



## Lee Verle Jarrard

September 7, 1917 - April 13, 2015

Lee Verle Turner Jarrard, 97, widow of John Carter Jarrard Sr., of Belvedere Commons in Seneca, died April 13.

Born in Greer on Sept. 7, 1917, she was the daughter of the late Cora Terry Turner Beaman and of Crawford Pinckney Turner, who died two months after she was born. She was the granddaughter of the late Lillie Austin Terry and James Wilson "Doc" Terry, with whom she and her mother lived for many years.

A devoted wife to her husband of 40 years, former Greenville County Councilman John Carter Jarrard Sr., she was the last surviving member of a generation of the Jarrard Family, descendants of Paul D. and Susie Baughman Jarrard, who were business and community leaders in upper Greenville County since the 1930s.

She worked alongside her husband in the family business, Jarrard Hardware & Furniture Co., Inc., until his death in 1981 and continued to operate the Marietta, S.C., enterprise until she retired in 1985.

Although she lived in Marietta for 68 years, she maintained a deep love for the Victor Community where she spent her childhood, attending Victor Elementary School, playing basketball for Greer High School, and going to the movies

with her beloved mother and many girlfriends.

Her education at Limestone College in Gaffney was interrupted by financial hardships of the Great Depression, but she cherished the new friends and experiences gained during that time. She later graduated from Draughan's Business College and roomed at the Greenville YWCA while working as a secretary at Piedmont Shirt Company. After accepting a new position at Slater Manufacturing, she met and married her husband and started their family.

She had a phenomenal memory of her many friends, acquaintances and relatives, and was never at a loss for details on family connections, marriages, births and deaths.

At Marietta First Baptist Church, where she joined as a young bride in 1941, Mrs. Jarrard worked with youth programs, including Sunbeams, Girls' Auxiliary and Young Women's Auxiliary. She held leadership roles in the Women's Missionary Union and Mission Study Group, and participated in Keenagers during her retirement years. At one time or another, she taught all age levels in Sunday School and continued to teach the Naomi Women's Class until 2005 and serve as class treasurer until 2007. During her more active years, she and Mr. Jarrard regularly opened their home for church social activities.

She was a charter member and served two terms as president of the Slater-Marietta Lions Auxiliary. She was also a charter member of the Greenville County Democratic Women.

She left her home in Marietta in 2007 and quickly adjusted to assisted living, where she made many friends among the residents and staff and enjoyed daily games of dominoes.

She is survived by two sons, Dr. Carter Jarrard and his wife, Priscilla, of

Anderson, and James Richard Jarrard and his wife, Leslie, of Greenville; two daughters, Terry Jarrard-Dimond and her husband, Tom, of Seneca, and Beth Jarrard of Clemson; five grandchildren, Kerri Jarrard Shiflett, and her husband, Jimmy, of Pendleton; Adrian Dimond and his wife, Katherine, of Topanga Canyon, Calif., Trey Jarrard and his wife, Tracey, of Arlington, Va., Pamela Jarrard Noel and her husband, Michael, of Greenville, and Abigail Jarrard of Greenville; five great-grandchildren, Palmer and Tillman Shiflett, Jamie and Robbie Noel, and Savannah Jarrard; and one brother, Thomas T. Adkins of Easley.

She was also predeceased by her stepfather, Lewis Beaman; stepsister, Helen Beaman Westmoreland; and stepbrothers, Theron, Wallace and George Beaman. Also, her husband's siblings and their spouses: Logan and Gladys Jarrard, Pauline and Russell Whitmire, Melvin and Clara Jarrard, Henry and Millie Jarrard, and Lavonia and Joe Phillips.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m., Friday, April 17, at Marietta First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Mountain View Memorial Park in Travelers Rest.

The family will receive friends prior to the service, 1-2 p.m., in the church parlor.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Adrian Dimond and Trey Jarrard, great grandson, Palmer Shiflett, and nephews, Terry and Scott Adkins, Bill Jarrard, and Roger Simmons.

Honorary escorts will be members of the Naomi Sunday School Class, former members of the Lions Auxiliary, former employees of Jarrard Hardware & Furniture Co., and "The Ladies of the Round Table," a group of friends who

often lunched at a local restaurant.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Building Fund of Marietta First Baptist Church (P.O.Box 337, Marietta, SC 29661) or a charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Marietta First Baptist Church  
Highway 276 Geer Highway/P.O. Box 337  
Marietta, SC

## Church Service

APR 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CP

“Carter and Priscilla, my family loved your mom. My father, Carl Hardin, went to her and asked if she would look out for me especially when we had our senior trip to Washington, D.C. , and she agreed she would. She missed going into the Capitol building so she could sit with me as I was sick on the Capitol lawn! Guess Daddy knew me really well. I was so grateful to Mrs. Jarrard. She lived a beautiful life and was loved by a great many people. So sorry for this loss. Carol Hardin Payne

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**Carol Payne** - April 16, 2015 at 10:45 AM



“Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Lee Verle Jarrard.



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April 16, 2015 at 10:10 AM



“Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lee Verle Jarrard.



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April 15, 2015 at 09:10 PM

MC

“ So sorry for the family's loss. She will be missed by the family & friends. It was a preledage to know & growing up with them . She will be missed.

Marie Poole Carver - April 15, 2015 at 05:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lee Verle Jarrard.



April 15, 2015 at 04:17 PM

AN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I am keeping all of you in my heart during this difficult time.

Angela Nixon - April 15, 2015 at 03:19 PM

JG

“ Janet Buchanan Gravely lit a candle in memory of Lee Verle Jarrard



Janet Buchanan Gravely - April 15, 2015 at 12:56 PM

LS

“ I have such fond memories of Aunt Lee Verle. She was a sweet lady and will truly be missed. I will be out of town and will be unable to attend the funeral, but will be thinking of you all. Lonita Simmons Stegall

Lonita Stegall - April 15, 2015 at 12:49 PM

PK

“ Ellis and I are thinking of you. Your memories will keep your mom alive in your hearts and be reminders of the good and gracious life she lived.



Peter Kent - April 15, 2015 at 11:39 AM

DP

“ Mrs. Jarrard was a good neighbor and friend. Dee Garland Penfield and Jason Garland



dee penfield - April 15, 2015 at 11:36 AM

BM

“ Brenda And Amy Maden lit a candle in memory of Lee Verle Jarrard



Brenda and Amy Maden - April 15, 2015 at 07:32 AM

CB

“ Carolyn Beaman sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee Verle Jarrard



Carolyn Beaman - April 15, 2015 at 01:50 AM

CN

“ Carolyn Beaman Niessner lit a candle in memory of Lee Verle Jarrard



Carolyn Beaman Niessner - April 15, 2015 at 01:46 AM

MM

“ Aunt Lee Verle, She was a good neighbor, friend , aunt for all my life. So many memories, going to the Hardware show with You, JC, Beth when I was young, going to NC to see the Huffs after they moved away and had a wonderful time. The times we visited you, seeing you at the Senior suppers/ Memories/ You always told things like it was. Now you are with Jesus and family having a great reunion/



Mary and Ronnie McCall - April 14, 2015 at 06:19 PM

CN

“ For the Jarrard Family, I wish for you comfort and love, you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Carolyn Beaman Niessner



Carolyn Beaman Niessner - April 14, 2015 at 04:09 PM

PJ

“ Peggy W. Jarrard lit a candle in memory of Lee Verle Jarrard



Peggy W. Jarrard - April 14, 2015 at 03:10 PM

JT

“ I have a lifetime of memories. Too many to share just one. My thoughts are with you all during this time.

Joyce King Thorne

Joyce King Thorne - April 13, 2015 at 11:07 PM

RD

Will miss her so much she was a wonderful lady and friend .Prayers for the family.

Rachel Darnell - April 15, 2015 at 02:18 PM