



Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough

April 10, 1937 - June 20, 2022

Greenville, SC

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Sonya Yarborough of Greenville, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 20, 2022, after a brief illness. She was born on April 10, 1937, in Greentown, Indiana, a beautiful farming community located in central Indiana. She is the youngest daughter of the late Waldo Jerome and Anita Elizabeth Kribbs Brown. She is preceded in death by her husband, Hayne Brooks Yarborough, Sr.; her oldest daughter, Barbara Elizabeth; two brothers, Theron and Marvin; and two sisters June and Shirley. She is survived by three children, Tracy Haltiwanger (Kent) of Spartanburg, South Carolina; Rochelle Conits (Spero) of Greenville, South Carolina; and Hayne Yarborough, Jr. (Stephanie) of Hot Springs, Virginia; 4 grandchildren, Capers Williamson, Kelly Haltiwanger (Elena), Rachel Haltiwanger, and Heather Conits; many loving nieces and nephews, (Roberta, Lindy, Cindy, Heather, Jody, Paula, Jeffrey, Steven, Kathryn, Mark, Robert, David, Marianne, Janet, Mike, Brenda, Joy, Jill, Lisa, Rusty, Seth, Travis, Frank, Darryl, Dada, Billy, Harriet, Keith, and Karen); 8 grandchildren by marriage, whom she loved and welcomed (Tommy, Sands, Forest, John, Alex, Athena, Cole, and Michael); and 7 great grandchildren by marriage (Maddie, Sadie, McCabe, Hamilton, Noel, Violet Kay, and Thomas). She is also survived by her life-long college friend, Jane

Reynolds, of Commisky, Indiana. These two Indiana farm girls remained close friends for 67 years, enjoying annual family trips to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and countless visits back home to Indiana.

Mrs. Yarborough was a 1961 graduate of Indiana University. She chose a profession of tireless service to our most vulnerable population, serving for 37 years as a licensed physical therapist in nursing home facilities, including facilities for the elderly mentally ill.

She was happiest in her role as wife to her husband, Hayne, of 45 years. Not only was she an exemplary helpmate to him during their marriage, she also provided him exceptional in-home care during his long and difficult illness. She leaned heavily on her faith in God to find peace and meaning during her 15-year widowhood, which she spent tending to her grandchildren and volunteering at Senior Action in Greenville, South Carolina.

Mrs. Yarborough was an active member of Lexington United Methodist Church during the years she lived in Lexington, South Carolina (1962-1983).

Mrs. Yarborough moved through this life calmly and lightly. She showed gentle kindness to every person equally, no matter rank or station. She is a perfect example of quiet, peaceful love, as those who were fortunate enough to encounter her knew well.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, June 27, 2022, at Butler United Methodist Church, 165 Butler Church Road, Saluda, South Carolina, 29138 at 3:00 o'clock, p.m., with the service and funeral to follow at 4:00 o'clock, p.m., to be officiated by Reverend Bob Huggins. Serving as pallbearers are Capers Williamson, Kelly Haltiwanger, Kent Haltiwanger, Spero Conits, Billy Able, and Keith Able, with Rusty Yarbrough serving as an honorary pallbearer.

Memorials may be made to Butler United Methodist Church. c/o Karen Ringer,

178 Andrew Coleman Rd., Saluda, SC 29138.

Cemetery Details

Butler United Methodist Church Cemetery

165 Butler Church Road
Saluda, SC 29138

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Butler United Methodist Church
165 Butler Church Road
Saluda, SC 29138

Funeral

JUN 27. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of your dear Mom, I have many great memories of being with you all at the tailgate party and football games Love and Hugs Marilyn and Ed Rice Moncton NB Canada

marilyn rice - March 27, 2024 at 08:25 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.



June 27, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.



June 27, 2022 at 09:45 AM

MP

“ Melissa Porter lit a candle in memory of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough



Melissa Porter - June 26, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



June 25, 2022 at 08:38 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



June 25, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



June 24, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



June 23, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Eternal Grace was purchased for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



June 23, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Connie and Lindy Hill purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



Connie and Lindy Hill - June 23, 2022 at 07:44 AM



“ *Sonya's obituary was so beautifully written. She was someone I wish I had known better. I know y'all are sad and will miss Sonya deeply.*

Jewell Scott - June 22, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. I remember her visiting when we lived on the mountain. She was always the sweetest woman. We are praying for you all!*

Love, Angie and Tony Kimberlin

Angie Kimberlin - June 22, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



June 22, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ *Jody Carmell & Paula & Families purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



Jody Carmell & Paula & Families - June 22, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *I remember that beautiful & sweet lady, she was so kind and a gentle soul. I really enjoyed of her time at Wycliffe Dr. She was such a good neighbor. I remember her quite often specially during Thanksgiving because I have her crazy recipe, the best recipe in the world, you can eat it as a think soup, literally!!!(and I know some people who did 😊). I am sorry about your mom Rochelle, my most sincere condolences to you and all your family.*

Maykha Mclean - June 22, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



June 22, 2022 at 03:25 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough*



Brenda Goodman - June 22, 2022 at 03:15 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



June 22, 2022 at 02:59 PM

TC

“ *We will always feel blessed to have been a part of Mrs. Yarborough's life. Her quiet strength impacted the world greatly. She was a steady force for good. We admired her kindness and grace and will fondly keep her memory in our hearts. Her beautiful legacy lives on through Hayne, Tracy and Rochelle, her grandchildren and many friends.*

We miss you already, Mrs. Yarborough!

All our love,

George and Tammy Conits

Tammy Conits - June 22, 2022 at 02:31 PM

TF

“ *The Conits and Marflake Families purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



The Conits and Marflake Families - June 22, 2022 at 02:09 PM

MF

“ *Mitzi, Alan, and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Sonya Marlene Brown Yarborough.*



Mitzi, Alan, and Family - June 22, 2022 at 01:48 PM