



Eleanor Smith Hayes

December 14, 1928 - February 4, 2023

Eleanor Laura Smith Hayes, 94, of Travelers Rest, wife of the late Dr. Joe Frank Hayes, passed away Saturday, February 4, 2023, at her home. Born in Anderson County, she was a daughter of the late Charles Clyde and Mary Jane Clinkscales Smith. Mrs. Hayes was a graduate of Hanna Girls High School and Anderson Junior College. She served in many civic organizations. She was a good Christian woman who was kindhearted and always thinking of others. Her beautiful smile was contagious. She was a faithful member of Locust Hill Baptist Church. She actively served the Lord Jesus Christ as a Sunbeam Leader, WMU director, and cooking and taking food to those in need around the community. She certainly had the gift of hospitality. Even after she became blind, she loved doing things with her hands like shelling crowder peas. She was by far the best mother that anyone could have. Mrs. Hayes is survived by her children: Nancy Jane Hayes Holcombe, Rev. Joe F. Hayes, Jr. (Elaine), Katina Riley (Ray), Thomas Richard Hayes; daughter-in-law: Debbie Hayes; and a special family friend, Betty Jean Dickey. Also surviving Mrs. Hayes are grandchildren: Michael Roddey, Jr., Laura Shepherd, Leslie Brown (Perry), Amanda Thomas (Matt), Deidre Thomas (Josh), Monica Moss (Josh), Sean Riley (Amanda), Rose Anne Marshall (CJ), Thomas Hayes, Jr. (Jennifer), Justin Hayes, Christine Hayes, Luke Hayes, Russell Hayes(Rebecca), Grace Hayes, Titus Hayes; great-grandchildren: Bryce Roddey, Ava Roddey, Katie Grace Roddey, Eleanor Grace Roddey, Seth Whelchel, Jamie Whelchel, Eli Whelchel, Lillie Brown, Joanna Brown,

Will Brown, Meg Brown, Rivers Thomas, Walt Thomas, Ruth Thomas, Charles Thomas, Ashton Moss, Addison Moss, Hudson Moss, Georgia Riley, Nolan Riley, Billie Rose Marshall, Roc Corban Marshall, Rorke J. Marshall, Berklie Rose Marshall, Elias James Hayes, Isaac Jordan Hayes, and Lainey Mansfield.

Along with her husband and parents she was predeceased by a son: Dr. David C. Hayes; her sister: Mary Louise Martin; her brothers: Charles C. Smith, Jr. and Frank O. Smith.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, February 7, 2023, from 1pm until 2:30pm at Locust Hill Baptist Church.

A service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Hayes will be Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 3pm at Locust Hill Baptist Church with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

The family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Locust Hill Baptist Church Building Fund P.O. Box 759 Travelers Rest, SC 29690 or North Greenville Joyful Sound P.O. Box 1892 Tigerville, SC 29688.

Cemetery Details

Locust Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

5534 Locust Hill Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Locust Hill Baptist Church
5534 Locust Hill Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Church Service

FEB 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

Locust Hill Baptist Church
5534 Locust Hill Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Michael Anthony lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Hayes* ”



Michael Anthony - February 11, 2023 at 09:22 PM

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“ *Please accept my most heartfelt condolences.* ”

Lawrence K Hill, MD

Lawrence Hill, MD - February 07, 2023 at 08:09 AM

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“ Dear Family and Friends, we are praying for you all. Mrs. Hayes touched so many lives. There are not enough words to express how much she is loved. She is no longer suffering but is with Jesus, walking on Streets of Gold, and in a New, Perfect body.

Eleanor could light the room with her warm smile and laughter. She always had such a warm smile and loved everyone. She was always concerned with other people, loved her family and loved God, 1st of all. Eleanor leaves behind a wonderful legacy. She was an exemplary wife, daughter, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, Christian worker and friend.

May God provide your each and every need including grace, peace, comfort, love and discernment.

She was such a gracious Southern Lady. If there is someone, either a Friend or Family Member, who is not saved, may this be the time that someone will repent of their sins and accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Remember the special times shared with Eleanor. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love and prayers,

Tonya Sabrina Mitchell and Brian Lee Pace

(Daughter of the Late Rev. George J. Mitchell and Ruth Ellen Bates/niece of Ken and Betty Jean Ward)

Tonya Sabrina Mitchell - February 06, 2023 at 10:18 PM



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The Howze Mortuary - February 06, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ *Nathan Gaynell Bayne lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Hayes*



Nathan & Gaynell Bayne - February 06, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eleanor Smith Hayes.*



February 06, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eleanor Smith Hayes.*



February 06, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eleanor Smith Hayes.*



February 06, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanor Smith Hayes.*



February 06, 2023 at 09:02 AM



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