



## Doris Ellen Ragan

June 6, 1940 - July 11, 2024

Our beautiful mother, Doris Ellen Ragan, was called to her heavenly home and into the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Wednesday, July 10th, 2024 at the age of 84. She was surrounded by her loving family in the place she loved the most this side of heaven, her home, built by her loving husband of 63 years as the foundation of their life together.

Doris was born in Greenville, SC on June 6th, 1940 to the late Georgia Anna Durham and the late Clarence Harlan Chambers. She graduated from Parker High School's class of 1958. Soon after, she met the love of her life, Duane Ragan and they were married at the Pastor's home on January 13th, 1960. She wore a stylish navy suit with a white fur hat embellished with a sparkling rhinestone snowflake and a white corsage and Duane, a snapper dresser in his own right, wore a navy suit with a white boutonniere. Thus, began the life of what has grown into a strong family tree with a rich heritage of faith, love, and devotion at its' deepest roots. Doris was Duane's faithful and constant companion and she delighted in taking care of him, following him as his biggest fan to all of his music events, and devoting herself to raising her girls to be strong young ladies of faith and strong character.

Mom was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was always there for us, offering her support, wisdom, and unconditional love. We cherish our time together with her and will miss her sweet presence, her sense of humor and her loving smile. The memory of Mom's deep love for us, which she showed in so many ways, is forever etched in our hearts. She was

a beautiful soul and we will always cherish her in our hearts and be profoundly grateful for her presence in our lives. Her legacy is her family which continues to grow in the shadow of her nurturing love.

Doris is survived by her three loving daughters and three sons-in-laws, Sherry L. Smith (Kevin), Gina R. Bond (Michael), and Amber D. Smith (Jonathan). She is blessed with 7 grandchildren, Arlen (Katelyn), Austin (Bella), Alicia (Drake), Andrew, Devyn (Mackenzie), Dallas and Olivia and well as 3 great grandchildren, Dahlia, Luka, Luna and "Baby Smith" who will be welcomed into the family in September 2024. Also surviving are two sisters, Marjorie Hoffman and Shirley Burdette as well as a brother, David Chambers. She is preceded in death by her devoted husband William Duane Ragan and two brothers, Buddy Chambers and Eddie Chambers.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life".

Proverbs 31:10-12

A memorial service celebrating the life of Doris E. Ragan will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, at The Howze Mortuary Chapel. The family will receive friends and family with a visitation from 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. prior to the service.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thankyou for memorials made in Doris's memory to St. Jude's Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) and/or Scenic Hills Baptist Church, C/O Tommy Brashier PO BOX 966, Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

The family will be at the home of Doris Ragan

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com)

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements. (864) 834-8051



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 16. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

## Memorial Service

JUL 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
6714 State Park Rd.  
Travelers Rest  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
[thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com](mailto:thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Doris Ellen Ragan*



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**The Howze Mortuary** - July 15, 2024 at 01:19 PM

PB

“ *My best memories of Aunt Doris was spending the night at her house up on Highway 11 in the mountains and fishing in Duane's dad's fishing pond. Also so many great times with all of our family at Lake Greenwood at Grandpa and Grandmas place! Sweet memories from my childhood I will treasure forever!! Love you Aunt Doris!*

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**Patsy Bryant** - July 16, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Doris Ellen Ragan.*



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July 16, 2024 at 09:02 AM

SP

“ SRPPF Project planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Ellen Ragan.

SRPPF Project - July 16, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Doris Ellen Ragan.



July 16, 2024 at 01:12 AM

AS

“ My grandmother was the most incredible women. We had a strong bond. She was fun, fierce and supportive 🌟 I'll never forget you. I know you're exploring all the beauties of heaven as we speak. An eternity of bliss, for you.



Alicia Smith - July 16, 2024 at 12:48 AM

AR

“ Amy Lyn Reeves lit a candle in memory of Doris Ragan



Amy Lyn Reeves - July 15, 2024 at 02:55 PM

KE

“ *Such A Beautiful Lady ,, Rest now in the arms of Jesus*



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**Karhy. Eades.** - July 15, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Ellen Ragan.*



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July 13, 2024 at 08:41 AM

TF

“ *The McCloud and Lunny families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Ellen Ragan.*

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**The McCloud and Lunny families** - July 13, 2024 at 08:41 AM

RR

“ *Ronnie, Rita, and Rhonda purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Doris Ellen Ragan.*



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**Ronnie, Rita, and Rhonda** - July 12, 2024 at 04:32 PM

RB

“ My beautiful aunt. Aunt Doris taught me how to put lipstick on.. her lips were perfect. Mine didn't ever look that good. Lol I remember her always singing.. or humming.. I mean always! When she cooked or just piddling around.. memories flood back.. even though we lived far away from each other.. her and my uncle Duane never treated me or my brother any different because we lived military life with our dad being the eldest and we only came when were able to ..We were home.. and forever I'll be grateful for the love I have for my South Carolina family.

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**Rhonda Baggett** - July 12, 2024 at 02:15 PM

KR

“ Karen E Robertson lit a candle in memory of Doris Ragan



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**Karen E Robertson** - July 12, 2024 at 01:49 PM

CH

“ Country Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Doris Ragan



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**Country Hawkins** - July 11, 2024 at 08:36 PM

RC

“ So sorry to hear of your mom's passing ,I know your dad is smiling now . May God show you peace in your sad time and carry you through with love . God Bless You All



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**Rebecca Coggins** - July 11, 2024 at 07:24 PM