



Zena (Lib) Elizabeth Yellis

March 6, 1925 - June 12, 2024

Elizabeth “Lib” Yellis, age 99 of Greenville passed away on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at St. Francis Hospital in Greenville with her loving family by her side.

Born in Greenville County, Lib was the daughter of the late Fred James Boling, and the late Lena Mae Upchurch Boling, and wife of the late Jack Yellis. She was a 1942 graduate of Welcome High School in Greenville. She always enjoyed serving others and tried to help in any way she could. She served as a receptionist for a transportation company for many years before retiring. She loved her family dearly and was an active member of Berea Church of Christ in Greenville where she enjoyed worshiping her Lord & Savior Jesus Christ with all of her heart.

In addition to her husband and parents, Lib was preceded in death by two daughters, Zena Celee Cooper, and Cinthia Lavon Burdette; one sister, Evelyn Owens, and one brother, Tommy Boling. Also preceding her in death was her first husband of over 30 years, Fred Forister, who was the father of her children; J.T. Ward, to whom she married to for over 20 years.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory one son, “Doug” Forister (Nancy) of Inman, SC, one son-in-law, Leland Burdette of Greenville, SC, caregiver

Lynne Hartin of Greenville, SC, 8 Grandchildren, and 22 Great-Grandchildren, and a number of other family members and friends.

The funeral service will be conducted on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 2:00 from the Chapel of The Howze Mortuary. The family will receive friends at the Mortuary beginning at 12:00 until the funeral hour. Her Grandson, Pastor "Steve" Forister will officiate the service, and serving as Pallbearers are Jason Forister, Kevin Ward, Tim Nix, Max Forister, Andrew McGaughran, Sammy Harris; honorary pallbearers are Scott Harris, Gene Burdette, Steve Burdette, and Sean McGaughran.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in honor of "Lib" Yellis to the Senior Action Center in Greenville, SC located at 3715 E North St. STE K Greenville, SC 29615. You can also donate online at www.senioraction.org.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.

The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest is honored to serve the Yellis family.
(864) 834-8051.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 12:00 PM - 1:50 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Home Going Celebration Service

JUN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd.
Travelers Rest
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
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Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Zena (Lib) Elizabeth Yellis*



The Howze Mortuary - June 17, 2024 at 10:51 AM

JA

“ *That's my grandmother. I still have voice mail messages saved that always start out, "Hey Jason. This is your grandmother." She was a real person. She did not fake emotions. I love people like that. She loved the Lord. She is home now. This world wasn't home for her. It's not home for many of us. She is home now. I will see her there one day.*

Jason - July 07, 2024 at 01:12 AM

AG

“ I met Lib twenty years ago and loved from the first time we. I was on my way to Alabama and needed to have a place to worship that Sunday morning so I stopped off in Greenville on Saturday night. Then the Lord's day, Sunday I attended worship service at Berea Church of Christ in Greenville where I first met Lib. At that time the congregation was having a meeting with brother Ronnie Wade from Missouri, I intended just to go on with my trip to Alabama after services, but Lib insisted that I stay and have lunch with them. And she was so lovingly insistent I couldn't say no. So after having a lunch it was a little late for me to get started back on the on the road so Lib invited me to stay in her home that night and from that time we were not only sisters in Christ but we were dear friends. At the time I was living in North Carolina and would travel back and forth between going to Louisiana and then also going to Alabama for the New Year's meeting in Dothan Alabama so each time that I made a trip I would stop off and stay at least one night with Lib. Then I moved back to Louisiana and still made my trips but this time from Louisiana to North Carolina to visit my daughter. So again Lib was my resting place for the night. So I loved her dearly and we were such good friends from the very beginning and of course being sisters in Christ made it a lot easier. I had so hoped to make another trip to South Carolina next year to help celebrate Lib's 100th birthday. I will miss making that trip and I will miss seeing. But I know in my heart she is at peace and at rest, she's a child of the Lord's and has that hope of resting in Paradise until the Resurrection Day. I send my deepest sympathy to the family. I never had the occasion to meet her son but I did meet both daughters and her son-in-law Leland and also Lynne her caregiver and Leland's sister. They were all always so friendly and welcoming to me and I will miss all of that. Until I see Lib again on the other side of Jordan I pray that she rests in peace and that all will be comforted knowing that she is at rest in her Lord.

Love and blessings,
Anita Guthrie

Anita Guthrie - June 17, 2024 at 08:11 PM

JA

Hey Anita. My grandmother told me about you. "Lib" is (was) my grandmother. I am the son of her son - my father who is still living. Both of my aunts have passed away. If you are ever passing through Greenville, SC and want a place to stay over, I would love to have you - as long as you promise to tell me stories about my grandmother. (haha). Just kidding. Come by no matter.

Jason - July 07, 2024 at 12:43 AM

BR

“ Bob, Joy Danny,Lynn Bree Hazel Rick,Laju purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Zena (Lib) Elizabeth Yellis.



Bob, Joy Danny,Lynn Bree Hazel Rick,Laju - June 16, 2024 at 12:17 PM

FG

“ I meet Lib in 1972 at White Transport Trucking Company. Our families became fast and life long friends. We could not have been more different as individuals. But we enjoyed a wonderful friendship thru life's ups and downs all of these years. She was a loving god serving person. We will all miss her. Fran Posey Goldman

Fran Posey Goldman - June 16, 2024 at 11:53 AM

SG

“ Sabrina G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zena (Lib) Elizabeth Yellis.

Sabrina G. - June 15, 2024 at 10:14 PM

BK

“ *She was a true lady and a woman of great faith. She truly loved her family. Always willing to lend a helping hand.* ”

Beverly King - June 14, 2024 at 09:37 AM