imported-end##

April 14, 2010 at 03:35 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Aunt Inez's death. We wish that she could have been at the Hay reunion as she was the last cousin. We know that you were worried about her that weekend. We know that you all hurt. Our thoughts and prayers and love are with you.
BetsyKimbrough, Ella Hay and Eleanor Hay##imported-begin##Betsy Kimbrough,Ella Hay, Eleanor Hay##imported-end##

April 12, 2010 at 05:45 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##John & Sally Crocker##imported-end##

April 12, 2010 at 09:37 AM



“ Charlotte,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Mike Tennis
High Point, NC##imported-begin##Mike Tennis##imported-end##

April 12, 2010 at 08:25 AM



“ Charlotte
Very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. My prayers are with you. As you know, something I have been through too.
We were so fortunate to have had parents who loved us and loved God.

Billy Smith
Indianapolis##imported-begin##Billy Smith, Indianapolis##imported-end##

April 11, 2010 at 06:13 PM