



Mrs. Josephine Groarke Hamilton

March 28, 1937 - April 9, 2025

Josephine Groarke Hamilton, 88, wife of the late Virgil Laverne Hamilton, of Seneca, SC, passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Oconee Memorial Hospital.

A native of Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry, Ireland, Mrs. Hamilton was the daughter of the late James and Ann Kitson Groarke. She graduated from Central Wesleyan College and retired from Kendall as the head of the Planning Department.

Mrs. Hamilton is survived by her daughter: Ann Hughes (Rodney) of Westminster, SC; brothers: Vincent Groarke (Ita) of Cork, Ireland, Turlough Groarke of Street, England, Gerald Groarke of Cahersiveen, Ireland, Albert Groarke (Helen) of Cork, Ireland, Flannan Groarke (Mary) of Cork, Ireland, and Declan Groarke (Maria) of Skibbereen, Ireland; sister: Anna Bermingham (Moss) of Cork, Ireland; grandchildren: Lyndsey Massey (Jared), Tyler Hamilton (Brittany), Kyle Hamilton, and Laura Hamilton; two great-grandchildren: Rodney Massey and Grayson Hamilton; daughter-in-law: Cecilia Hamilton; and sisters-in-law: Madge Groarke and Alberta Groarke.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Hamilton was preceded in death by her son: James Hamilton; infant sister: Rita Groarke; and brothers: Seamus Groarke and Desmond Groarke.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Davenport Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 PM, Tuesday, prior to the service, at Davenport Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z9HX/home> or 170 Bountyland Road, Seneca, SC 29672.

Cemetery Details

Oconeememorialpark

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Seneca, SC 29672
<http://oconeememorialpark.com?>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home
311 S Highway 11
West Union, SC 29696
(864) 638-3611
davenportfhome@gmail.com
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Davenport Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Josephine Groarke Hamilton



Davenport Funeral Home - April 14, 2025 at 04:24 PM

MD

We loved and cherished Josephine, she was a sweet and kind-hearted person.

Michelle Doneza - April 15, 2025 at 01:25 PM

WE

Jo and I were great friends for many years at Kendal and then again as substitute teachers for the school district. What a lovely Irish lady! Terry England

William England - April 15, 2025 at 04:53 PM

BC

Ann & Rodney,

Ann, today, when your cousin sang that beautiful Irish tune, I was thinking of a time many years at a Kendall party. Someone yelled, “ Jo we want to hear an Irish song “ and your sweet mama blurted out the most beautiful tune of all. Jo Hamilton started singing - “When Irish eyes are smiling”. Gradually all who were there gathered to watch and listen. She was eloquent and in her own Irish world when she sang. That’s when I knew for sure where your voice talent came from. We are so sorry for your tremendous loss. Her service was beautiful.



Mike & Dobbie

Barbara Clayton - April 15, 2025 at 07:40 PM

TH

“ Ann and family, we are so sorry to hear about your mom. She and your dad were special people to us and we loved being their neighbors for so many years! May God comfort you and give you strength as only he can!

Tony and Brenda Heaton - April 21, 2025 at 09:00 AM

AT

“ Ann and family, I am so sorry to hear about Josephine. She and I worked together at Kendall for a long time. She was always a pleasure to work with.
Always a very interesting Irish lady.

Alice Taylor - April 20, 2025 at 03:59 PM

GB

“ Many fun memories of Aunt Josephine. Her Hamilton family loved her!

Gail Barker - April 15, 2025 at 03:56 PM

CG

“ Ann and Family, So sorry for the loss of your Mother Josephine. She was our Mother's (Marie Chatlos) best friend, she loved her very much. I think they had many fun adventures together, and I am sure Mother was waiting in heaven for her. Love, Carolyn Gates and Kristi Ritch

Carolyn Gates - April 15, 2025 at 09:24 AM

CM

“ coral melton lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hamilton



coral melton - April 12, 2025 at 08:20 AM

CM

“ Ann and family I am sorry to hear of the passing of your mother my prayers go out to a)l of you I have lived next door to your mom for many years and enjoyed being her neighbor she was a sweet and kind person

coral melton - April 12, 2025 at 08:05 AM

LL

“ Leonard Loudermilk lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hamilton



Leonard Loudermilk - April 11, 2025 at 08:35 PM

BL

“ Bobbie Jean Ledford lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hamilton



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