



## Louise Surett

May 6, 1927 - December 21, 2020

Louise Pittman Surett, 1927-2020

Louise Pittman Surett passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, December 21, 2020, and was surrounded by her loving family in her final moments. Louise Surett was a beautiful, joyful, warm, energetic, and wise woman who loved life and prized her faith and family above all else.

She is predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Fred L. Surett. Their tender and devoted marriage, rooted and guided by their Christian faith, continues to serve as a model for those who knew and loved them.

Born on May 6, 1927, she is also predeceased by her parents, Wade H. Pittman and Pearl P. Pittman, and by her siblings: Callie P. Harris, Jessie Pittman, Marvin Pittman, Geraldine P. Starnes, and Betty P. Ward. As the oldest of 7 children, Louise became a natural caregiver, skills she exercised throughout her life when compassionately caring for others.

Her strength and sense of prudence, humility, and responsibility were forged during the difficult years of the Great Depression. During World War II, she worked as a telephone operator and took pride in supporting and writing to the troops, especially to Fred, the sailor she married in 1946. In the 1970s and 1980s, after she reared her two daughters, she worked at Union Bleachery.

Louise enjoyed nature, animals, growing flowers, and exploring the foothills and land that had been in her family for generations. She loved traveling, cooking, and entertaining. She was an active member of Clearview Baptist Church and was particularly close with fellow members of her Mission Minded Sunday School class. Louise displayed an eager sense of humor and an infectious laugh. Her principles and optimism were grounded in her deep and unwavering faith.

She was a doting, involved, and encouraging grandmother, and delighted in time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had an abundance of friends and remained mindful, in the words of the 23rd Psalm, that her “cup runneth over.”

She and her family are grateful to several devoted caregivers and health providers, especially Ronnie Arms, Pat Pruitt, and Dr. Matthew Nessmith, who helped make her final months more comfortable.

Louise is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Linda Surett Tollison and Dr. C. David Tollison, and Sandy Surett Langley and Dr. Jerry C. Langley; grandchildren Dr. Courtney Louise Tollison Hartness and Sean P. Hartness, Charles David Tollison, Jr., Spencer Davis Langley and Kristina G. Langley, and Brittany Langley Lawson and Dr. Scott D. Lawson; and great-grandchildren Surett M. Langley, Groves D. Langley, Harrison S. Lawson, Gladden C. T. Hartness, and Hampton A. Lawson. She has one surviving sister, Pauline Pittman Surett; one brother-in-law, James Surett, a loving helper in recent years; and a sister-in-law, Margaret Pittman Clyde.

Due to COVID-19 and out of respect for the health of those she loved, a private graveside service for family and close friends will be held in coming days. Honorary pall bearers are Ray Surett, Gregg Barnes, Ronnie Arms, Tim

While, Kenneth Ward, Austin Hudson, Jerry Starnes, Micheal Starnes, Ricky Starnes, Keith Stidham, and Tom Corbin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Louise P. Surett to the Mission Minded Sunday School Class or the Clearview Building Fund, Clearview Baptist Church, 5611 State Park Road, Travelers Rest, SC, 29690.

Condolences may be sent to [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens**

7 Duncan Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Sandra, Linda, and extended family, I am so sorry to hear of your precious Mom's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.* ”



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**Janet Coleman** - December 25, 2020 at 02:29 PM

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“ *I had the honor of being her mail lady. She was such a beautiful woman and very very sweet. I will miss visiting her at her house. Rest in peace sweet lady.* ”

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**Donna Davis** - December 24, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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*Thank you for your lovely thoughts about our precious mother. You were so helpful to her, making an extra effort to ensure her mail reached her. You drove the long driveway when she was unable to walk the distance. We have heard kind remarks about you from mother. Thank you for giving her your smile many times. She is so missed!*

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**Linds S. Tollison** - February 22, 2021 at 07:51 AM

JY

“ *Joanne Yearwood lit a candle in memory of Louise Surett* ”



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**Joanne Yearwood** - December 24, 2020 at 10:56 AM

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“ Dear Linda, Sandra, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Pauline, James, nieces, nephews and all Family and Friends, we are praying for you all. Sister Louise touched so many lives. There are not enough words to express how much Louise is loved. She is no longer suffering but is with Jesus, walking on Streets of Gold, and in a New, Perfect Body. Sister Louise was a friend to my family over 55 years. I was named "Tonya Sabrina" by Louise's daughters. Sister Louise always had such a warm smile and loved everyone. We love her too! May God provide your each and every need including grace, peace, comfort, love and discernment. I cherish all if the memories and times spent with her. Brian and I spent part of our 11th Wedding Anniversary with Louise just talking and sharing. Louise 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 Sister Louise. 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 Mitchell)

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**Tonya Sabrina Mitchell** - December 23, 2020 at 10:11 AM

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“ Louise will be missed, She was a very sweet lady always smiling. Enjoyed visiting with her. May God bless the family in a special way at this time. Love Sandra Raines

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**Sandra Raines** - December 22, 2020 at 10:54 PM