



Mary Lee Cheek

February 19, 1940 - December 21, 2012

Surrounded by her family, Mary Lee Cheek, age 72 of Taylors, passed from this life to her forever home on December 21, 2012, at St. Francis Hospital, Greenville. She was the wife of the late James R. Cheek.

She was born in Tryon, NC at St. Luke's Hospital to the late Joseph and Francis King Lee, and raised with her seven siblings on the family dairy farm in Landrum, SC. She graduated from Landrum High School and Furman University and enjoyed teaching third grade until her children were born.

Mary returned to work blessing the lives of countless children as the director of weekday preschool ministries at Taylors First Baptist Church, a position she held for 28 years. She stayed busy with her three sons but also enjoyed sewing and gardening, and would never turn down the opportunity to cook a meal for others.

She loved nothing more than being a member of Taylors First Baptist Church and spent those 40 years serving in a multitude of capacities. Although her health declined as she battled cancer for 25 years, she never ceased in finding ways to put others ahead of herself. From keeping children in the nursery to making mission dolls once homebound, serving was the common theme of her life.

Surviving are three sons and their spouses, Tommy and Sonja, their children, Jacob and Jenny Ann of Greenville, David and Caroline , their children, Duncan and Amzie of Greenville, and Joel and Colleen, their children, Corey and Joshua of Thousand Oaks, CA; two brothers, Ernest Lee of Greensboro,

NC and Robert Lee of Landrum and two sisters, Sarah Frances Stokes of Hunstville, AL and Elizabeth Beazley of Martinez, GA.

Friday, December 28, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., a private burial service for the family will be held at Taylors First Baptist Church Cemetery. A celebration Mary's life will be held in the church at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will follow in the gathering space at Taylors First Baptist Church.

Contributions may be sent to the Connie Maxwell Children's Home, P.O. Box 1178, Greenwood, SC 29648 or the Taylors Free Medical Clinic, 400 West Main Street, Taylors, SC 29687.

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

Previous Events

Service

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Taylors First Baptist Church
200 West Main Street
Taylors, SC 29687

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary was a good friend to me in my early years at Taylors. We roomed together on a mission trip. Wonderful lady. She fought for a long time and now she is with Jesus.*

*In Christian Love,
Keisha###imported-begin##Keisha Green Triplett###imported-end##*

December 30, 2012 at 04:59 PM



“ *I actually came on Woods site to write on the guestbook for a lifelong friend of my dads and saw Mary's name. Mary was a very dear friend of my mom Linda Henderson and my mother-in-law Jean Neely. She cared so much for my mom and did so much for her during her illness of heart disease.*

She was so sweet to Jean in doing so much for her. At the end of Jean's cancer, Mary helped her finish up quilts for the grandchildren.

Mary meant so much to me.

Sheri Neely###imported-begin##Sheri Henderson Neely###imported-end##

December 28, 2012 at 07:57 PM



“ *Dave,
I know from the man you are that your Mother was a very good monther who loved our Lord. Laura and I pray that you know that she is now living without worry or suffering. Peace be wth you and your family.*

David and Laura###imported-begin##David Brian Hoff###imported-end##

December 28, 2012 at 09:26 AM



“ Mary was such a good friend since our years together as students at Furman University.

I am so glad that I could visit her when we had our 50th reunion last October.

She will always have a special place in my heart.##imported-begin##Sylvia Morris Brunson##imported-end##

December 27, 2012 at 08:08 PM



“ Your families are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Mary was an inspiration to those who knew her as she served our God in countless ways, touching the lives of so many families. She did not draw attention to herself, did not ask for recognition nor expect to be repaid, she was not afraid of taking on a challenge, but walked steadily toward the goal of spending eternity in Heaven. My life was enriched by knowing and working with Mary. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Jeanne Spray##imported-end##

December 26, 2012 at 09:41 PM



“ Mary blessed the lives of so many children and their parents as the director of pre-school. She knew each child and each parent, personally. She was filled with love. Without the aid of computers, cell phones, I Pads, etc. she ran a well organized and loving pre-school. She was loved.##imported-begin##Ellen Batcheldor##imported-end##

December 26, 2012 at 11:19 AM



“ I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I have not seen Mary in many years but we grew up together in Landrum and I know all the Lee family. What a sad time for this to happen. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. You've lost a wonderful person. Marian Wood###imported-begin###Marian Prince Wood ###imported-end##

December 25, 2012 at 07:10 PM



“ Joel, Tommy and David and families. We are so sorry for your loss. Aunt Mary was a wonderful person and will truly be missed. We are sorry that we cannot be there to tell you in person.###imported-begin###Stephanie Morgan Winterrowd###imported-end##

December 24, 2012 at 12:08 PM



“ To the family. You were so loved by your mother and grandmother. She shared many photos with me and scrapbooks, crafts, and special memories with me as we would chat in the GTC bookstore. She also was a mentor and friend and co-worker in MAFAD for many years. Mary will be sorely missed, she was a woman of strong faith and courage and we all learned from her what serving Christ and others was all about. I know you will miss her dearly. Kathy Sams###imported-begin###Kathy Sams###imported-end##

December 23, 2012 at 08:57 PM



“ Tommy, David,, Joel and families!
Please accept my sympathy in the loss of your mother and grandmother. Mary was a wonderful friend and I will miss her immensely. We spent many happy hours together chatting and I was very blessed in our friendship. Pat Caler###imported-begin###Pat Caler###imported-end##

December 23, 2012 at 10:37 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all...###imported-begin###Bob and Donna Kerns###imported-end##

December 23, 2012 at 08:07 AM



“ Tommy, sorry to see this. I know it's rough. I lost my Mom in 89, also from cancer. I had Lymphoma myself in 2010, but I'm in remission. Your Mom was such a nice person. We will miss her. I pray God will comfort you and yours.
Don###imported-begin###Don Williams###imported-end##

December 22, 2012 at 10:20 PM



“ Dear Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Mary was very precious to me. We spent our senior year at FU together as roommates. Though we lived far away for many of the past years, Mary and I kept in touch, and it was wonderful to spend some time with her during the Furman Homecoming for our 50th reunion in October. I know you will miss her, but carry her and many happy memories in your hearts . I pray that God will give you comfort as you go through these days. Love and prayers, Joan and Everett Reconnu###imported-begin###Joan Fox Reconnu###imported-end##

December 22, 2012 at 08:56 PM



“ Tommy, David, Joel and family. You are in my prayers at this time and I will continue to pray for you all and your family.. May you find peace by remembering the good times you had with Mary and also about the great Mother, friend and leader she was. She was a good Mother and Daddy for you boys She was a joy to be and work with. She will be missed in many ways. In Christian love, Ann Henso###imported-begin###Ann Henson###imported-end##

December 22, 2012 at 07:29 PM



“ I will miss my sweet friend. Mary hired me to work for her at the church 11 years ago and it's turned out to be the best job ever. My thoughts and prayers are with all her family.
Tommy, David and Joel-you guys won't remember me but you were my neighbors growing up on Cunningham Circle. I loved your mom a lot-she was a strong, Godly woman and an inspiration to so many.###imported-begin###Karen Coker Stoddard###imported-end##

December 22, 2012 at 05:12 PM