



Kathleen Sample Long

July 8, 1927 - June 28, 2024

Saluda, SC

Kathleen Sample Long

Kathleen Sample Long, 96, passed away Friday, June 28, 2024 at Saluda Nursing Center surrounded by her family.

Kathleen (better known as Mema) was born July 8, 1927 in Silverstreet, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Bennie Mayer and Doshia Mae Smith Sample. She was the wife of the late Charles Evans Long. She retired from Saluda Shirt Company to keep her grandchildren and some of their friends. She loved watching all sports, especially her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was an avid Clemson Tigers and Atlanta Braves fan. Mema loved cooking, playing Bingo, Shopping, always providing gifts for all people. Most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Surviving are daughters, Kathy Bethea (Frank) of Saluda and Charlene Pitts (Billy) of Prosperity, grandchildren, Katy Bethea (Jason Hughey) of Piedmont, Gib Bethea (Fiona) of Atlanta, and Evan Pitts (Rebecca) of Pomaria, great-grandchildren, Jude Pitts and Silas Pitts, Mairead, Seamus, and Eilis Bethea and Owen Hughey. She is also survived by brothers, Charlton Sample (Sue) and James Guy Sample (Janet).

Mrs. Long was preceded in death by a brother, Bennie Ray Sample and a sister, Annette Bouknight.

The family would like to thank Dr. Bill Sawyer and Dr. Dan Bouknight and Nurse Practitioner Leanna Owings. The family wishes to thank the staff and Saluda Nursing Center for their loving care of Mema these last three years.

The family will receive friends from 4 until 6 p.m., Sunday at Ramey Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Monday, July 1, 2024 at Shiloh Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Huggins officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shiloh Methodist Church, Building Fund (Chimes), c/o Kent or Glenda Rushton, 4036 John J. Rushton Road, Saluda, SC 29138.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery

1305 Shiloh Road
Saluda, SC 29138

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Ramey Funeral Home
202 N Rudolph St
Saluda, SC 29138
(864) 445-2366

Funeral

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Methodist Church
1305 Shiloh Road
Saluda, SC 29138

Tribute Wall

NH

“ Nikki H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Sample Long.

Nikki H. - October 09, 2024 at 08:56 PM

CS

“ Casey Stoudemayer lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Long



Casey Stoudemayer - August 06, 2024 at 07:58 AM

JP

“ KATHY, CHARLENE AND FAMILY,

I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. YOUR MOTHER WAS A JEWEL, SO WITTY SO KIND. ALWAYS ENJOYED VISITING WITH HER AT SNC. PRAYING GOD WILL WRAP HIS ARMS AROUND YOU AND COMFORT YOU NOW AND THE DAYS AHEAD. HUGS!

JANICE POWELL

JANICE POWELL - July 01, 2024 at 10:41 AM

PD

“ Polly Derrick lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Long



Polly Derrick - June 30, 2024 at 11:34 PM

SH

“ Always had a smile , very quick witted ,always making one smile with her humor. Reminded me of my Grandmother in a lot of ways.

Suzanne Hodges - June 30, 2024 at 09:45 PM

LS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Heaven got a little louder—Aunt Susie and all the others have so much to catch up on....Sending our love, ,Linda and Kara Sheppard

Linda and Kara Sheppard - June 30, 2024 at 06:29 PM

MD

“ Thinking of you Kathy and Charlene. Your mother was a sweet lady. Enjoyed visiting with her at the SNC.Prayers for comfort to you and family during this time.



Melvin & Alice Derrick - June 30, 2024 at 03:27 PM

KP

“ Kathy P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Sample Long.

Kathy P. - June 30, 2024 at 03:09 PM

KP

“ Kathy P. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kathleen Sample Long.



Kathy P. - June 30, 2024 at 03:09 PM

MS

“ Mose & Robin & Buddy Salters lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Long



Mose & Robin & Buddy Salters - June 30, 2024 at 01:08 PM

CS

“ Sympathy to Kathy, Charlene and family. So many wonderful memories of Ms. Kathleen. I have several salt and pepper shakers she's given me through the years that are displayed in my kitchen area everyday. I will treasure them and memories of her always. Jesus will embrace all of her family and friends and guide us through this difficult time. Much love. Cathy



Cathy Stone - June 30, 2024 at 12:37 PM

PD

Kathy , May The Light of God's Love embrace you and your family during this difficult time. The special people in our lives are never really gone. They have a cherished place in our hearts where they will always be remembered. Just know God is there with you and your family, Ms. Kathleen was always a sweet person. Thinking of you and praying you and your family are surrounded by God's comfort and strength. Praying you find peace and comfort in your special memories of Mema! I know she will be missed by everyone. With deepest sympathy, Polly D.

Polly Derrick - June 30, 2024 at 11:26 PM

EH

I didn't know Mrs. Long, but I think so highly of her daughter, Charlene, and since the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, she must have been a truly good woman. Charlene and family may your good memories become even brighter and dearer over the coming months and years.
Edith and Carlton Hite

Edith Hite - July 02, 2024 at 11:06 AM

JP

“ Joni Pope lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Long



Joni Pope - June 30, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Sample Long.



June 29, 2024 at 08:15 PM

RD

“ Charlene, Billy & Family, so sorry for your loss. You & your family are in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing others care.

Fondly,
Dan & Robbie Koon DeFreese

Robbie Koon DeFreese - June 29, 2024 at 04:06 PM

TO

“ The OG planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Sample Long.

The OG - June 29, 2024 at 03:17 PM

TO

“ The OG purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Sample Long.



The OG - June 29, 2024 at 03:17 PM