



Mary Barnett Lyda

February 25, 1919 - June 3, 2011

Mary Barnett Lyda, 102, local educator for over 40 years, died at her home, 2976 Holly Springs Road, on Friday, June 3, 2011. She was born in Gramling, SC, on February 25, 1909, the eldest child of the late John William and Sallie Layne Barnett. She was married to the late R.E. Lyda for 53 years.

Mrs. Lyda was a 1927 graduate of Asheville Normal Teachers College. She taught in Spartanburg County Schools for more than 20 years and was Spartanburg County School Attendance Supervisor for 20 years. At the time of her death, Mrs. Lyda was the oldest member of Holly Springs Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher for many years.

She is survived by her son John William Lyda and his wife Debbie of Advance, NC, and her daughter Mary Lytle and her husband Gary of the home. She was a vital support and inspiration in the lives of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Ross Lyda of Atlanta, GA; Jed and Bonnie Blackwell of Reidville; Layne, Tre', Carter and Anderson Kirkland of Campobello; Sean, Lisa, Elizabeth and Noah Lytle of Pauline; Tilli, Mack, Rachil and Zack McAllister of Knoxville, TN; Audrey, Jesse, Olivia and Lucus Young of Smyrna, GA.

Funeral services will be held at Holly Springs Baptist Church, Inman, SC on Monday, June 6, at 2:00 pm conducted by Dr. Tim Clark and Rev. Henry

Stanford. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Following the service, the family will receive friends at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Spartanburg Methodist College, the R.E. and Mary B. Lyda Endowed Scholarship Fund, Development Office, 1000 Powell Mill Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Service

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Holly Springs Baptist Church
250 Hannon Road
Inman, SC

Visitation

JUN 6. 3:30 PM.

Residence