



## Verdenia Taylor Cupka

July 9, 1935 - November 25, 2023

Verdenia Taylor Cupka, 88, of Greer, South Carolina, went to be with her Lord at 7 a.m. on November 25, 2023.

A native of Spartanburg County, daughter of the late Bessie Johnson Taylor and Otis Taylor, she was a retired employee of General Electric and of the Baptist faith. She was a resident of National Healthcare of Greenville, SC. Surviving are her husband, Frank R. Cupka of Greer; her three children shared with the late James Kemp, James Randy Kemp (Kim) of Greer, Sandra Kemp Simpson (Bobby) of Campobello, and Shelby Kemp Rochester of Lyman; three step-daughters, Kandy Norwood (Glenn) of Simpsonville, Karren Perez of Louisville, Kentucky, and Kristie Marshall (Rick) of Boiling Springs; fifteen grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Frankie Taylor and Julia Taylor; one brother-in-law, David Cupka; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was also predeceased by one stepdaughter, Kim Thompson; two grandchildren; and her siblings, Glen Taylor, Ileen Flynn (Buddy), Calvin Taylor, Lewis Taylor (Doris), and Fred Taylor.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 27, 2023, at Wood Memorial Park, conducted by Rev. Bill Morris.

The family is at their respective homes.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful caregivers at NHC of Greenville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 123 W.

Antrim Drive, Greenville, SC 29607 or to the charity of one's choice.  
Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside

NOV 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wood Memorial Park  
863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

# Tribute Wall

AF

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Verdina.  
Praying for her family members.



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**Allen and Sue Kemp, Barbra Frady** - November 27, 2023 at 10:29 AM

KC

“ I treasure the times spent with Verdenia! She was always smiling, happy, laughing and glad to see me. I remember her love of dogs and how one dog had it's own chair at her house with Frank and nobody could sit in it. I remember when she used to embroider and made Jake several things as a child - one being a little green sweatshirt that Lincoln now owns - that's has a picture of a cow on it with the words, "Boo- Bow" sewn into it. That's what he called cows. She was so smart and could do practically anything like my Daddy. Perhaps the sweetest memory is seeing the love she had for daddy and the love he had for her, the love my mama had for her and the love she had for my mama. The countless adventures and memories they would share, I will always cherish! She had a fierce love for family and was so very proud of her children , grandchildren and great grands.

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**Kelly Crow** - November 27, 2023 at 06:41 AM

JW

“ Memaw

*Our grandparents give us a sense of who we are and where we came from.*

*Our Memaw grew up as one of six children and from her stories, she had some fun times with her siblings. Her roots gave us a sense of how magical our childhood days can be. She loved for children to have fun. Memories of GE Family days and Carowinds trips bring us such joy. Christmas' at her house filled with that yummy banana pudding and so many presents. Oh, and then you just thought things were fun, she and Frank get a camper and take you to Gatlinburg for clogging and introduce you to Ocean Lakes. Memaw gave us magical memories.*

*Our Memaw was raised by a single mother. Her roots gave us a sense of knowing how to find that bargain. This Thanksgiving evening Candy and I even find ourselves near midnight at a sale. Our Memaw learned the trade of yard sales. She could find a good yard sale (she might find a birthday party or someone who needed to clean out too). She had a way of making a deal no matter what (she was not shy) and finding the neatest things. Mom and I have so many laughs about yard sale mornings with her and have had so many bargain finds.*

*Our Memaw loved her family. Her roots gave us a sense of knowing that keeping in touch with family and being there is important. From the Taylor Reunions to “Call me when you get a chance..”, she wanted to hear from you. She wanted to see you too.*

*Many nights she and I spent on the phone when I was first out of the house in my 20s. I would tell her stories of the kids in my classroom. One day she just popped in for a visit and wanted to meet them all. I was amazed that she came to see THEM and when she was leaving she said, “Well Jodi, it was so good to see you”. She especially loved seeing babies and children. From about*

*walking in when I was giving birth to my first child, to stating “she thought she had seen it all” when my 2nd born stuck his feet in his first birthday cake, to having lunch with me on the day my 3rd was born, she loved family.*

*Our grandparents give us a sense of who we are and where we came from. Thank you Memaw for helping us remember that childhood is magical, to look for those bargains, and to keep in touch with family. Memaw, thank you for helping us be who we are and giving us these and many more strong roots.*

*Much love,  
Jodi & family*

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**Jodi Wright** - November 26, 2023 at 09:05 PM

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“ *Kandy Norwood lit a candle in memory of Verdenia Cupka*



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**Kandy Norwood** - November 26, 2023 at 03:33 PM

DM

“ *Soo sorry for the loss of your sweet Mama. I cherish the sweet memories of Deaner.*

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**Denise Taylor Matthews** - November 26, 2023 at 08:48 AM

ME

“ *My Sweet Cousins, (Sandra, Randy, and Shelby)*

*You have my deepest, heartfelt sympathy.  
With love and prayers,  
Marilyn*



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**Marilyn Essink** - November 25, 2023 at 08:54 PM

JW

*So sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a sweetie. Continuing to pray for peace and comfort to all of you. Love, Judy*

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**Judy Ellis Williams** - November 26, 2023 at 06:14 PM