



Jessie Morrow Atkinson Rollings

December 3, 1929 - August 21, 2019

Saluda, SC

Jessie Rollings

Jessie Morrow Atkinson Rollings, 89, passed away peacefully on August 21, 2019. She was born in Como, Mississippi, on December 3, 1929. She was the ninth and youngest child of the late Jesse Mortimer Atkinson and Patsy Morrow Hudspeth Atkinson. After her father's death in 1944, her family relocated to Memphis, Tennessee. In 1948, she graduated from Memphis Technical High School and was employed by Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s distribution center and retail store in the historic Sears Crosstown Building, in Memphis.

On April 14, 1949, she married Robert Chapman "Bob" Rollings, in Chelsea Avenue Methodist Church. They relocated to South Carolina in 1951, where her husband began practicing optometry. Jessie was employed as a payroll clerk at Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Columbia, for a short time and later was a part-time receptionist in her husband's Batesburg office. She was the payroll clerk, bookkeeper, and tax preparer in her husband's practice for 60 years.

Affectionately referred to as "Boppa" by her grandchildren, she was a devoted, wife, mother and grandmother. Jessie enjoyed sewing, cooking, baking cakes,

and entertaining for family and friends.

She was a long-time member of Saluda Presbyterian Church, the church choir, and Presbyterian Women. She served as an Elder, Clerk of Session and Chairman of the Worship Committee for many years. On Mother's Day, May 13, 2007, the Saluda Presbyterian Women presented her with an Honorary Life Membership for her faithful church service.

Jessie was an avid golfer and former officer of the ladies' golf association at Persimmon Hill. She was a 12-time winner of the ladies' club championship, winning 7 consecutive championships.

Under the skilled care of Dr. Tripp Jones, Jessie was a Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, Stage IV cancer survivor for 25 years. She was also a University of South Carolina sports enthusiast for 50 years and traveled throughout the country with her husband, close friends, and family to follow the Gamecocks.

Prior to her husband's death on Christmas Day, 2018, Jessie and Bob were married for 69 years.

She leaves behind daughters, Patricia Rollings Hood (Kenny) and Maribeth Rollings Werts (Dave), all of Saluda, four grandsons, Kenneth Brannan Hood (Alexandra) of New Orleans, Louisiana, Joshua David Hood (Natalie) of Greenwood, William Bradford Werts and Jesstin Rollings Werts, of Columbia, two great granddaughters Addison Hood, Elisabeth Keller, one great grandson Fischer Hood, and one expected great-granddaughter. She also leaves behind an older brother who shared her birthday, James Robert Atkinson (Becky) of Newburgh, Indiana, and numerous nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband, Dr. Robert Chapman Rollings, father, Jesse Atkinson, mother, Patsy Atkinson, siblings: Aubrey Atkinson, Letha Atkinson, Guy Atkinson, Steve Atkinson, Beulah Brewington, Bess Garner, and Pearl

Irby.

The family is grateful to the staff, nurses, physicians, and administration at Saluda Nursing and Rehab Center for their skilled care and compassion.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Friday, August 23, at Saluda Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be held prior to the service, in the church fellowship hall, at 1:00 p.m. There will be a private burial following the service at West Travis Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saluda Presbyterian Church, 103 W. Highland Avenue, Saluda, SC 29138.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Saluda Presbyterian Church
103 W. Highland Avenue
Saluda, SC 29138

Funeral

AUG **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TV

“ Sorry for your loss. Mrs. Rollings was such a pleasant person. We enjoyed her visits at Vance's store. She and Daddy always talked about Mississippi. You have my deepest sympathy. Tina Vance

Tina Vance - September 02, 2019 at 09:56 PM

FA

“ From James, Kimberly, Brodie, and Ewan Atkinson purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Jessie Morrow Atkinson Rollings.



From James, Kimberly, Brodie, and Ewan Atkinson - August 24, 2019 at 11:09 AM

 Chuck Miller

“ We are saddened by the passing of this wonderful women. You can be assured she is with Jesus.

Chuck Miller - August 23, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jessie Morrow Atkinson Rollings.



August 23, 2019 at 09:16 AM

JE

“ *Your Family are in Our Thoughts and Prayers..*

Your FRIENDS at The Hardware Store.

JERRY - August 22, 2019 at 04:25 PM

GF

“ *Maribeth, Tricia and families,*

I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Jessie's passing. She was such a talented and beautiful lady. She was always busy helping someone and loved to do for others. I remember the bridal and baby showers she hosted for me and how she helped out on my wedding day. I have many times thought about her miraculous healing from cancer, and I am so grateful she was able to enjoy her grandchildren the latter years of her life. Ya'll are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know how I can help.

Gina Fingerlin - August 21, 2019 at 08:11 PM