



Grace Verrill Martin Spate

September 12, 1935 - January 12, 2023

Born September 12, 1935 in Mayo SC; Grace Verrill Martin Spate, 87, passed away January 12, 2023.

Having grown up on her family's farm near Cowpens, graduating from Gaffney High School and later Spartanburg Tech, she lived nearly all her life in SC.

Verrill was a faithful lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, holding many positions of service at church which brought her joy and satisfaction.

She lived life, raised children, shared her talents with family and friends, and dealt with the world around her with as much patience and understanding as she had within her. Through many trials, Verrill devoted herself to the wellbeing and happiness of her family. We hope that she found pride and satisfaction in that endeavor...and in us.

Verrill is preceded in death by her son Thomas Franklin Peterson; parents Merrill E. Martin and Katie Pansy White Martin; husband Robert C Spate; sister Dawn Cerny; and brothers Billy, Harold, Tim and Stanly Martin.

Remaining are daughter Katie Gillespie (James); son Jeffery Spate (Christy); Granddaughter Siera Harmon (Michael) and their children Ami and Ian;

Grandson Benjamin Spate (Rebecca) and their children Christopher, Tyler, Ryan, Tyler and Abby; Grandson Richard Williamson; Stepdaughter Linda Williamson (David); sisters Ellen March (Tony), Ann Elliott (Dewitt), June DeVaney (Dennis); Brother Stephen A Martin (Jane); and many nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and neighbors. All of whom she loved and cherished

A graveside burial gathering will take place at Frederick Memorial Gardens cemetery in Gaffney on Thursday January 19, 2023 at 2 pm. Funeral direction & arrangements are being managed by Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville, GA (www.stewartfh.com).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to a Dementia/ Alzheimer research fund to further prevention of the life stealing, heart crushing, hopeless scourge that is dementia.

Previous Events

Graveside

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Frederick Memorial Gardens
986 Chesnee Hwy
Gaffney, SC 29341