



Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars

October 14, 1935 - June 28, 2024

“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Proverbs 31:29

A true Proverbs 31 woman of noble character, Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars, passed away Thursday, June 28 at her home in Walhalla, South Carolina. Mildred was born October 14, 1935 in Oconee, South Carolina to Ernest and Velma Duncan Hendrix.

“A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.” Proverbs 31:10-12

Mildred married Buddy Byars on July 25, 1957, and for the next 66 years, she was his bride, his helper, and a true treasure to him. She followed him to Puerto Rico with the Air Force until they came home to Pickett Post Road, to a home her father built for her in their absence. This home was innately special - directly across the street from her parents and her childhood home. Though her father built the house, she and Buddy constructed a lifetime of memories. Together, they raised their family, hosted numerous gatherings, and opened the doors to all.

“Her children arise and call her blessed.” Proverbs 31:28

Mildred was mother to Larry (Beth) and Teresa Upton (Randy). She was Granny Mil to Shanelle Marcengill (Lynn), Lauren Hamby (Derek), Kristen Upton, Will Byars (Kayla), Matthew Hooper, and Jonathan B. Hooper (Marcy). She had numerous great grandchildren. Mildred was beloved in her church, in her community, and to her devoted caregivers.

“She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy... She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.” Proverbs 31:20, 27

Mildred worked at Harper’s Five and Dime and retired from Walhalla Middle School. After retiring, Mildred continued to minister to her community. She volunteered at Lila Doyle Nursing Home for many years. She and a friend established and operated a Clothes Closet in downtown Walhalla to serve the community in connection with College Street Baptist Church.

“She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.” Proverbs 31:25

Mildred enjoyed decorating themed tables for the teas at College Street Baptist Church, participating in the Red Hat Club, traveling and cruising, and cooking for her family. She was the last to sit at every family meal, and she had to be reminded to make herself a plate as well. Mildred’s family and friends will surely think of her when they say something backwards and get tickled laughing, find a great clearance sale, see a lady in a red hat, or spot an empty candy wrapper.

“A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” Proverbs 31:30-31

Her family is honored to extol Mildred's life and praise her 88 years of kingdom work.

Funeral services will be held at College Street Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 2 at 2pm.

The family will receive friends from 1PM - 2PM, prior to the service, at College Street Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: College Street Baptist Church, PO Box 340, Walhalla, SC 29691.

The family is at their respective homes.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

College Street Baptist Church
407 South College Street
Walhalla, SC 29691
<http://www.collegestreetbaptist.org>

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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407 South College Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Davenport Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars*



Davenport Funeral Home - July 01, 2024 at 03:16 PM

SM

“ *Mildred was such a wonderful woman and added life to any group she joined. She helped organize our Sunday School parties and made sure it was done well! She always had a game ready so the party wouldn't be boring and be assured it never was. There was always laughter. She always spoke truth and don't we all need that! When she could no longer be in Sunday School, it left such a void. She brought much to the table and she will be so missed!*

Suzanne Merrell - July 06, 2024 at 06:11 AM

JC

“ *Judy Hendrix Coyle lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars*



Judy Hendrix Coyle - July 02, 2024 at 05:57 PM

LH

“ *Larry and Wanda Laye Harden lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars*



Larry and Wanda Laye Harden - July 02, 2024 at 12:26 PM

RB

“ *We have many fond memories of Mildred (and Buddy) from the last 11 years we have known them through College Street Baptist Church. We always looked forward to seeing them every week at worship, Sunday School, and other ministries. We loved to go out to eat with them when we could.*

We also remember her working in our church's clothes closet in serving the community.

We are sure Buddy was waiting for her when she got to heaven!

Don and Pat Bickers

Rev. Don Bickers - July 02, 2024 at 08:21 AM

PG

“ *Phil and Debbie Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars*



Phil and Debbie Garrett - July 01, 2024 at 11:49 PM

SH

“ Steve, Sheree, Kylee & Kennedy Hamby lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars



Steve, Sheree, Kylee & Kennedy Hamby - July 01, 2024 at 09:08 PM

BH

“ Bless-Rita Harper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mildred Byars



Bless-Rita Harper - July 01, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars.



July 01, 2024 at 02:42 PM

LR

“ Lauren, Elle, Nicole (the roomies) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars.

Lauren, Elle, Nicole (the roomies) - July 01, 2024 at 02:42 PM

AM

“ I have the best memories of our time working together at WMS. Mildred was always kind and caring to everyone. She was always ready with a smile or laughter. Together, she and Buddy exemplified a loving, Christian couple. May the family and friends find peace in knowing they are together in Heaven.

Ann Miller - July 01, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars.



July 01, 2024 at 09:13 AM

JB

“ I have so many fond memories of Mildred from her years at WMS. Praying for your family during this time.

Jane Barnes - July 01, 2024 at 08:59 AM

JT

“ Julie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mildred Byars



Julie Thompson - July 01, 2024 at 08:18 AM

TN

“ Beautiful lady I love going on trips with her .I know Buddy arms was open .I bet there is a Red hat Group in heaven .love u sweet lady



Tracy Norwood - July 01, 2024 at 12:03 AM

@J

“ @Johnmilaskelley lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars



@Johnmilaskelley - June 30, 2024 at 07:26 PM

SR

“ Steve Reid lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars



Steve Reid - June 30, 2024 at 05:32 PM

AC

“ Anne Crenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars



Anne Crenshaw - June 30, 2024 at 05:21 PM

SA

“ *Sherry Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars*



Sherry Abbott - June 30, 2024 at 04:38 PM

VW

“ *Virginia Weeks lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars*



Virginia Weeks - June 30, 2024 at 04:33 PM

LU

“ *Linda Upton, Jenny, Julie, Ginger, Joanie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars.*



Linda Upton, Jenny, Julie, Ginger, Joanie - June 30, 2024 at 01:42 PM

BD

“ *Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars*



Bobbie Duncan - June 30, 2024 at 01:41 PM

WS

“ Wayne & Peggy Sibbett lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars



Wayne & Peggy Sibbett - June 30, 2024 at 01:34 PM

RL

“ Randall & Sandra Lee lit a candle in memory of Mildred Byars



Randall & Sandra Lee - June 30, 2024 at 01:23 PM

RK

“ Rod, Katherine & Kristy lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars



Rod, Katherine & Kristy - June 30, 2024 at 11:49 AM

AA

“ There are so many wonderful memories with Mildred and Buddy at College Street Baptist Church and trips on the church bus! They have been a part of my life and my children's life as long as I can remember! I know they are with Jesus and are having a wonderful time in heaven!!



Ann W. Anderson - June 30, 2024 at 10:45 AM

RC

“ Roger & Wilma Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars



Roger & Wilma Cobb - June 30, 2024 at 09:59 AM

JM

“ Jim & Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars



Jim & Becky Manley - June 30, 2024 at 06:39 AM

BL

“ So sorry to read about Mildred, God needed 2 more angels when he took Buddy & Mildred . I met both of them when I worked at Lila Doyle & fell in love with both of them . They were both such special people & friends . May they both “RIP”. Prayers for the family .



Betty Long - June 29, 2024 at 09:52 PM

AA

“ Praying for your family during this time.



Alton Kathy Alexander - June 29, 2024 at 09:34 PM

KH

“ *Deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Kay and Pat Hall*



Kay and Pat Hall - June 29, 2024 at 08:42 PM

FC

“ *Frieda Cobb And Jerry Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars*



Frieda Cobb and Jerry Cobb - June 29, 2024 at 08:30 PM

JS

“ *Mildred will be missed so much. She was loving ,caring and kept you laughing. Judy and Gary Shook*



Judy shook - June 29, 2024 at 08:08 PM

NJ

“ *Nina James lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars*



Nina James - June 29, 2024 at 08:05 PM

DL

“ *Danny, Karen & Micah Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars*



Danny, Karen & Micah Lee - June 29, 2024 at 06:13 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars*



Barbara Burrell - June 29, 2024 at 05:46 PM

DA

“ *Don & Darlene Albertson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mildred Byars*



Don & Darlene Albertson - June 29, 2024 at 05:41 PM

KW

“ *Katheryn Woolbright lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars*



Katheryn Woolbright - June 29, 2024 at 05:04 PM

BL

“ *Burgess (Bird) Laye lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars*



Burgess (Bird) Laye - June 29, 2024 at 04:42 PM

LL

“ *Leonard Loudermilk lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars*



Leonard Loudermilk - June 29, 2024 at 04:42 PM

LL

“ *Linda L.Quarles lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars*



Linda L.Quarles - June 29, 2024 at 04:03 PM

Dianne
Terry
England

“ I am so sorry about Mildred's passing but I am so happy for her because I know she is laughing again and happy to be seeing Jesus face to face. I have so many fond memories of working with Mildred at WMS. She was loved by students and teachers. My favorite memory is the time I heard her explaining to a student who was our office helper what Easter was all about. He didn't know and she was telling him the good news of Jesus Christ! She was a dear friend and we shared many laughs together. Love all of you,Dianne

Dianne Terry England - June 29, 2024 at 03:51 PM

RB

“ Renee Butts lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars



Renee Butts - June 29, 2024 at 03:19 PM

DH

“ Diane Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars



Diane Hughes - June 29, 2024 at 03:07 PM

FC

“ So sorry for your loss , Sympathy and Prayers for the families...



Frank and Judy Crowe - June 29, 2024 at 02:26 PM

JB

“ Jimmy Barker lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars



Jimmy Barker - June 29, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ Larry, Teresa & family I'm very sorry for your loss, but she's back with Buddy now & I am positive she's happy. I know she will be missed, but I can see Buddy smiling as he welcomes her home. God bless you all in the coming days.



Jeanette Wilson - June 29, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ Lavender Tribute Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars.



June 29, 2024 at 12:01 PM

TB

“ Teresa B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars.

Teresa B. - June 29, 2024 at 12:01 PM

BJ

“ Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars



Becky Johnson - June 29, 2024 at 11:51 AM

LN

“ Loretta Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mrs Mildred Lucille Hendrix Byars



Loretta Nichols - June 29, 2024 at 11:35 AM