



## Mildred Dobson Dempsey

October 6, 1922 - July 27, 2020

Mildred Dobson Dempsey went to be with our Lord on Monday, July 27, 2020. She was born in Spartanburg County to Pearl Waddell and Joseph Walter Dobson on October 6, 1922. She was the wife of the late Alvin James Dempsey.

She was employed for a number of years with Lyman Printing and Finishing Company. An excellent seamstress, she opened her own fabric shop. After several years, she and her husband became interested in ceramics and soon became owners of Dempsey's Ceramics. She became a certified ceramics teacher with several companies, selling their products and teaching classes. For over 50 years she operated her business and shared her talents and love for this hobby and profession. She served as Vice President of the South Carolina State Ceramic Association as well as President of her local Upstate Ceramic Association for many years. She was a mentor to many and encouraged others to enjoy this fascinating hobby. When her mother became a resident of Roger Huntington Nursing Center she brought the ceramic program there, volunteering many hours in helping patients enjoy ceramics, even entered their pieces in the state competition where they won awards. She was presented Volunteer of the Year Award recognizing her dedication in the Greenville Hospital System.

Mrs. Dempsey loved her church, Duncan First Baptist, where she became a member and was baptized in 1933. She was faithful for as long as she was able to attend serving in various capacities there. She also served as past

Worthy Matron of Duncan Chapter No 86 Order of the Easter Star in Duncan. At age 95 she became a resident of Ashlan Village, an assisted living facility, and continued to paint there when she could.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories a son, Jimmy Dempsey (Connie) of Duncan and a daughter, Jo Ann (Jody) Mitchell Gentry (W.M.) of Saluda, S.C., four grandchildren, Joe Dempsey (Paulette), Holly L. Mitchell (Charles Mann), Merri Mitchell and Tasha Edge Henderson Duren (Byron), eight great-grandchildren, Amanda Rhymer, Courtney Anderson (Josh), Sydney Cole (Dray), Walker and Kyleigh Lang, Gabriel Mann, Logan and Lexie Henderson, and four great-great-grandchildren, Rowan, Miles, Abby, Ava and one on the way.

Mrs. Dempsey was preceded in death by one daughter, Janice Edge Gobble, and a sister, Cornelia Gibson.

Due to Covid-19, there will be a private graveside service for the family.

Mrs. Dempsey will lie in state from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at The Wood Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville S.C. 29605.

The family would like to thank the faculty of Ashlan Village for their love and compassionate care and to the members of Duncan First Baptist Church for their many visits and prayers.

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

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. My Mother and I had went to Mrs. Dempsey's shop and done several piece's there. Also we brought goat milk from her for my grandmother. She was a very sweet lady.



Doris Gilbert McCombs - August 05, 2020 at 04:43 PM

LA

“ So sorry for your loss. I did ceramics at her shop. She was a sweet person.

Linda Anderson - August 01, 2020 at 05:09 PM

MC

“ I am very blessed to have know such a sweet and kind woman. She helped many of us learn ceramics and the ceramic business. I know she is flying high with her husband and daughter in heaven. Sending love and prayers to Jody and the rest of her family. RIP Mildred!

Mary Coral - July 31, 2020 at 12:28 PM

LG

“ I love you Mildred Dempsey. I thank you and sweet Janice for all of the ceramic classes and fun times. I'm not sure I've ever known anyone nicer than you. Give Janice a hug from me ❤️

Lynn Goodson - July 31, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ Mes Mildred was a very sweet lady I really got attached to her and was happy to have taken care of her on my third shift  
It hurts me a lot that in that moment I came to see her she had passed away in my present I prayed for her to at least open her eyes to make sure she was ok  
But my sweet lovable lady had passed away to the lord  
I was sad but I know she is in a beautiful paradise and from heaven she knew I cared for her and showed her my love  
RIP Mrs Mildred will never forget you  
Your care giver JuJu 🙏🙏🙏🙏

yerooth Manzanares (juju) - July 30, 2020 at 04:18 PM

FJ

One of the absolutely most precious women I've ever known!! I loved her like my own grandma and we had the best times together while I had the privilege to be one of her caregivers for the past full year. Her laugh and sweet smile was so contagious!! She Never had a negative attitude or bad word to say about anyone or anything. Truly an angel!! I for one will miss her like crazy, but my life is so much fuller just for having her in it for a short time.

felicia johnson - July 30, 2020 at 05:52 PM

MR

“ I have known my friend Mildred for almost 40 years. We spent many hours doing ceramics, attending ceramic meetings, and Conventions at Myrtle Beach and Columbia. She was an asset in getting people doing ceramics. I cherish the time and things we did together. As i look at the many things i made at her shop, it gives .e fond memories. My love and prayers go out to the family in their loss. 💕🙏 MaryAnn Riley

MaryAnn Riley - July 29, 2020 at 10:33 PM

AB

*Jody and family, you are all in our hearts and prayers as you face this loss of a most beautiful, precious, loving woman! May God give you strength and wisdom to deal with the times ahead. Love and prayers for all!*

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**Ann and Robert Bowles** - July 30, 2020 at 09:48 AM

JT

*Jimmy and family, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's death. She was a very sweet woman. May she RIP.*

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**Jane H. Thorne** - July 31, 2020 at 01:21 PM

LH

*I remember a sweet and loving mother who welcomed me into your home as a child. My love and sympathy to the family. You were a very important part of my young life and I shall treasure the love your mother showed to me. Linda Powell Hyder*

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**LINDA HYDER HYDER** - August 02, 2020 at 06:01 PM