



## Katherine G. Byars

November 2, 1924 - September 2, 2024

Katherine G. Byars, 99, of Greer, wife of the late James Lex Byars, Sr., passed away September 2, 2024.

Born in Greer, South Carolina on November 2, 1924, she was a daughter of the late Thomas Martin Gantt and Grace Velma Smith Gantt. Kat was a mother of two when Lex Byars went to fight in WWII. After the war, she worked at J.P. Stevens Victor Plant for 25 years, retired, and worked another 15 years at Winn Dixie. She was a farmer's wife throughout these years. Kat was a member of Greer Country Club for many years and was very active in the Ladies Golf Association. She made a hole-in-one at the age of 70. She was a member of Fulton Presbyterian Church for over 70 years, and loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren every chance she got. Kat had many pets throughout her life, but Hobo was the most recent, and a favorite, and he misses her too. Absent in the body, present in the Spirit with Jesus.

She is survived by her four children, Linda Kaye Bishop of Taylors, South Carolina, Joan B. Smith of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, Mildred B.

"Mickey" Poole (Perry) of Orlando, Florida, and James Lex "Jimmy" Byars, II (Sarah) of Greer, South Carolina; 13 grandchildren, Lee Bishop (Jennifer); Carey F. Smith, Jr., Scott Smith (Robin), Tim Furr (Melissa), Elizabeth Poole, Anna Manuel (David), Nathan Poole (Silvia), Ben Poole (Tori), Jay Byars (Amber), Jessica Groves (Austin), Joni Byars, Kim Hernandez (Oscar), and Jason Daniels (Josefina); 23 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great

grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death are five sisters, Georgia Lister, Mildred Scoggins, Reba Hawkins, Margaret Dillard Crain, and Nell Childers Miller; one brother, Roy Gantt; and two sons-in-law, Carey F. Smith, Jr., and Donald L. Bishop, Jr. Funeral services will be held 12:00 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by Mr. Perry Poole. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Visitation will be held 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Monday, September 9, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

The family is at the home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Cemetery

303 North Avenue  
Greer, SC 29650

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 9. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Service

SEP 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Katherine G. Byars*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - September 09, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Katherine G. Byars.*



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September 06, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ *God bless you Mrs. Kat Byars.i have known Mrs kat about 35 years . You will be missed . My deepest sympathy to the family.*

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**Keith Harmon** - September 06, 2024 at 04:49 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to each family member of my Aunt Kat. She loved all of you & cherished time spent together. My memories of her laugh & love Will be with me forever! May Our Lord give you comfort & peace!  
Niece June H. Grose

June Grose - September 05, 2024 at 09:27 PM

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“ Pat Spivey, Friend of Joan's Pawleys isl purchased the Sweet & Savory Snacks Gift Basket et for the family of Katherine G. Byars.



Pat Spivey, Friend of Joan's Pawleys isl - September 04, 2024 at 01:40 PM

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“ Pat Spivey, Friend of Joan's Pawleys isl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine G. Byars.

Pat Spivey, Friend of Joan's Pawleys isl - September 04, 2024 at 01:40 PM

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“ The Childers & The Metzgers purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Katherine G. Byars.



The Childers & The Metzgers - September 04, 2024 at 11:56 AM