



Ms. Jimmie Lou Loftis Roe

December 18, 1936 - September 30, 2018

Ms. Jimmie Lou Loftis Roe, 81, of Anderson, passed away Sunday, September 30, 2018, at GHS Greenville Memorial Hospital.

A native of Anderson County, Ms. Roe was the daughter of the late Lassie Miles and Mary Hamby Loftis. She was a woman that was truly ahead of her time. Being a single mother of two daughters, she became a successful businesswoman and was the former owner and operator of several businesses including J.R.'S Restaurants in Anderson which was well known as "The Friendly Place" where no one ever met a stranger, and if they did, they weren't for long. Later in life, she was a teacher's assistant to the special needs children in the Anderson School District 5 system. Jimmie was truly the shining light of her family who cared for everyone genuinely. She was a member of Oakwood Baptist Church.

Ms. Roe is survived by two daughters: Debbie Harbert Greene (Tom) of Charleston, SC and Leefa Roe (Eric Davis) of San Diego, CA; two sisters: Clara Moon and Oveline Martin, both of Anderson, SC; three grandchildren; Hollie, Benjamin, and Elana; and one great-grandchild with two more on the way.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Roe was preceded in death by three sisters: Lois Bolt, Edna Boatman and Nancy Wright.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 4, 2018, at the Oakwood Baptist Church School Cafeteria in Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either a charity of one's choice; Safe Harbor SC, PO Box 174, Greenville, SC 29602; or to Oakwood Baptist Church; 304 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson, SC 29625.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Oakwood Baptist Church
304 Pearman Dairy Rd
Anderson, SC 29625

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Jimmie Lou Loftis Roe*

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“ Dear Ms. Roe,

I can hear you telling me for the umpteenth time to call you Jimmie, but I need to show you the respect I feel for you and so, will call you Ms. Roe.

When I was asked to write something honoring your life, I put myself through a mental exercise:

Pause for a moment and think of one word that best describes Ms. Jimmie Roe.

I wanted to craft the perfect eulogy for someone who touched my life in so many ways. Kind, generous, funny, energetic, smart, hard-working, loving, spunky, supportive, classy...how could I possibly incorporate all of these?

And then, after tossing and turning for two nights, I heard your calm, practical, Southern drawl say, “Well, honey, do the best you can.” I remembered that mischievous sparkle in your eye and your smile that could brighten any gloomy day and decided to...do the best I could.

We met nearly forty years ago when I was a teenager. You welcomed me into your home and fed me many times :) I saw and heard you strongly disagree with your daughter without ever compromising the loving concern in your heart. In every action, your daughters' welfare came first. I heard your frustration when dealing with business matters in a man's world and more importantly I heard your resolve to carry on as a lady, even if in a man's world. I accepted your generous gift of a plane ticket which flew me from childhood to womanhood.

I raised two children drawing on your examples. I welcomed their friends into our home, argued and disciplined when necessary, sacrificed for their well-being, loved them with all of my heart,

worked hard, and did my best to carry on as a lady.

I should have written this letter years ago. That I didn't, I sincerely apologize. I am confident, though, that the angels have passed along my words and heartfelt gratitude that I was so very fortunate to have you in my life.

I've done my best to express how much I love you and miss you, Ms. Roe. I hope that you are pleased and proud,

One of the many blessed by your life DD

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