



## Myrtle Wood Runion

April 20, 1918 - June 3, 2013

Myrtle Wood Runion, 95, widow of James Marion Runion, died June 3, 2013 at Magnolia Place.

A native of Greenville County, daughter of the late Nathan and Lula Fleming Wood, she was a retired employee of Piedmont Industries and a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Brenda (Bimpy) Porter and Polly Runion both of Taylors; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Runion was predeceased by one daughter, Lorraine Turner and a sister, Oda Davis.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at The Wood Mortuary conducted by Dr. Tom Burns and Dr. Eddie Leopard. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 12:30-1:45 p.m. Wednesday at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Polly and Tommy Runion, 9 Runamo Way, Taylors, SC 29687.

A special thank you to Magnolia Place and Vista Care Hospice for their loving care.

Memorials may be made to Fairview Baptist Church Foundation for the Future, 1300 Locust Hill Road, Greer, SC 29651 or Vista Care Hospice, 15 Brendan Way, Suite 100, Greenville, SC 29615.

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



# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

1 Pine Knoll Drive  
Greenville, SC 29609

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 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

JUN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

“Ma Ma Runion lived a rich and full life. In her 95 years, she saw amazing changes in this world and experienced many life-changing events. Through it all, Ma Ma impressed us with her unflappable personality, her determination, her commitment to family, and her faith in the Lord. Ma Ma was a woman of many skills, but she was not a braggart. They were skills born of necessity: sewing (which she parlayed into a long and stellar career at the old Greer Shirt plant); cooking, gardening. She was a representative of a generation that saw a job that had to be done - and just did it. I have many fond memories of my grandmother:

- making hand-churned peach ice cream on hot summer days under her carport, and wondering how Granddaddy could eat so much by himself!

- walking that narrow, tiered cinder-block wall that lined her driveway with my young cousins, and being scared of falling into the wrong side with the briars and poison ivy!

- my sister and I digging our tiny child hands into that deep well-worn button box in her bedroom, and loving how cool it felt..

- being mesmerized by Ma Ma's seamstress and crocheting skills, examples of which still decorate many of our family homes..

- tearing apart her warm extra-thick biscuits and eating the chewy insides first! For that matter, looking forward to her Sunday-after-church fried chicken meals and sliding in to my favorite seat at the dinner table next to the window - no fast food restaurants back then!

- As I got older, stopping off at Ma Ma's and Granddaddy's house at the break of dawn on the way home from my summer job 3rd shift at the old Winn Dixie bakery. Ma Ma would have a full breakfast spread waiting for me, with fresh eggs, bacon, sausage, and those famous biscuits! I would eat with her and Granddaddy, then I would slink off to their living room and doze off in my favorite swan-armed rocking chair - the same chair that I would later have in my own living room and which is now being enjoyed by my own son in his room..

- loving how she would get mad at the Braves when they would lose..

- the familiar way in which Ma Ma would laughingly respond to

*someone's comment with a drawn-out exclamation of "Riiight!" I could write a book on Ma Ma's own recollections - and should have. Suffice it to say, though, that there just aren't many like her left, if any. She and Granddaddy created a family of three amazing daughters and a lot more family followed. I was blessed that her oldest daughter is my mother, Brenda, and it has been heartwarming to see how she and Aunt Polly have looked after Ma Ma in her later years. I am honored and thankful to be Myrtle Runion's grandson, and I will be sharing my recollections of her for the rest of my own life....*

*Chris Porter*

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**Chris Porter** - June 03, 2013 at 09:17 PM

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“ *Judy Porter lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Wood Runion*



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**Judy Porter** - June 03, 2013 at 06:50 PM

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“ *Chris, Judy, Matt And Amanda Porter lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Wood Runion*



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**Chris, Judy, Matt and Amanda Porter** - June 03, 2013 at 06:48 PM

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“ *My Ma Ma Runion lived her life well and fully. Her generation saw many changes in this world, but Ma Ma's quiet strength, legendary determination, commitment to family, and her faith in the Lord were constants that we all admired and respected. I have so many fond memories of Ma Ma: my sister and I digging our tiny child hands into that well-worn "button box" in her bedroom; marveling at her seamstress skills; making hand-churned peach ice cream in her carport on hot summer days and wondering how Granddaddy could eat so much himself! Tearing apart her warm, thick biscuits and eating the inside part first! Stopping off at her house at the break of dawn after returning from my 3rd shift summer job at the old Winn Dixie bakery and having a good 'ol full breakfast of fresh eggs with her and Granddaddy - then me falling asleep in my favorite rocking chair in their living room! How Ma Ma would affirm some someone's observation or statement by emphatically drawing out the word "Riiiiight!". Ma Ma could giggle with the best of them, but she was always very respectful and sort of reserved about it. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a woman of many skills and talents. There just aren't many folks left like my Ma Ma Runion, and I am proud to be her grandson....Chris Porter*

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**Chris Porter** - June 03, 2013 at 03:15 PM