



Mrs. Rooksie E. Neal

November 15, 1932 - June 9, 2025

Our beloved mother and grandmother, Rooksie Elizabeth Haynes Neal, passed away to her new home in Heaven on June 9, 2025. She was 92 years old and the last surviving of 12 children. For our family, she was the greatest, most precious woman to ever walk this earth.

Rooksie first met her husband Eugene around 1940 when they were just kids in school. Years later, Eugene would walk her home from Wolf Stake church on Sunday evenings, where both of their families attended. It's easy for us to see how he became charmed by her beauty, spunk, and tenacity. The two began their life together in 1950 and were married 54 years before his passing in 2004. As a result of their great love, they had eight children: Joyce Elaine Smith (D), Charles Neal (Wanda), Wayne Neal (D), Becky Merck (Stanley), Phyllis Neal-Adams (Alex), Dale Neal (Tina), Timothy Neal, and Marsha Neal Burrell (Greg); as well as 12 grandchildren and over 40 great grandchildren.

There are not enough words to chronicle how tirelessly Rooksie labored for her family over the nine decades this world was honored to have her. Even in her final days, her sweet little smiles and waves comforted us, and we can still feel her hands holding us close. Rooksie had a unique bond with each of her children and grandchildren, and we often teased each other about who she loved most. She devoted her entire life to us, but especially to her son Timmy, who has cerebral palsy. We know she adorns extra jewels in her crown for her

exceptional commitment to him.

All of our hearts are shattered at the loss of the Queen of our large family. We take comfort in knowing as we said "I love you momma" over and over as she gave her last breaths to this world, Gene was anxiously awaiting the return of his cherished bride by his side. We also know Wayne and Joyce were excited to hug their mother again. What we all wouldn't give for a hot pan of her famous biscuits she made twice a day, with a fresh tomato from our daddy's beautiful garden. While we are sad to say goodbye to our mother and grandmother, we know she has been made whole and we will see her again in Heaven.

Cemetery Details

Ocone Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home
311 S Highway 11
West Union, SC 29696
(864) 638-3611
davenportfhome@gmail.com
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of Rooksie Neal



Wayne F. Barton - June 29, 2025 at 04:37 PM

SH

“ Shun lit a candle in memory of Rooksie Neal



Shun - June 16, 2025 at 06:43 PM

RC

“ Roger & Wilma Cobb lit a candle in memory of Rooksie Neal



Roger & Wilma Cobb - June 13, 2025 at 06:23 PM

MW

“ Melanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Rooksie Neal



Melanie Williams - June 12, 2025 at 10:54 AM

JL

“ *jess&marcella langston lit a candle in memory of Rooksie Neal*



jess&marcella langston - June 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM

SK

“ *Aunt Rookies was the best aunt, had so many memories of playing with her children . Aunt Rookie now can visit her brother Grady Haynes my dad that's in heaven! I am sure they are happy to be together again . I will miss her , love you Aunt Rookies Prayers to all family.*



sheila Haynes Kershaw - June 11, 2025 at 10:41 PM

TR

“ *Terry Rankin lit a candle in memory of Rooksie Neal*



Terry Rankin - June 11, 2025 at 09:11 PM

FC

“ *Frank and Judy Crowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Rooksie Neal*



Frank and Judy Crowe - June 11, 2025 at 08:08 PM

BB

“ *Baumgarner Builders purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Rooksie E. Neal.*



Baumgarner Builders - June 11, 2025 at 04:44 PM

BB

“ *Baumgarner Builders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Rooksie E. Neal.*

Baumgarner Builders - June 11, 2025 at 04:44 PM

WB

“ *Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of Rooksie Neal*



Wayne F. Barton - June 11, 2025 at 02:31 PM

TM

“ *Tony McIntosh lit a candle in memory of Rooksie Neal*



Tony McIntosh - June 11, 2025 at 01:48 PM

JO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of the family. Jimmy & Windy Owens 🙏🙏

Jimmy and Windy Owens - June 11, 2025 at 12:50 PM

CP

“ Celia and One Pie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Rooksie E. Neal.



Celia and One Pie - June 11, 2025 at 12:20 PM

CP

“ Celia and One Pie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Rooksie E. Neal.

Celia and One Pie - June 11, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rooksie E. Neal.



June 11, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Rooksie E. Neal.

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BB

“ *Barbara Cantrell Burrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rooksie Neal*



Barbara Cantrell Burrell - June 11, 2025 at 09:25 AM