



Louise Waters

March 7, 1925 - June 18, 2015

Louise Anderson Waters, 90, widow of B.B. Waters, Jr., died peacefully, surrounded by her four children at The Cottages at Brushy Creek on Thursday, June 18, 2015. She was the daughter of the late Louis and Lillian Drummond Anderson of Laurens, SC.

She grew up in Laurens, attended Laurens County Schools and graduated from Laurens High School at sixteen as valedictorian of her class. She graduated from Limestone College at nineteen, again as valedictorian of her class and moved to Greer to teach High School English, Latin and French. She married B.B. Waters, Jr. in December of 1947. Together they raised their children in the shadow of First Baptist Church of Greer. She was the consummate homemaker and hostess, known for her hospitality. She was a true southern lady.

Mrs. Waters was heavily involved in her church and taught many different ages in Sunday School and Bible Study for more than fifty years. Her greatest accomplishment in the church may have been her influence on the lives of young women. She also served two terms as a Trustee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in the 1970's. Louise delivered meals for Greer Community Ministries from the first day of service until she was no longer able to drive. She loved her Lord, her church and her friends with a passion that was demonstrated in her daily life.

She was predeceased by her brother, Drummond Anderson, and her sisters, Mary McAbee, Francis Taylor and Lillian White.

Mrs. Waters is survived by her children, Benjamin B. Waters, III (Vicki), Rebecca W. Harris (Charles), Louis A. Waters (Pam), and Ruth W. McWhite (Dr. Allen); grandchildren, Ben Waters (Beth), Gabe Waters (Ashley), Richard Harris, Louis Harris (Stephanie), Marie Waters Weaver (Jonathan), Jodi Tanksley (Rob), David McWhite (April), Jonathan McWhite (Aimee), Anna Waters (fiancé Mack Rains), Elizabeth McWhite Williams (Caleb), Miriam McWhite and Tollie McWhite. She is also survived by 16 great grandchildren, her special friend Hal Huey, and a large number of nieces and nephews. Louise found great joy in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She attended every event in their lives as long as she was able and was always available to care for them.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Greer First Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Rick Ezell, Dr. Wilson Nelson and Dr. D. Allen McWhite. A private family burial will be held in Mountain View Cemetery. Music will be provided by her son-in-law, Charles Harris.

Visitation will be held 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Saturday at The Wood Mortuary. The family is at their respective homes.

The family wishes to thank the staff of The Cottages at Brushy Creek for their many kindnesses to our mother and the wonderful medical care she received during her last year. Special thanks to the nurses of Gentiva Hospice who guided us all through her last days.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Greer First Baptist Church, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 202 West Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29650.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

303 North Avenue
Greer, SC 29650

Previous Events

Service

JUN 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

Greer First Baptist Church
201 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650

Tribute Wall

LD

“ Dear Rebecca, Charlie, Buddy, Vicki, Louis, Pam, Ruth, Allen, Just learned of Louise's passing from Marian Hayes. What a loss. What A Loss! WHAT A LOSS! I must tell a Louise story, but I can't decide which one: Should it be "the letter story"--no, Louise told me to never tell that one, "the time Louise turned pages for me at a wedding at Washington Baptist Church story"--Louis will remember that one, or "the pound cake story." All three are great! I think I'll go with "the pound cake story." When my brother-in-law, Mike, passed, we rode from Clemson to Greer for Mike's burial. By the time the interment was over, we were famished. Up walks Louise with a pound cake fresh out of the oven. After some fast conversation, we ran to the friends' van that was to return us to Clemson. We couldn't wait to dig into that cake. (I had played Mike's funeral and was beyond tired and starving--Charlie and Rebecca know what that is like.) The cake made us "enjoy" the drive until we could get to dinner. Now, I ask you: who else would have thought of a cake to nourish us when we needed it the most? None other than your sainted mother/mom-in-law! Words are inadequate to say how much she will be missed. My heart goes out to each of you. With love, Lee Duncan

Lee Duncan - July 06, 2015 at 03:53 PM

GB

“ I was so very saddened to learn of Louise’s passing. I was aware this news was imminent but I also knew a much-loved and admired lady would no longer be among us. I will sorely miss our visits when I travel home to Greenville.

While I had for years heard about Louise from my mother (one of Louise’s 37 first cousins), I did not become closely acquainted with her until I began writing a family history book several years back. She not only provided much useful information, but she also solved a huge puzzle for me. She was the only one who could identify every cousin in a nearly 90-year-old photograph, taken at a Drummond family reunion. In the picture, she herself was a babe in her father’s arms so I was duly impressed and thrilled!

I lift prayers for Louise’s wonderful family and send my sincerest condolences.

Graceanne Barbour

Graceanne Barbour - July 06, 2015 at 02:09 PM

DS

“ Dear Family, We are so sorry to hear about your mother. She truly was a real southern, Christian woman who was so extremely proud of her family. What a testament each of her children are as far raising our own children under Gods plan. Please know that we are praying for you now and find peace in knowing that she is in heaven looking down on each of you with that beautiful, sweet smile. Jimmy and Debbie Singleton

Debbie Singleton - June 20, 2015 at 09:17 AM

CC

“ To the family of Louise Waters; She was one of the finest people I've known. She was kind and compassionate, always willing to be a shoulder for someone to lean on or provide a smile to brighten someone's day. She was absolutely beautiful, inside and out. I know you will miss her. I wish there were words I could say to eliminate your grief. Look back and rely on the myriad of memories that you have of her and know that God abundantly blessed you with putting her in your life.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Love, Clinta Carmichael

Clinta Carmichael - June 19, 2015 at 07:11 PM

AJ

“ I thank God for all the great smiles Louise always had for every one. You all will be in my prayers. She will be missed but her smile will remain.



Azalee Jones - June 19, 2015 at 02:50 PM

BT

*Buddy. Rebecca, Louis, Ruth, and your families,
Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to all of you at this time.
Louise was indeed the epitome of a Southern lady and a consummate Christian woman. Her kind, soft spoken words and her beautiful smile were always welcoming and comforting. She will certainly be missed but not forgotten.*

*With much love to you all,
Belinda and Tommy Tapp*

Belinda & Tommy Tapp - June 19, 2015 at 09:06 PM

MA

*Dear Cousins,
Despite the sadness I feel at the passing of your dear mother, my heart is full of gratitude for her life. Her warmth, kindness and good cheer seemed boundless, and I have memories of Aunt Weza's bright smile from my earliest years. I will keep you and your families in my prayers.
With much love,
Martha Jo Anderson*

Martha Anderson - June 20, 2015 at 04:49 PM

JA

*Dear Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Aunt Weza was always a favorite. We will long remember her laughter and her generous spirit. Thank you for all you did to bring joy to her life.
Love,
Jim Anderson*

James D. Anderson - June 23, 2015 at 08:59 AM