



Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee

April 6, 1930 - March 8, 2026

Velma Ruth Bryson Lee, 95, wife of the late Frank Edward Lee, of Walhalla, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2026 at Cottingham Hospice House.

A native of Oconee County, Mrs. Lee was the daughter of the late Robert Lincoln and Inez Cantrell Bryson. Though Oconee County was always home, she also spent meaningful years in Pensacola, Florida, where she formed many dear friendships. She was very active in the Oconee County community and was a member of the Seneca Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Lee was the owner and operator of two local boutiques, Velma's Vogue in Walhalla and Sally Shop in Seneca. She was an extremely talented artist, her creativity included painting, wood carving, and intricate needlework. Through her talents, she created beauty, shared joy, and carried a tremendous amount of love.

Mrs. Lee is survived by her loving daughters: Alice Lee Cartee (Wayne), Margaret Lee Palmer (Gary L Alexander), and Doris Whitfield (Dot); grandchildren: David Cartee (Jeannie), Stephanie Creel (Charlie), Bradley Palmer (Amy), Gregory Palmer (Kristen), Douglas Palmer (Whitney), Carolyn Jackson (Ted), Cindy Fowler (Mark) and Rita Cantrell (Scott); and great-grandchildren: Cale, Haley, Madelyn, Hannah, Abby, Elizabeth, Cara, Camden, Carsyn, Madeline, Griffen, Lexi, Mirah Bay, Gage, Jackson, Harlen, Kadence, Lacey, Jason, Cassidy, and Carley.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Lee was preceded in death by her siblings: Edith, Odel, Iona, and Ray.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at Davenport Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 13, 2026 at the Davenport Funeral Home Chapel with entombment to follow at Oconee Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Oconee Memorial Park Mausoleum

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Seneca, SC 29672

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 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

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WK

“ Danny and I are so saddened to hear that Velma has passed this life. I know your grief will be heavy. She was precious. May God be with you, bringing you comfort and sweet memories.
Danny and Wanda Knight

Wanda Knight - April 03 at 06:31 PM

BA

“ Praying for the family.



Bobbie and Trenia Alexander - March 13 at 10:44 AM

JH

“ Jan Sullivan Hinchman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



Jan Sullivan Hinchman - March 11 at 09:27 PM

LH

“ Larry And Wanda Laye Harden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



Larry and Wanda Laye Harden - March 11 at 07:54 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee.*



March 11 at 05:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee.

March 11 at 05:05 PM



“ *Allen and Darlene Patton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee.*

Allen and Darlene Patton - March 11 at 11:47 AM



“ *Allen and Darlene Patton purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee.*



Allen and Darlene Patton - March 11 at 11:47 AM

JR

“ John Reid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



John Reid - March 11 at 11:14 AM

JC

“ My condolences on the passing of Velma. My mama was one of her devoted shoppers and I admit that I always enjoyed my trips there myself when in town. She was a very valued member of the Oconee community and I know she will be missed by all. To her family, may the good memories bring peace to your heart. Joanie Miller Clute

Joan Miller Clute - March 11 at 08:19 AM

PG

“ Phyllis Gamzon lit a candle in memory of Velma Lee



Phyllis Gamzon - March 10 at 09:22 PM

PN

“ Margaret my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your Mom was a precious lady. Know you'll miss her very much. Patti Nelson



patti Nelson - March 10 at 05:51 PM

DF

“ David DuBose and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee.

David DuBose and family - March 10 at 04:13 PM

DF

“ David DuBose and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee.



David DuBose and family - March 10 at 04:13 PM

DA

“ Don & Darlene Albertson lit a candle in memory of Velma Lee



Don & Darlene Albertson - March 10 at 03:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee.

March 10 at 12:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee.*



March 10 at 12:07 PM



“ *John Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee*



John Kelley - March 10 at 09:54 AM



“ *I so loved and respected this lady so much. She is a Great Grandmother to my two Granddaughters Camden Palmer and Carsyn Palmer Hawes! Granny Lee I have so many fond memories of wonderful times spent with you throughout the years. Know you will always be in my heart!*

Gail Martinez - March 09 at 10:56 PM



Thanks Gail. We have so many wonderful memories with you and all our Tampa Families and Friends.

Margaret Palmer - March 10 at 02:03 PM



This wonderful lady was my Mothers first cousin. They were so much alike always smiling. The stories I remember these two talking about are priceless

Donna Prater - March 13 at 03:02 PM

RL

“ Rhonda Smith Logan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



Rhonda Smith Logan - March 09 at 10:00 PM

LL

“ What a long wonderful life for such a sweet Lady. It was always a joy to see and talk with her. My prayers are with the family at this sad time.

Leonard Loudermilk - March 09 at 09:26 PM

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



Wayne F. Barton - March 09 at 09:18 PM

DN

“ Doug and Linda Nix posted a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Bryson Lee. She was a beautiful lady and will be missed by those who loved her.



Doug and Linda Nix - March 09 at 09:05 PM

TG

“ Tammy Griffin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



Tammy Griffin - March 09 at 08:24 PM

TG

“ You will be missed very much. Love you Aunt Velma.



Tammy Griffin - March 09 at 08:16 PM

BL

“ Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



Bobbie Ledford - March 09 at 07:58 PM

MH

“ May God's Grace surround each of you and bring you Peace!



Miriam Vickers Holland - March 09 at 07:08 PM

PW

“ So sorry for your loss, she was a sweet lady, I know she will be missed. Thought and prayers for the family. Paul and Christine Winchester

Paul Winchester - March 09 at 07:07 PM

DM

“ Thinking of you and remembering a special lady.



Debbie Edwards Morehead - March 09 at 05:52 PM

BB

“ Barbara Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



Barbara Burrell - March 09 at 03:44 PM

LB

“ I am sorry to learn of Velma's passing. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Lynette Bryson Brantley - March 09 at 03:15 PM

PD

“ Pam Derrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



Pam Derrick - March 09 at 02:44 PM

RR

“ Rod Reid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



Rod Reid - March 09 at 02:33 PM

JB

“ Jimmy Barker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ruth Bryson Lee



Jimmy Barker - March 09 at 02:22 PM