



Mary Lou Backer

May 18, 1932 - May 2, 2025

Mary Lou Lee Backer, 92, of Greenville, wife of the late Byron Charles Backer, passed away Friday, May 02, 2025, at her home.

Born in Surosa, WV, she was a daughter of the late Charles Compton and Ethel Smith Lee. Mrs. Backer was a missionary in Puerto Rico and was a member of Reedy River Baptist Church.

She is survived by sons: Byron R. Backer, Brent Backer(Teresa); daughter: Betty Smith(Jim); grandchildren: Jessica Backer, Joshua Smith, Daniel Backer(Sara), Timothy Backer(Jordan), Heidi Backer; great-grandchildren: Rhett Backer, Ridge Backer, Ripley Backer, Brooklyn Backer, Regan Backer; sisters: Betty Music and Phygenia King.

Along with her parents and husband she was predeceased by three brothers and five sisters.

The family will receive friends Monday, May 5, 2025, from 10:00am until 11:00am at Reedy River Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be Monday, May 5, 2025, at 11:00am at Reedy River Baptist Church with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

The family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Reedy River Baptist Church Youth Group, 871 By Pass 25 North, Greenville, SC 29617.

Cemetery Details

Reedy River Baptist Church Cemetery

871 By Pass 25 North
Greenville, SC 29617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Church Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Greenville, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Mrs. Backer. She was a very special person and will be truly missed.



Preston & Ann Golightly - June 03, 2025 at 07:49 PM

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“ We will miss Mary Lou, she was the sweetest lady. Always walking and definitely getting her exercise. Teaching everyone about Jesus. We Loved Mary Lou. Thinking of you during this time Byron. The Harvey Family.

wendy harvey - May 12, 2025 at 11:15 AM

RJ

“ Aunt Mary was special to a lot of us nieces and nephews, as were her sisters and brothers, but she was the one who encouraged me to learn my bible verses and also learning to play piano. My condolences in your family's loss of this wonderful lady.

Roxana Johnson

Roxana Johnson - May 03, 2025 at 06:18 PM

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“ It was always a wonderful time to see Mary at church. She always hugged me and gave me a kiss. She telephoned me one day and asked if I liked poems. After replying yes, she then mailed me an 8×10 envelope full of poems. I cherish them to this day. I truly loved this lady with all of my heart. ❤️ R.I.P dear lady, you'll be with your lord now!!!!

Margaret Patterson - May 02, 2025 at 09:54 PM

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“ Our hearts break for you in the loss of your sweet Mama but rejoice knowing that she is sitting at the feet of Jesus and her body is healthy and whole. She will be truly missed.

Randy and Sandy Campbell

Sandy Campbell - May 02, 2025 at 01:43 PM