



## Josephine "Jo" H, Bruce

May 25, 1927 - December 19, 2021

Josephine Hudson Bruce, 94, passed away December 19, 2021.

A native of Greenville County, daughter of the late Carter Paul and Ruth Mulligan Hudson, she attended Furman University, was the former Director of Preschool Children's education at Taylors First Baptist Church, and a lifetime member of Taylors First Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Jerry Bruce (Patsy) of Spartanburg; a daughter, Jeanie Bruce Lee (Lucian) of Greer; a sister, Ann Hudson Henson of Taylors; three grandchildren, Lee Bruce (Jill), Whitney Bruce, and Bruce Lee (Lauren); and three great-grandchildren, Parker Lee, Andrew Lee, and Molly Lee.

She was predeceased by her husband, Carl Layton Bruce.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 23, 2021, at Taylors First Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Jerry Long. Burial will be private.

Visitation will be held after the service in the Welcome Center.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Taylors First Baptist Church, 200 W. Main St., Taylors, SC 29687.

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

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Taylors First Baptist Church  
200 West Main Street  
Taylors, SC 29687

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Was thinking of her and Carl this morning. I was blessed to be a part of their lives for a brief moment. A moment that I will cherish forever. I will never forget the first time I met her. I was visiting their loving home before the “Honor Flight”. I knocked on their back door, she said “ Welcome ❤️ Did you know visitors knock on the front door, friends come to the back!” And hugged me. The beginning of a wonderful friendship ❤️❤️

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**Laura Belue** - March 05, 2023 at 08:44 AM

RB

“ Mrs. Bruce was a very sweet and kind lady. It was always an anticipated pleasure whenever her son Jerry asked me over to their house. Some of the very finest people I've ever known! Heaven is receiving a wonderful gift! Sympathy to all the family!

*Richard Blaskowitz*

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**richard blaskowitz** - December 23, 2021 at 10:27 AM

SS

“ Wanda -- please accept our deepest condolences and sorrow, from both Janet and myself at the unfortunate passing of Jo. Like many of us, I share fond memories of Jo and her tremendous contributions to the kindergarten and pre-school program at TFBC for many years. Also, like a lot of us, my children were also a part of that program. Again, we are deeply sorry the loss you and your family have suffered. Steve and Janet Sumner

Steve Sumner - December 22, 2021 at 11:07 AM

HW

So sorry to learn of Jo's death. She was an awesome director Of the Taylors First Baptist preschool which our daughter attended. Always loved her.

Hazel Wehunt Winstead - January 19, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine "Jo" H, Bruce.



December 21, 2021 at 12:49 PM

JB

“ We all loved Jo Bruce and she will be missed. Taylors First Baptist will never be the same without her. She was a driving force of the Kindergarten and a living witness to us all. God bless her family ❤️  
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jenny boling - December 20, 2021 at 09:18 PM

AK

“ Angie Ashmore Kruse lit a candle in memory of Josephine "Jo" H, Bruce



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**Angie Ashmore Kruse** - December 20, 2021 at 08:56 PM

MP

“ My children both attended TFBC kindergarten program many years ago! I took my grandson to school last week and as I walked up the sidewalk I had such fond memories of Jo Bruce! Little did I know she would be in her Saviors arm so soon!

I worked for the Mother’s Day out program and had a really hard time with my daughter “pitching fits”. One day as we were walking up the sidewalk she screamed all the way up and would lay down on the sidewalk then get back up and scream and walk a few more feet until she saw Jo Bruce! Jo gave me a big hug and said “I am so sorry, I never believed Megan acted like this until I saw it for myself!” My son hated to wear a long sleeves or pants, much less a coat! One day Jo very sweetly pulled me aside and said “if you can’t afford a coat for Robbie we have people who would love to help you!” I was mortified but told her he has a coat but refuses to wear it. He would push his long alewives to his elbows and his pants to his knees!

Every time I saw her she would ask me if Megan was still strong willed and was so proud when I told her she chose to teach high school! She would ask if Robbie still refused to wear a coat and I told her he did until her went to college in Kansas! She would laugh and say what fun memories and I would thank her for some of the best!

She impacted many and I am blessed to be one of the many!

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**Melanie Patterson** - December 20, 2021 at 07:12 PM

CL

“ So very sorry to hear this Jeannie and Lucian. Your mother was always willing to teach others about how to love and teach children. So happy I had the pleasure of knowing her. She will be missed! Love you!

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**Catherine Lee** - December 20, 2021 at 06:18 PM

JP

“ Fond memories of Jo and Carl. We are in fact, distant relatives. She made a great impact at TFBC as preschool director. We enjoyed sitting with them for worship. Sending love and sympathy on the loss of your mother. 🌹

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**Judy Ponder** - December 20, 2021 at 02:31 PM

BH

“ Jerry and Jeanie, so sorry to hear about your mother's death. We lived in Taylors until 1964 and we attended VBS at First Baptist with the Hughes family. Lucian was in my 6th and 7th grade classes at Taylors Elementary. My prayers go out for your family.

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**Brant Hart** - December 20, 2021 at 01:24 PM