



## Nellie Louise Nichols Riley

September 24, 1930 - February 1, 2016

A Celebration of Life Service will be held for Nellie Nichols Riley, 85, at 11 o'clock Thursday, February 4, 2016 at Bethany United Methodist Church, 363 Bethany Road, Saluda, SC. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives on Wednesday evening, February 3, 2016 at her home from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. and one hour before the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Bethany UM Church, c/o Clara Riley, 242 Bethany Road, Saluda, SC 29138, Boys Farm, PO Box 713, Newberry, SC 29108, Harvest Hope, 2220 Shop Road, Columbia, SC 29201 or to a charity of one's choice.

Nellie Louise Nichols Riley resigned all her earthly commitments to meet her maker and be reunited in Glory with her soul mate, Frazier, very early Monday morning on February 1, 2016 at Palmetto Richland Heart Hospital, Columbia, SC.

She was the youngest daughter of the late Bennie Calhoun and Nina Lee Black Nichols, born on September 24, 1930 in Saluda County. Nellie was a graduate of Hollywood High School and Winthrop College. She was an All State Guard for the 1946 - 47 State Basketball Championship Team. She was a faithful member of Bethany UM Church and served in many leadership roles in her congregation. She was a lifelong friend and business partner to her late and beloved husband, Frazier Duffie Riley, Sr. for 59 years. Nellie was a behind the scene partner in helping and guiding the family businesses and her children to their successes. Together they started Riley Farms, LLC and F.D. Riley Construction.

She was awarded the Saluda County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in 2003 (shared with her husband) and the SC Master Homemaker Guild Award in 1979. Her family was chosen by Clemson University as The Progressive Farmer's Master Farm Family Award in 1980 - 81.

Nellie will be remembered for her delicious pecan pies, pound cakes, her green thumb and frugality and as the community hairdresser. Her conversations were 'matter of fact' and to the point, usually imparting no false praise. Those who truly knew her saw her for her sincerity, unconditional tenderness and concern. She developed a caregiver's heart and hand by helping to care for her mother and father, her mother in law, a close family

friend, Mary Annie Berry and her beloved husband, Frazier.

She is survived by her children, Joel Clinton Riley, III (Jean); Ralph Nichols Riley, Sr. (Sheree); Frazier Duffie (Buck) Riley, Jr. (Beverly); Amy Gray Riley Price (Ansel); Nina Louise Riley Nordin (Jeffrey), all of Saluda. She was the proud grandmother to Heather Shealy (Paul), Heidi Cochran (Jarrett), Holly Shealy (Thomas), Courtney Brooks, (Tim) and Clint, Clay, Nick (Virginia), Zack (Kayla), Marinelle, Austin, MacKenzie and Grey Riley, Creighton Price, Lauren and Riley Nordin and a great grandmother to Connor, Braydon, Trisleigh Shealy, Nolan, Easton, Cannon and Brogan Cochran, Tucker, Lily Parker and Sullivan Brooks, Hayes and Ellery Shealy. She is survived by sister, Matilda Freeland, sister in law, Kay Riley Waites (Frank), sister in law, Trudy Nichols, step brother in laws, Donnie (Jennifer) and Ronnie (Lavinia) Hipp, step sisters, Norvis Werts and Peggy Garrett, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sisters, Annie Rose Nichols, Georgia Fae Leverette and Mamie Lee Longshore and brothers Tillman, Roy, Wilson, Guy, Paul, Gilbert, Joseph, Grady and Jake Nichols.

To honor her strong character and faith, her grandsons will be pallbearers. Her home church's pianist, her nephew and son in law will serve as musicians for her service.

The family is grateful to their community of family and friends for their many acts of kindness shown to their mother during these last years of her life and given by her most recent caregivers, Ann Griffin, Andrea Williams, Albertha Harp and Kimberly Hendrix. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die!"

# Cemetery Details

## Bethany United Methodist Church Cemtery

363 Bethany Road  
Saluda, SC 29138

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Riley Residence  
195 Clint Riley Road  
Saluda, SC 29138

## Funeral

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethany United Methodist Church  
363 Bethany Road  
Saluda, SC 29138

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ AgSouth Farm Credit purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Nellie Louise Nichols Riley.



AgSouth Farm Credit - February 09, 2016 at 09:41 AM

RO

“ Sending sincere sympathy and prayers.

Cliff and Robin Kneece  
Carolyn Quattlebaum

Robin - February 09, 2016 at 07:12 AM

LS

“ To the family of ms nellie riley n her children...this is lisa miller...im so sorry to hear of the lose of ur momma...i know how she n my mom ment to each other as well as the church...her family and her community.. Just sharing a moment...this is odd i know...but everytime i boil a egg i think of ms nellie..spending the nite with nina n mine wasn't done all the way....lol..just in short terms..she taught me a good lesson. She also made me the best homemade veg.beef soup i've ever eatin n my life...i love you my friends n my neighbors that i grew up with..once again..im sorry for your lose but she's with ur dad..n all is well....I LOVE YOU..AND MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU...SINCERELY....LISA MILLER

lisa miller seay - February 07, 2016 at 01:21 PM

LS

“ Lisa Miller Seay lit a candle in memory of Nellie Louise Nichols Riley



lisa miller seay - February 07, 2016 at 01:11 PM

JD

“ Dear Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.  
May you find comfort in the days ahead.

*With deepest sympathy,  
Jeffrey and Ruthie Davis*

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**Jeffrey Davis** - February 05, 2016 at 07:09 PM

HB

“ Henry Berry will always remember Miss Nellie. She was a special person and always kind to a lonely boy when he needed it most. Mr Frazier was just as kind as Miss Nellie. They were truly southern folks with southern values. They have just about quite making good folks like them.



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**Henry E Berry** - February 03, 2016 at 08:13 PM

WB

“ Our utmost sympathy to each and every family member during this difficult time.  
Wayne & Shirley Boone

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**Wayne & Shirley Boone** - February 03, 2016 at 07:37 PM

WB

“ Warren And Almastine Butler lit a candle in memory of  
Nellie Louise Nichols Riley



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**warren and Almastine Butler** - February 03, 2016 at 06:29 PM

BU

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family! God will give you strength for the days ahead and memories will last forever! Much love



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**bunny** - February 03, 2016 at 01:49 PM

TS

“ *Thereasa Tolen Stevens lit a candle in memory of Nellie Louise Nichols Riley*



Thereasa Tolen Stevens - February 03, 2016 at 01:22 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Nellie Louise Nichols Riley.*



February 03, 2016 at 01:17 PM

VR

“ *I'll always remember Ms. Nellie as a no nonsense type of person who was not afraid of doing the "hard" things of life without complaining. Valarie M. Rikard.*



Valarie M. Rikard - February 03, 2016 at 12:56 PM

CH

“ *Charles & Sethalene Huff lit a candle in memory of Nellie Louise Nichols Riley*



Charles & Sethalene Huff - February 03, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Nellie Louise Nichols Riley.*




February 03, 2016 at 10:59 AM

DA

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family of Mrs. Nellie. She was a wonderful lady and I was privileged to know her. May you find comfort in the many wonderful memories of her! God Bless!

*Danielle Lake Mathias*

**Danielle** - February 03, 2016 at 09:52 AM

 Beverly Cruz

“ Our heart felt condolences to all the family on the loss of a precious loved one. One of the most beautiful obituaries I have seen. You will remain in our prayers. Beverly and Angel Cruz

**Beverly Cruz** - February 03, 2016 at 09:06 AM

SS

“ Sherry Swann lit a candle in memory of Nellie Louise Nichols Riley



**Sherry Swann** - February 03, 2016 at 05:11 AM

FR

“ Words can't express how deeply sorry we are at your loss. Ms. Nellie was always a very special loving person. How precious is every memory, no matter how small, just her loving smile would light a room. Fred and Althea Rude



**Fred and Althea Rude** - February 03, 2016 at 02:53 AM

DW

“ Dusty & Judy White lit a candle in memory of Nellie Louise Nichols Riley



**Dusty & Judy White** - February 02, 2016 at 10:42 PM

KL

“ *Saddened to hear of Mrs. Nellie's passing. Before marriage and joining Bethany, she was a member of my church, Corinth Lutheran. Even though she was active in Bethany, she never forgot her roots, often returning to Corinth occasionally, mainly at Homecoming. Hard to believe that the Ben Nichols family has dwindled. Sympathy to her family. She was a fine lady and will be missed.*

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**Keith Lester** - February 02, 2016 at 06:01 PM

TC

“ *Thinking of you!*

*Tammie, Matt, Hiliarie, Eli, & HG Covington*

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**Tammie Covington** - February 02, 2016 at 05:23 PM