



Mary Lee Owens

August 28, 1937 - February 5, 2023

Mary Lee Owens passed away peacefully Sunday morning, February 5, 2023, at the age of 85.

Born Mary Lee Bates, on August 28, 1937, in Meadville, PA, she was the daughter of Dr. Richard L. Bates and Dorothy Lawson Bates.

Mary Lee graduated from Oberlin College & Conservatory in Oberlin, OH, and later attended Converse College. She was an accomplished pianist, but perhaps better known as a harpist, playing for many a special occasion in the Upstate. She studied under the late, world-renowned, Carlos Salzado, and taught piano and harp for many years, including a stint at Spartanburg Day School. She was a member of the Junior League of Spartanburg, and most recently attended Holston Creek Baptist Church.

Mary Lee was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Thomas D. Owens, and a brother, David L. Bates.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan J. Jeffords and her husband, Loy, and her sons, Stephen M. Jenkins and his wife, Vicki, and Charles D. Owens. She is also survived by and most proud of her five grandchildren, Hollace, Lawton, and Celia Jeffords, and Madeleine and Xavier Jenkins.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., at The Wood Mortuary, 300 W. Poinsett Street, Greer, SC. The Reverend Doctor Baxter M. Wynn will officiate.

The family will receive friends prior to the service, from 2:00-3:15 p.m., at The Wood Mortuary.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to The Charles Lea Center Foundation, 195 Burdette Street, Spartanburg, SC 29307 or Special Olympics, 2600 Virginia Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20037 or at www.support.specialolympics.org

Her family would like to thank Agape Care for their loving assistance.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 3:30 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Thinking of you with heartfelt sympathy.
In this time of sorrow, our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Susan and family, sending thoughts to you and Charlie. Your mom lived a long and full life. I'll always have memories of Spartanburg, the cruise and visits with Mary Lee.

-Rob (and Rick) Bates

Robert Lee Bates - February 08, 2023 at 01:57 PM

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“ *Robert B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mary Lee Owens.*



Robert B. - February 08, 2023 at 01:56 PM