



Loretta Aldridge

December 4, 1947 - April 16, 2025

Loretta Joy Matthews Aldridge, 77, went to be with her Saviour on April 16, 2025.

A native of Denver, Colorado, daughter of the late Albert and Martha Barber Matthews, and Frieda Katherine “Cathy” Bryant, she was a wife, mom, Grammy, sister and precious friend. She spent her life taking care of her family, keeping her house tidy and orderly, serving in her churches, Beth Eden Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado, and Hampton Park Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina and spending time with her friends.

Loretta will be remembered for her smile, laugh, and her kindness to others. She loved her God and spent many hours serving in various ways to others in her churches. Loretta loved Christmas and decorating her house for all the holidays and seasons. She loved to be on the go shopping, visiting others and going on small adventures. In these last years, where going out was impaired, she spent her days shopping online, watching the Hallmark channel, and reading various things on her electronic devices. While she could no longer get out and go to church, she faithfully watched the services from home and kept up with the goings on of the church.

Surviving are her faithful husband of 59 years, James Edouard Aldridge; two devoted daughters, Melody Joy Aldridge and Wendy Renee Aldridge both of Taylors, SC; treasured sister, Beverly Ellyson of Ardmore, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Jessie (Stephen) Hayden, Ben (Savannah) Griffith, and Zona Griffith; great-grandsons, Colton Griffith and Bentley McCall; sister-in-law,

Debora Moser; nephew, John Pletcher; niece, Cindy Pletcher Faulkenberry; niece, Rachel Ellyson; great-nephews, Rhett Ellyson and Trent Ellyson; and other precious family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Abie and Jeannie Romero; her nephew, Larry Ellyson; and many other dear family members and friends.

Graveside services will be held May 2, 2025, 1:00 PM at M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery conducted by Pastor Paul Bixby.

Memorials may be made to Hampton Park Baptist Church, 875 State Park Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29609 or Beth Eden Baptist Church, 2600 Wadsworth Blvd., Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

M.J. “Dolly” Cooper Veterans Cemetery

140 Inway Drive
Anderson, SC 29621

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ When Dave and I sent the country basket I thought of the drives Loretta and I took up in the foothills. As her cancer progressed we were limited to where we could go. Driving around wasn't new to us. Our friendship started that way. We would visit shut-ins from church. In doing so our friendship grew in all the ways that matter most, our love for God and our family were top priority. We shared in our sorrows and our joys. The deep of our friendship cannot be measured or described in mere words.

Loretta's middle name was Joy. Appropriately named for the joy she spread in my life and others. She will always be near to us because we carry her in our hearts and know that we will see here again!

Jim, Melody and Wendy thank you for making me feel like a welcomed member of your family which was an added blessing to our friendship.

Friendships no matter how deep cannot replace what Loretta needed at her home going and you were there. Your faithfulness is to be emulated.

May the God of all comfort bless and do what only He can do.

Always loving and praying for you, Dave and Liz

Dave & Liz Barney - April 30, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Loretta Aldridge.

April 25, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Loretta Aldridge.*



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“ *Wendy; so very sorry to learn of your mother passing. Prayers for all and you know I love you. Jim Braziel.*

Braziel, Jim - April 23, 2025 at 07:50 PM