



Sarah Elizabeth Garren Heaton

February 7, 1942 - February 6, 2026

Sarah Elizabeth Garren Heaton, 83, of Greenville, South Carolina, wife of the late Jerry Ernest Heaton for 58 years, passed away Friday, February 6, 2026, peacefully surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Greenville County, she was a daughter of the late Wayman and Devola Adams Garren. Sarah's kitchen was a place of comfort and connection, where faith, family, and friendship met. She spent her life nourishing others through her work in school food service, food distribution offices, Prudential Real Estate, and through countless meals shared at home and church. She was a member of Forestville Baptist Church and the Paul Fleming Sunday School Class

She found her greatest joy in gathering family and was a sanctuary for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She taught us that the most profound way to care for someone is to simply show up-she always did. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, service, and a family that truly knows what it means to be cherished.

She is survived by her daughters: Joyce Valalik, Sandy Moore; grandchildren: Mallory White(Michael), Jonathan Valalik, and Codi Moore; great-grandchildren: LeaMarie, Miller, Madeline, Dylan, Caleb, Ben White; brothers: Charlie Garren and Rick Garren(Ann).

Along with her parents and husband she was predeceased by a grandson: Brandon Moore; son-in-law: Andy Valalik; sister: Betty Jo Hammond; and brother-in-law: Lewis Hammond.

In lieu of visitation, the family will have a gathering at Ms. Heatons home between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30pm, Friday evening, February 13, 2026.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 1pm at Forestville Baptist Church with burial to follow at Mountain View Memorial Park.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Home of Sarah Heaton
210 Rutledge Lake Road
Greenville, SC 29617

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Forestville Baptist Church
2 Old McElhaney Rd.
Greenville, SC

Tribute Wall

PW

“ Pat W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Elizabeth Garren Heaton.

Pat W. - February 11 at 03:26 PM

NB

“ Nancy B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Elizabeth Garren Heaton.

Nancy B. - February 11 at 11:58 AM

AB

“ Azilee Boykin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Elizabeth Garren Heaton.

Azilee Boykin - February 08 at 08:51 PM

AB

“ Azilee Boykin purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Sarah Elizabeth Garren Heaton.



Azilee Boykin - February 08 at 08:51 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bridges sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah Heaton*



Linda Bridges - February 08 at 12:06 PM

DW

So sorry for your loss! Prayers for this family! We were neighbors grew up together! I would have been there ! Didn't know till afterwards! God bless this family!! 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️

Debbie Williams - March 03 at 10:08 AM

PH

“ *Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Sarah Heaton*



Pat Hawkins - February 07 at 09:15 PM