



## Frances Edwards Pou

November 27, 1926 - August 29, 2017

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Frances Pou

Frances Edwards Pou, 90, died August 29, 2017. She was born November 27, 1926 to Arthur James and Elizabeth Stacey Edwards in Charleston, South Carolina. A brother, James Granvill Edwards predeceased Frances. Frances was the last member of the immediate family.

Frances graduated from Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. She was a lifetime educator and began her teaching career teaching at The Pittman Center in Seacreville, Tennessee. She soon got a teaching position at St. George High School in St. George, SC. It was while she was in St. George that she fell in love with Joe Pou and 8 years later they married while they were both teachers at Walterboro High School. She also taught in Walterboro and St. George in their elementary Schools.

Frances and Joe married on December 19, 1959 and like most young people wanted to travel and see the world. Unfortunately the death of Joe's father brought them back to Joe's home of Saluda, SC. Soon Frances resumed her teaching in The Ridge Springs school system. While Frances and Joe were serving, they received a call to serve in Libya as foreign missionaries.

Frances taught African children English and Social Studies and when they returned to the States, Frances served with Joe as a pastor's wife for 20 years at Oak Grove Baptist Church from 1975-1999.

They retired to the Martha Franks Home in 2000 and Joe died in 2002. Frances was a faithful and loyal wife to Joe as well as faithful and loyal to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She blessed all who knew her.

Frances leaves behind her sisters-in-law, Mary Pou of Saluda and Anna Edwards of Virginia Beach, Virginia, her brother-in-law, Heyward R. Trotter of Saluda, along with many nieces and nephews who will miss her dearly.

The family wishes to thank her special caregiver, Lynn Whitmire for her care and devotion along with two special friends, Betty Coggins and Juanita Alexander.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Community, 1 Martha Franks Drive, Laurens, South Carolina 29360.

A graveside internment will be held 10:00 am, Friday, September 1, 2017 at Sardis Baptist Church, Saluda, SC.

# Cemetery Details

## Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery

204 Sardis Road  
Saluda, SC 29138

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We just learned of the passing of Mrs. Frances Pou and are deeply saddened. Mrs. Pou (“Ma Pou”) was our beloved English teacher at Ricks Institute in Liberia. Her husband, Mr. Joseph Pou (“Uncle Joe”) was our Social Science teacher. The people of Liberia, especially, the Ricks Institute family will forever be grateful to the Pou’s for their long and dedicated years of service to our people.

*Personally, my wife, Jeanne, and I have missed receiving Mr. Pou’s inspiring Christmas greetings for many years now. After his passing, we continued to exchange greetings with Mrs. Pou and letting her know how our family was doing. Sadly, this December will be the first time in 40 years of marriage that we will not be sending a Christmas card. May her soul rest in peace.*

*Momolu William Massaquoi  
Murfreesboro, TN*

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**Momolu Massaquoi** - September 08, 2017 at 11:13 PM

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“ Frances was truly a blessing to our family in the wonderful way she helped our mother, Winnie Wates Adams, adjust to life at the Martha Franks Home. Frances visited my mother quite often and brought books for her to read. In her quiet, gentle way, Frances made our mother feel comfortable at Martha Franks and showed her kindness and love at that transitional time in her life. We will always remember and be grateful for all Frances did.

*She was a true blessing,  
Alice Adams Brown*



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**Alice A Brown** - September 02, 2017 at 01:18 AM

RI

“ *My best friend in Greenville was Bob Pou. I don't know if he was related to Ms. Pou's brother, but he was a great friend, and probably that goodness was reflected in these Pous being married. Bob was a bachelor. Rex O'Steen III, Greenville, SC*

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**Rex O'Steen III** - August 31, 2017 at 03:51 PM