



Mrs. Mary Kathryn Gillespie

May 18, 1930 - July 17, 2023

Mary Kathryn Gillespie, 93, wife of the late Richard L. Gillespie, of Seneca, went home to be in the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, July 17, 2023.

Mrs. Gillespie was the daughter of the late Horace and Ethel Stanley Tolbert. She was a member of Hepsibah Baptist Church and taught school for 45 years. Teaching was the love of her life and she was once Oconee County's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Gillespie was a caregiver for over 12 years to her elderly aunts and uncles in North Carolina.

Mrs. Gillespie is survived by her daughters: Kathryn Gillespie and Rebecca Greenwald; sister: Lois A Bradley (Darryl); and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Gillespie was preceded in death by her brother: Frank H. Tolbert.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at Oconee Memorial Park.

Flowers are accepted, or memorials may be made to Hepsibah Baptist Church, 1304 Friendship Rd., Seneca, SC 29678.

The family is at their respective homes.

Cemetery Details

Oconee Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

QW

“ *Quientell Walker lit a candle in memory of Mary Gillespie*



Quientell Walker - August 02, 2023 at 01:09 PM

AP

“ *Ann Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mary Gillespie*



Ann Pittman - July 29, 2023 at 09:25 AM

NK

“ *Mrs. Gillespie was my second grade teacher at Southside Elementary School. She was a kind and compassionate teacher. She genuinely cared about her students! She was one of a kind!! And she will always be my favorite teacher of all time.*

Nickie King - July 19, 2023 at 05:31 PM

LG

“ *Love, Linda and Chuck Gulley purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Mary Kathryn Gillespie.*



Love, Linda and Chuck Gulley - July 19, 2023 at 10:28 AM

BK

“ Mrs. Gillespie was my second grade teacher at Southside Elementary 1972/1973 school year. I have thought of her so many times throughout my life. She truly was a great teacher. She had a God given gift to teach! I was a handful, but she was always so patient with me. I am so very sorry for your loss. I will never forget her! I was so very lucky that I had her as my teacher.
Beth Ramey Keaton

Beth Ramey Keaton - July 19, 2023 at 09:14 AM

LG

“ Miss Mary, as I called her, was a true ray of sunshine. Whether she was out for a walk around her yard or ready to welcome you in when you rang the doorbell, she always wanted to know how your day was going. She truly loved reminiscing about her days teaching and I believe she remembered the name of almost every student she ever had!! Her face would just light up with talk of the days taking care of her aunt, and the cherry tree outside the bedroom window, planted just so that she could see it while she was in Mary's care. She also spoke about how blessed she was to live such a long and happy life and how her wonderful daughters did so much to help to make that happen, "They take such good care of me, I'm so lucky to them" she always said to me.

Miss Mary, we were all lucky to have you, too.

Lenore A George - July 19, 2023 at 01:20 AM



“ What a special lady and wonderful teacher. A gentle spirit who always made you feel better for being in her presence. I worked with her as a colleague and she taught my Son with such love. Rest in Peace Mary.

Carolyn Keese - July 18, 2023 at 11:02 PM

JC

“ Jerry Frieda Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mary Gillespie



Jerry & Frieda Cobb - July 18, 2023 at 06:21 PM

TH

“ The Bracewell Family and Barbara Hooks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Kathryn Gillespie.

The Bracewell Family and Barbara Hooks - July 18, 2023 at 04:05 PM

TH

“ The Bracewell Family and Barbara Hooks purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Kathryn Gillespie.



The Bracewell Family and Barbara Hooks - July 18, 2023 at 04:05 PM

LG

“ Mary was one of the nicest ladies I have ever known. We were in the same Sunday School class at Hepsibah for a long time. She was a classy lady.

Larry Gibson - July 18, 2023 at 03:41 PM

HA

“ *Harold Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mary Gillespie*



Harold Alexander - July 18, 2023 at 02:36 PM

JK

“ *Thought and prayers are with her daughters and family! She was such a nice lady and neighbor when i was growing up!*

Julie Robinson King - July 18, 2023 at 12:20 PM