



## Katherine H. Dobson

March 28, 1923 - June 14, 2017

Katherine Heidt Dobson, widow of Broadus Dobson, went to be with the Lord June 14, 2017.

Katherine was born March 28, 1923 to Creighton Mitchell Heidt and Beatrice Hutson Heidt of Nesmith SC. Due to her mother's illness, she was raised by her aunt Emma "Tudie" Hutson of Hardeeville SC. Katherine loved the low country and trips to Savannah and the beach.

She came to the upstate to attend Anderson College and graduated from Furman University with a degree in education. There she met Broadus, the love of her life. When they married she said she realized Broadus would never leave his hometown of Greer, and she made it her home too. They were blessed with 67 happy years.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her brothers Edward and Mitchell Heidt.

She is survived by three daughters and one son, all residents of Greer: Kathy (Philip) Johnston, David (Sylvia) Dobson, Suzanne (Dean) Cuplin, and Patti (Tommy) Simmons.

She was "Nanny" to her eight grandchildren: Jennifer Johnston Dorn, Andy Johnston (Jenny), Katie Jeter (Eric), Tricia Morris (Chris), John Barbrey, Rebecca Barbrey, Thomas Simmons (Julia), and Patrick Simmons.

She was also "Nanny" to her six great-grandchildren: Zachary Dorn, Duncan Jeter, Olivia Morris, Brock Barbrey, Matilda Rea Johnston, and Agnes Katherine Johnston.

Teaching young children was her calling. Her elementary schools included Holly Springs, Duke St. and Crestview, where she retired. And many a grandchild did their homework at Nanny's kitchen table.

Katherine loved the Lord and her church. Her life demonstrated that actions speak louder than words. She put the needs of others before her own and found joy in giving, sending her famous pound cakes, preparing Sunday communion, or sharing her home with aging family members.

She celebrated life, serving Sunday dinners to 18 people until she closed her kitchen, going to grandchildren's ball games, hosting the traditional Christmas Eve party, and planning the annual beach trip.

"It takes life to love Life," wrote the poet Edgar Lee Masters, and Katherine had the strength to find happiness in each of her 94 years. Dementia clouded her last 14 years, but not her spirit. She would often take the hand of those with her shaking it and telling them, "I love you, I love you." Nothing brought her more joy than holding her great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held in the Memorial United Methodist Church sanctuary from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Saturday, June 17, 2017. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m., conducted by Rev. Joe Cate. Burial will be in Wood Memorial Park.

Grandsons and grandsons-in-law will serve as pallbearers.

The family will be in their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 N. Main St., Greer SC 29650 or Greer Community Ministries, P. O. Box 1373, Greer, SC 29652.

A special thanks to Katherine's friend who she "will always remember," Linda Cason, and to her caregivers at Rose Cottage, especially Tanya Gray and Beatrice Onyiriona, who showed her love and kindness each day for four years.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Memorial United Methodist Church  
201 N. Main St.  
Greer, SC

## Service

JUN 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Memorial United Methodist Church  
201 N. Main St.  
Greer, SC

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Ann Merritt lit a candle in memory of Katherine H. Dobson*



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**Ann Merritt** - June 19, 2017 at 04:48 PM

WK

“ *I am a funeral director at Gray Mortuary in Pelzer, but I am a Taylors native and always in tune to deaths in the area. I don't think I know anyone in your family, but I felt compelled to say that "Nanny's" obituary is one of the most beautifully written I have ever seen, and I have seen a lot. You captured the life of a beautiful lady beautifully.*

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**Wayne King** - June 16, 2017 at 07:12 AM

CB

“ *She was my 5th grade teacher loves her to death she will be missed*

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**chris bellinger** - June 15, 2017 at 04:02 PM



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**Jennifer Johnston** - June 15, 2017 at 03:28 PM

DK

*“ I am sorry to learn of Kat's passing. She was a kind, loving person. I taught at Crestview with her, and I remember her kindness toward my children when they were young. I will not be able to attend the services, but my thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**Doris Khoe** - June 15, 2017 at 01:11 PM

GH

*“ I was blessed to have her as a teacher. She was very dedicated.*

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**Greg hyatt** - June 15, 2017 at 12:19 PM



*We are so sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Dobson and want the family to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. A highlight of any day for any of our family was to see Mr. and Mrs. Dobson out and about town in the "Woodie" before their health prevented their daily excursions. They were always a blessing to everyone they met. The world has suffered a great loss and our family shares in the loss with you. But, Mr. and Mrs. Dobson left four wonderful children and their spouses, their grandchildren, and great grandchildren to help fill the void felt in the community with the passing of these two wonderful Christian role models. May God bless and comfort you as you go through this difficult time. Much love, Linda Parr on behalf of the Parr Family*

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**Linda Parr** - June 15, 2017 at 01:52 PM

AH

*Such a wonderful lady! Penny and I enjoyed many Mexican dinners with Broadus and Kat! And we loved hearing her memories of life in the "low country"! God bless all of her family members. - Arthur Holt*

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**Arthur Holt** - June 15, 2017 at 02:56 PM