



Frances Holtzclaw Lockaby

November 15, 1929 - January 27, 2026

Frances Holtzclaw Lockaby, 96, Travelers Rest, SC passed on January 27, 2026 at The Woodlands at Furman. She was the daughter of Carrie Goodlett and Reid Holtzclaw. Aunt Boo, as she was affectionately known to family and friends, loved and accepted everyone as Jesus teaches us to do.

She was married to Lewis Lockaby for 64 years prior to his death in 2015. Together, they traveled the world visiting every state and every continent.

Frances was valedictorian of her graduating class at Travelers Rest High School. She obtained a BS in Chemistry from Winthrop College. In the aftermath of Sputnik, she received a National Science Foundation grant to pursue a Master's Degree from Clemson University in Mathematics. She taught Chemistry and advanced mathematics at Mountain View High School, Travelers Rest High School, and Blue Ridge High School.

In a time when mothers were expected to be homemakers, Frances was a trailblazer. She worked full time while raising 3 daughters, Ruth Anderson, Carrie Burgess, and Fara Stewart. She was equally proud of her sons-in law, Robert Anderson, Ned Burgess, and Aubrey Stewart. Frances was loved by her grandchildren; Tyler Anderson, Joshua Burgess, Ashley Toney(Drew), Jonathan Burgess(Diana), Katie Reckart (Tyler) and Caroline Stewart. She was also loved by a number of great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and

one great, great grandchild. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was predeceased by a grandson, Eric Anderson, and three loving sisters, Pauline Cornell, Naida Lyle, and Lee Holtzclaw.

Frances was a devoted member of Travelers Rest United Methodist Church where she served as organist, pianist, Lay Leader, Sunday School teacher and she served on numerous committees. She was a strong supporter of the United Methodist Women and especially, the Suzanna Wesley Circle. In 1993, she was the primary author of a history of Travelers Rest UMC. Her faith was central to her life. Frances was dedicated to her church, and she never wavered in her love for others.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday morning, January 30, 2026, at Travelers Rest United Methodist Church, with visitation following the service. Burial will be private.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Woodlands at Furman for the care and love they gave to Frances during her many years there. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Travelers Rest United Methodist Church, 19 S. Main St., Travelers Rest, SC 29349.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
19 South Main Street
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Prayers for the her loved ones.

Bunky Murray - February 06 at 11:51 AM

JC

“ I am so saddened to hear of Mrs. Lockaby's passing. Mr. Lockaby taught me in a couple of classes at Blue Ridge plus coached me in sports. Around 2010 I was honored to have met him and Mrs. Lockaby again at BR class reunions. She was such a wonderful person. I wished I had know her through the years when I was younger. Mr. Lockaby asked me a few weeks before he passed to be one of his pall-bearers, but I was unaware he had passed until a couple of days after the funeral. Anyone that was lucky enough to have known both Mr. and Mrs. Lockaby should be thankful for the privilege.

J.C Crenshaw - February 03 at 01:50 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. She was my favorite teacher at Blue Ridge and had a wonderful sense of humor. I would run into her occasionally in TR and we would have a great laugh about how bad I was at Algebra. Such a great lady and made lasting friendships with her students!

Sharon Allen Hawthorne - February 01 at 04:37 PM

SH

“ My fondest memory of your mom is from the children's music time before going to our Sunday School classes at TRUMC in the late 1950's. I still remember and sing those songs...such as "Climb Up Sunshine Mountain", "Into My Heart" and "I've Got That Joy, Joy, Joy Down In My Heart". May that "Peace that passes understanding" that she taught about to many children, bring you comfort now.

Sharon Brown Miller

Sharon - January 31 at 04:42 PM

SA

“ *Stuart Adamson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Frances Holtzclaw Lockaby.*



Stuart Adamson - January 30 at 06:50 PM

CL

“ *Mrs. Lockaby was a great teacher. I had her at Travelers Rest High School. Always caring and dedicated to her profession. Sweet lady.*
Carolyn Lancaster
Class of 1962



Carolyn Lancaster - January 30 at 03:37 PM

TB

“ *I am so glad I was able to visit with her a few times while visiting Mom at the Woodlands. She always sat in the same spot for lunch so I made it a point to speak with her. She was an amazing woman! My condolences to her sweet family.*

Terri Crosby Bennett - January 30 at 01:44 PM

FW

“ *She was a wonderful teacher who really cared about her students. She taught me and my brothers and sister and we had great respect for her. Praying for all of the families.*

Fay Hodgens Whittington

TRHS

Class of 1963

Fay Whittington - January 30 at 11:19 AM

BH

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Francis's passing. Carrie and Ruth you are in our thoughts and prayers. She lived a wonderful GOD loving life and will be with you dad in heaven. May GOD give you peace and comfort during this time*

Brian & Lori Hickman

Brian and Lori Hickman - January 30 at 10:03 AM

TL

“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences! Your Mom was a wonderful person.*

Tommy Lynn

Tom Lynn - January 30 at 08:31 AM

EP

“ *Elizabeth Pazero lit a candle in memory of Frances Lockaby*



Elizabeth Pazero - January 30 at 04:35 AM

ST

“ *She was a great teacher and a shining light at Blue Ridge High!
With love & sympathy,
Susan Trammell
BRHS Class of '84*

Susan Trammell - January 30 at 03:18 AM

DO

“ *She taught me in high school back in the 1970's. She was well
respected and loved by all her students. Rest in peace.*

donna odom - January 29 at 08:02 PM

JH

“ *Jonell Thacker Hart lit a candle in memory of
Frances Lockaby*



Jonell Thacker Hart - January 29 at 08:00 PM

WS

“ *She was a great math teacher and a
wonderful person*



Wanda Staton Styles - January 29 at 06:35 PM

LP

“ Carrie, And family so sorry for your loss . I new her from high school .



Larry& Joretta Pena - January 29 at 06:34 PM



“ Nancy Lance lit a candle in memory of Frances Lockaby



Nancy Lance - January 29 at 04:25 PM

DR

“ Carrie and Ned, I am very sorry for your loss. What a remarkable woman Mrs. Lockaby was. Love in Christ, Dottie Rhoden

Dottie Dockery Rhoden - January 29 at 02:52 PM

AR

She taught me at blue ridge high school

Annie Ramirez - January 29 at 06:08 PM

MF

“ I knew Frances through Greenville County Schools. She and I both taught math and served on Committees together. May the family have peace 🙏🙏

Mary Ann Fowler - January 29 at 02:49 PM