



## Margaret Baker Gillespie

October 15, 1930 - November 26, 2021

Margaret Elizabeth Gillespie, of Conway, SC, peacefully went to her heavenly home on November 26, 2021, at 7:45 PM.

She was born on October 15, 1930, in Travelers Rest, SC to the late Rev. William Clinton (Dee) Baker, Jr. and the late Cora Rich Baker. She grew up in Travelers Rest and attended school there. She was united in Marriage to Jerry Doyle Gillespie on March 7, 1947. They spent their married life serving in the United States Air Force, living in several parts of the country South Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Florida as well as overseas, in Okinawa. After retiring Margaret spent time living in Miami, FL, Travelers Rest, SC, Brandon, SD, and Conway, SC. While living in Travelers Rest, she worked at Burger King for many years.

Margaret was great cook. She could put an amazing dinner on the table from what seemed like very little, and her buttermilk biscuits were the best! She was an avid seamstress, keeping her children in clothes when they were young and making gifts for those she loved.

Margaret was a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church. Attending church and her church family were very important to her. Gospel music was her favorite. She listened to her gospel CD's every night to sleep by.

Her favorite pastime was sitting outside while watching the birds at the bird feeder or bird bath. She collected many figurines of birds over the years, often getting them as gifts from friends and family, and she proudly displayed them

around her home. You never saw Margaret without a word search puzzle book in her hand. She was very good at those. Fried Chicken strips and orange soda were always her first choice for “good food”!

Margaret had a heart full of love for her family and friends.

She is survived by one daughter; Martha Lusk (Gary) of Brandon, SD, four sons; Richard Gillespie (Melanie) of Conway, SC, Glenn Gillespie (Robin) of Lakeland, FL, Jerry Gillespie (Melanie) of Brandon, SD, Ryan Bayne (Nikki) of Greer. One sister, Jimmie Metcalf of Travelers Rest, SC; three brothers, John Baker (Carolyn) of Taylors, SC, Jeff Baker (Sylvia) of Ward, AR, and Alvin Baker (Theresa) of Greer, SC. Twelve grandchildren; Patti Lindstrom, Debbie Rakebrandt, Kelly Robertson, Glenn Gillespie, Jr., Marina Tschetter, Kevin Gillespie, Tiffany Beaner, Rebekah Olsen, Aidan, Brynlee, Preslie, Levi, Landry, and Kaisyn Bayne. Sixteen Great grandchildren; Acacia, Shealynn, Brenna, Caelahn, Cora, Tanner, Dylan, Lindsey, Abby, KayleeAnn, Ethan, Owen, Ryan, Trey, Trevin, and Alex. Four Great Great Grandchildren, Bexley, Kasyn, Everleigh, and Aariah and many nieces, nephews and family.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by; three sisters, Mary Lou Pace, Dot Pace, Jeanette Caldwell and a brother, Jack Baker.

Funeral services will be held at Walnut Grove Baptist Church, 626 Talley Bridge Road, Marietta, SC on Thursday, December 2nd at 1:00 PM. With burial to follow in Mountain View Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM to 12:50 PM Thursday at the church prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Walnut Grove Baptist Church. Following the graveside service family and friends are invited for refreshments and a time of fellowship and celebration of Margaret’s life at Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM (ET)

Walnut Grove Baptist Church  
626 Talley Bridge Rd.  
Marietta, SC

## Service

DEC 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Walnut Grove Baptist Church  
626 Talley Bridge Rd.  
Marietta, SC

# Tribute Wall

NS

“ Praying for Marti and Jerry and the entire family. Great Great grandchildren, what a legacy.

*Robert and Nita (Eggebraaten) Sachen, Brookings, SD*

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**Nita sachen** - December 02, 2021 at 10:08 PM

DT

“ I'll never forget the first time I met Mrs Margaret was down at the pasture over the fence introductions were made in immediately we were friends. She went with our Lighthouse Seniors on many trips and came to a lot of our functions at Shiloh. She just fit right in. We all loved her, enjoyed her company and will miss her now. But there's no doubt she's in heaven with Jesus and I know she's just rejoicing. I am a Richer person just to have been around her. Thanks for the wonderful memories Margaret. Debra Taylor



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**Debra Taylor** - December 01, 2021 at 09:26 PM

**LOTT**  
MANAGEMENT

“ Lott Management and Lott Renovations send love and prayers for Ryan and family as they gather to celebrate the life of his precious grandmother.

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**Lott PM** - December 01, 2021 at 03:56 PM

RG

“ My dearest mother-in-law. I remember the first day we met in 1978. I was young and terrified to meet you and Glenn's father, Jerry, but you were both so warm and welcoming. You taught me things I would never have learned, like sewing, cooking, and how to make delicious desserts. You had so much patience with a young girl who knew nothing about how to be a wife or mother, and without your help, I may have been lost. You were an incredible grandmother and great-grandmother. Down here, we often referred to you as the "baby snatcher" because where there was a baby, you were there. We always made fun of your love for junk food, always having orange soda and cheese doodles nearby. You were loved and will be missed. Rest sweet Margaret. You will always be remembered with love.

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**Robin Gillespie** - November 30, 2021 at 11:49 AM

MD

“ Margaret became part of our family when her son, Jerry, married our daughter, Melanie. We became closer to her when she moved to Brandon, and we shared many get togethers with her. Margaret frequently attended services with our family at our Lutheran church, and I used to tease her that she had been going long enough that she should be Lutheran. She would always tell me that wasn't going to happen, she was always a Baptist. 😊 We loved Margaret and will miss her. Our condolences to her family.  
Jerry and MarDee Dahlin

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**MarDee Dahlin** - November 29, 2021 at 07:51 PM

BJ

“ *Margret you were a wonderful friend. I will never forget when you taught us how to make egg rolls !! Family you will be in my thoughts and prayers !!Heaven is truly getting sweeter everyday !!*



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**Bernice Talley James** - November 29, 2021 at 06:49 PM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear! Prayers for the family and friends!! She was a distant cousin of our family (Charles and Emily Baker) Prayers Hollis and Connie Wiygul*

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**Connie Baker Wiygul** - November 29, 2021 at 05:26 PM

YF

“ *Your Formatop Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Baker Gillespie.*



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**Your Formatop Family** - November 29, 2021 at 05:03 PM