



## Frances (Frankie) Phillips Hightower

October 5, 1925 - October 16, 2021

Frances (Frankie) Ruby Phillips Hightower, 96, widow of William K. Hightower Jr., left her earthly home early Saturday morning on October 16, 2021. A daughter of the late Elford E. Phillips and Harriett C. Marchbanks Phillips, she was born on October 5, 1925, in Greenville, SC.

A member of Reedy River Baptist Church, Frankie was an accomplished musician. She taught piano and played for countless weddings, celebrations, and funerals which spanned for over eight decades. Having first played for a church service at the age of 12, she served many years as organist at Reedy River Baptist Church. She was a member of the Esther Sunday School Class at her church.

Along with her late husband, she operated William K. Hightower Insurance Agency from 1957 to 2014.

Frankie founded Friends of the Cemetery of Reedy River Baptist Church and tirelessly promoted the cemetery's significance.

She was a member of Greenville Chapter 51 UDC on the record of her grandfather, Peter C. Marchbanks, Co. A 3rd Palmetto Battalion SC Light Artillery and Reedy River Falls Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century on the record of her sixth great-grandfather Robert Wynne, member of the House of Burgess 1658, Speaker, 1662-1674.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William K. Hightower, Jr., her son William K. Hightower, III (Kin), sisters Margaret P. Hawkins, Helen P. Jenkins, Hazel P. Addis, and brothers Dean, Gilbert, Roy and Alvin Phillips.

Frankie is survived by her daughter Carol H. Leake and her husband S. Michael Leake of Fountain Inn; sister Birdie P. Harmon of Greenville; granddaughter Annette Hightower; grandsons Brian Hightower (Jennifer), Sam Leake (Jessica), Mitch Leake (Crystal); great grandchildren Kelsey H. Kenyon (Nick), Jackson Hightower, Grayson Hightower, Alexandria Henson, Michaela Henson, Anson Leake, Julianne Leake, Jude Leake, Catherine Leake, Andrew Leake and Elizabeth Grace Leake.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 23 at noon at Reedy River Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. William J. Slatten, followed by burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10:30am - 11:45am in the Adult Assembly Room.

Pallbearers are Mike Leake, Sam Leake, Mitch Leake, Brian Hightower, Jackson Hightower and Grayson Hightower. Honorary escorts are Esther Sunday School Class of Reedy River Baptist Church and SC Division UDC and CofC.

Memorials can be made to Reedy River Baptist Church Cemetery Maintenance Fund, c/o Reedy River Baptist Church, 871 N. Highway 25 Bypass, Greenville, SC 29617 or Miracle Hill Ministries, PO Box 2546, Greenville, SC 29602.

# Cemetery Details

## Reedy River Baptist Church Cemetery

871 By Pass 25 North  
Greenville, SC 29617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Reedy River Baptist Church  
871 By Pass 25 North  
Greenville, SC

## Church Service

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Reedy River Baptist Church  
871 By Pass 25 North  
Greenville, SC

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Carol and Family,*

*We were so sorry to hear about Frankie. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Preston & Ann Golightly** - October 25, 2021 at 05:15 PM

MM

“ *We are praying for each of you during this time of loss.*  
*Miracle Hill Ministries*

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**Miracle Hill Ministries** - October 25, 2021 at 02:19 PM

JW

“ *Jimmy Watson lit a candle in memory of Frances (Frankie) Phillips Hightower*



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**Jimmy Watson** - October 22, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Frances (Frankie) Phillips Hightower.*



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October 22, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Frances (Frankie) Phillips Hightower.*



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October 21, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ *Tommy Waldrop lit a candle in memory of Frances (Frankie) Phillips Hightower*



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**Tommy Waldrop** - October 21, 2021 at 06:03 PM



“ *Frankie was always kind and thoughtful throughout her life. As a relative, I and my Hudson family have known and loved her through many, many years. I will miss her sweet smile and her love of playing the piano. My prayers are with the family. I know that she was a woman who loved the Lord Jesus and is now in heaven with Him and other children of God who have gone on before us. With love and prayers, cousin Marion*

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**Marion Owens** - October 19, 2021 at 06:24 PM



*Such a sweet lady! So sorry that Joe and I will be out of town this weekend and will not be able to attend her service. Our love and condolences go out to all her family. Joe and Lynn Snyder.*

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**Lynn Snyder** - October 20, 2021 at 08:56 PM

MB

*Frankie was a sweet lady. I will always remember working with her at the insurance office. I know you all will miss her so much.*

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**Maria Bolan** - October 20, 2021 at 09:33 PM

CA

*On behalf of Reedy River Falls Chapter of Colonial Dames 17th Century, I extend our condolences for this precious lady. We are so pleased to have had her as our member. She will be remembered as a loving child of God.*

*Well done, Good and Faithful Servant!*

*Carolyn Cauthen Auvil, President of Reedy River Falls*

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**Carolyn Cauthen Auvil** - October 22, 2021 at 03:10 PM