



## Martha S. Hayes

February 9, 1924 - October 10, 2022

Martha S. Hayes, 98, wife and high school sweetheart of the late Wilton L. Hayes, passed away October 10, 2022.

A native of Duncan, SC, born February 9, 1924, in The Woods Chapel Community of Spartanburg County, to the late Thomas Dewitt and Amanda lone Smith, she was a graduate of Duncan High School and then attended Spartanburg Business School. Martha was an employee for many years in Human Resources at Lyman Printing and Finishing, Harley Bag Corporation, and Union Camp. Mrs. Hayes was active in numerous community organizations. She was an active faithful member of Duncan United Methodist Church until moving to Charleston where she worshiped at Holy Cross Episcopal Church on Daniel Island. Her friends and family remember Martha, affectionately known to many as “Mot”, as a kind and gracious lady; a loving mother, grandmother, aunt; the “go to” person for any need; and a baker of fabulous pound cakes.

Surviving are two daughters, Martha Hayes Brown (Rex), and Jane Hayes Welch, both of Daniel Island, SC; two grandchildren, Stephen Hayes Wiser (Monica) of Beaufort, SC, and Charles H. Welch, Jr. (Mandy) of Nashville, TN; four great-grandchildren, Alan Hayes Wiser of Beaufort, SC, Luke Foxwell Wiser of Beaufort, SC, Catherine Barbara Welch of Nashville, TN, and Charles Herbert Welch III of Nashville, TN; five nephews, Roy Jackson, Eric Mullinax, Morris Mullinax, Terry Batchler-Smith, and Jim Batchler-Smith; and one niece, Kathy Rogers.

Mrs. Hayes was predeceased by her siblings: Hazel Jackson, Helen Bruce, Gentry Smith, Doris Stephens, Virginia Mullinax, and Morris Smith; grandchild, Martha Elizabeth Welch; and son-in-law, Charles H. Welch.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00PM Friday, October 14, 2022, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by Rev. Eric Mullinax. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

A reception will be held after the committal at Duncan United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held 12:30-1:45PM, Friday, October 14, 2022, at The Wood Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers memorials in her honor may be sent to Duncan United Methodist Church, PO Box 216, Duncan, SC 29334, Holy Cross, Daniel Island, SC, 299 Seven Farms Drive, Charleston, SC 29492; or a charity of one's choice.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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

## Service

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
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## Cemetery

OCT 14 (ET)

Wood Memorial Park  
863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

## Reception

OCT 14 (ET)

Duncan United Methodist Church  
139 West Main Street  
Duncan, SC 29334

*After the committal*

# Tribute Wall

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“ Miss Martha was a wonderful friend. We worked together at the B.M.W. Training Center in Duncan. She was a nice and friendly person. I know she will be missed.  
RIP sweet Martha.

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**Johnny Yarbrough** - November 26, 2022 at 02:19 PM

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“ Dear Family, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. Martha and Rex I am so sorry that I could not be there with you folks today. Prior commitments kept me from performing my regular duties as State Veterans of Foreign Wars Chaplain during your time of grief. Again please know that you all continue to be in my prayers.

*SC VFW State Chaplain Wilton Fowler*

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**Wilton Fowler** - October 14, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Martha S. Hayes.



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October 13, 2022 at 03:40 PM

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“ *Martha, Jane & Families: My prayers and sympathy to you in the passing of your beautiful Mother. She was such a sweet Southern lady and an active Christian during our years at Woods Chapel growing up. Your family was loved by so many people in the community and the church. Both of you were active in the MYF as Clyde and I were the councilors as a young married couple and we have fond memories of those years. Those years have flown and now you have families and grand children of your own and blessed to have your mother near you during this time to enjoy these years with you. We were blessed to grow up in our beloved Woods Chapel with fond memories of active Christians to be examples for us to follow. May God's love wrap you in His mercy, grace and peace during this most difficult. May your many memories give you comfort in the coming time. May God bless each of you and be gracious to you. Sent with my love and prayers, Linda Coggins Roberts*



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**Linda Coggins Roberts** - October 12, 2022 at 08:46 PM