



## Willie Rae Hughes

March 15, 1931 - December 19, 2023

Willie Rae Sammons Hughes, 92, wife of the late Rudolph “Rudy” Roy Hughes, Sr., passed away December 19, 2023.

A native of Taylors, daughter of the late Ernest and Lilly Crumley Sammons, she was a retired employee of Greer Commission of Public Works and a member of Taylors First Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, James R. “Jim” Hughes (Loraine) of Chesterfield, Virginia, Randall R. “Randy” Hughes (Erendira) of Travelers Rest, and Rudolph R. “Rudy” Hughes, Jr. (Angie) of Taylors; a daughter, K. “Debi” Dowling of Greer; one sister, Margaret S. Bailey of Mauldin; six grandchildren, Casey, Brad, Aaron, Andrea, Taylor, and Darren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Joe Sammons and Elbert Sammons, her twin sister, Freddie Mae Jameson, and two sisters, Merzie Lee S. Styles and Grace S. Gunter.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 29, 2023, at The Wood Mortuary conducted by Dr. Jimmie Harley and Chaplain Michael Thomas. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 6:00-7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 28, 2023, at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Taylors First Baptist Church, 200 W. Main St., Taylors, South Carolina 29687.

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

DEC 28. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Service

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Hughes Family: I know that in these moments that Willi Hughes' family (as I called her Ma) is going through, there is no precise words of comfort to offer my condolences to the family members, I just want them to know that I join them in prayers, now only the wonderful moments that we enjoyed in her life will remain in our memory and heart, a pleasant love characterized her, always kind and with a big heart, hugs and blessings for the Hughes family: Rest in Peace Willi Hughes! Respectfully, my deepest condolences: 🕯️ ☐  
🙏🙏🙏 Eloísa Martínez Leyva.

Eloisa Martinez - December 28, 2023 at 05:34 PM

UB

“ United Bank, Taylors Branch purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willie Rae Hughes.



United Bank, Taylors Branch - December 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM

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“ United Bank, Taylors Branch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Rae Hughes.

United Bank, Taylors Branch - December 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM

CP

“ Chris and Judy Porter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Rae Hughes.

Chris and Judy Porter - December 25, 2023 at 02:55 PM

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“ Chris and Judy Porter purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Willie Rae Hughes.



Chris and Judy Porter - December 25, 2023 at 02:55 PM

MB

“ Oh Willie, sweet sweet Willie!  
I was blessed to have the honor of caring for Miss Willie for a few years at Spring Park and was she a firecracker!! The sweetest soul ever though! I hope you get all the snickers you want Willie; you deserve them. I love you! ❤️

Maddy Butler - December 24, 2023 at 12:49 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Willie Rae Hughes.



December 22, 2023 at 11:55 PM

KL

“ Kathy, David, Lillie Fenerty and Lisa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willie Rae Hughes.



Kathy, David, Lillie Fenerty and Lisa - December 21, 2023 at 02:03 PM

CP

“ As a lifelong close friend of Randy, I always appreciated the tremendously warm, easy going, and welcoming nature of Mrs. Hughes. Everyone was welcome in her house; she never cast a critical eye, and her home-cooked, good ol' southern style food was always offered as part of your visit. In fact, many years ago, her kitchen is where I had my first bowl of squirrel stew! As a dedicated wife to the late Mr. Hughes (a "mountain" of a man in his own right!) and as the mother of four very "active" children, surely her patience (and faith!) was tested on countless occasions, but she was a calm and steady matriarch, seemingly effortlessly serving as a positive role model for her children that has held them in good stead throughout their lives. Mrs. Hughes was always very kind to me, even during those young adult days when Randy and I would partner up in one shenanigan or another. It was the same for all who had the pleasure and honor of knowing her. In later years, Mrs. Hughes would welcome my wife into her world, and she would always ask for updates on our family. If she ever uttered a loud word in anger, I never heard of it, and I certainly never experienced it myself. She lived a proper and purposeful life, one to be admired and cherished. She will be dearly missed. Judy and I send our sincere condolences to the entire Hughes family.

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**Chris Porter** - December 21, 2023 at 08:34 AM

LK

Your write-up describes this Saint, Aunt Willie so well, and I am so touched. She was a very sweet and kind person.

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**Lisa King** - December 21, 2023 at 03:18 PM