



Jessie Azilee Smith Werts

November 9, 1927 - March 23, 2024

Saluda, SC

Jessie Werts

Jessie Azilee Smith Werts, 96, died peacefully at Lexington Community Hospice House following a brief illness. Jessie was born in the Good Hope community of Saluda, SC on November 9, 1927, to the late Patrick Eugene Smith and Sudie Mae Rice Smith. She was a devoted wife of the late David William Werts, Sr.

Jessie's surviving family are daughters, Brenda W. Moons (Chris) of Jupiter, Florida, and Jane Autrey Bryant (Todd) of Gilbert, a son, David Werts, Jr. (Maribeth) of Saluda; one sister, Sara Crawford; grandchildren, Stephanie Gentry, Christina Moons-Sturgill, Joshua Uhlar, Amber Newby, Mikell Autrey, Chad Arant, Kori Miller, Brad Werts, Jess Werts; and numerous great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Jessie was predeceased by her husband, David William Werts, Sr.; a daughter, Betty Jo Werts; a brother, Virgil Smith; and sisters, Lula Mae Jester, Vinetta Nicholson, and Doris Jay.

Jessie retired from SCE&G in Saluda and was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church where she was also a member of the United Methodist Women's Group and The Dorsey Circle for many years. She was a member of the Saluda County Historical Society where she served as a volunteer. She was an avid reader and enjoyed cooking, working in her yard, and spending time with her family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Saluda, SC with the Rev. Cameron Levi officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. prior to the service in the family life center. Interment will follow in West Travis Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 102 East Butler Avenue, Saluda, SC 29138.

Cemetery Details

West Travis Park Cemetery

300 Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
102 East Butler Avenue
Saluda, SC 29138

Funeral

MAR 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
102 East Butler Avenue
Saluda, SC 29138

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Cathy Stone lit a candle in memory of Jessie Werts*



Cathy Stone - April 14, 2024 at 12:35 PM

KR

“ *Jessie was always the epitome of a Southern lady. She was lovely inside and out. She always made me feel so special and that she was so glad to see me. That is a unique gift to be appreciated and treasured.*

I pray that your good memories and the love and peace of God bring you comfort. Each family member has my sympathy, yet, I would like to say a special prayer for Dave and Maribeth. They, too, share the gift of reaching out to people with kindness and love.

Kay Rankin - April 12, 2024 at 11:05 PM

TR

“ *Theresa Rains lit a candle in memory of Jessie Werts*



Theresa Rains - April 06, 2024 at 06:36 AM

RS

“ *Robin Salters*



Robin's Salters - March 29, 2024 at 01:58 PM

PB

“ Pam Barnes lit a candle in memory of Jessie Werts



Pam Bosket Barnes - March 28, 2024 at 08:06 PM

LA

“ Dear Brenda, Jane, Dave Jr., and families, I loved your Mom. She was always so sweet and gentle. She and your Dad were such good friends to Daddy and Mama (Bettis and Ruby). I remember when your Mom started work at SCE&G and came to Columbia for training. She was so happy when we discovered she was training in my building. We had a great time visiting. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jesus is our comforter and healer. Through Him we know that death is not final. "Ma Jessie," as brother Rod and I called her, is now home with Our Lord and with other loved ones. Praise be to God. Yours in Christ, Lora Herlong Atwood

Lora Herlong Atwood - March 27, 2024 at 01:38 PM

PL

“ Mrs. Jessie was such a sweet soul. She'd been on my mind recently. I always admired her beautiful yard. Prayers for the family. □
-Patty Keeler Lindler

Patty Keeler Lindler - March 27, 2024 at 09:42 AM

LW

“ Love Bill and Lianne Watford purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jessie Azilee Smith Werts.



Love Bill and Lianne Watford - March 26, 2024 at 11:26 AM

CE

“ Crystal Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jessie Werts



Crystal Edwards - March 26, 2024 at 10:57 AM

CD

“ Brenda , Jane and Dave, sorry to hear about your Mother passing . Jesse lived a long life sharing her beauty with us all. All those Smith sisters were good looking. And Your Dad was one of my favorite people. I loved playing bridge with him in the back room of my Dad’s surveying office. God’s peace to you all , with warmest regards, Clay Duffie

Clay Duffie - March 25, 2024 at 04:10 PM

RG

“ Roger Nolan Harmon Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Jessie Werts



Roger & Nolan Harmon Brenda Goodman - March 25, 2024 at 11:08 AM

SB

“ So very sorry to hear of my Cousin Jessie passing away. She was a beautiful lady both inside and out. I am so glad I made the effort to visit with her in her home not too long ago. It was so good to catch up on the many memories we shared. Blessings to all the children and Sara and the rest of the family.

Selma Smith Bettis - March 25, 2024 at 11:07 AM

WG

“ William Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Jessie Werts



William and Naomi Goodman - March 25, 2024 at 11:04 AM

SD

“ Jane and family,

Thinking of you in prayer at this time. I cherish many memories of your mother especially her kindness to me and making me feel like part of the family. Love to you all!

Susan A. D'Anna

Susan D'Anna - March 25, 2024 at 10:50 AM