



Mrs. Nelle Hartsfield

February 22, 1929 - March 4, 2022

Mrs. Nellie Ruth Hartsfield “Nelle”, age 92, a longtime resident of Franklin Springs, GA, passed away March 4, 2022, at Brookdale Assisted Living Community in Hartwell, Georgia.

Nelle was born in Anderson, SC on December 22, 1929, to Clyde and Mae Holliday of Belton, SC. After attending Belton High School, she worked in the textile industry before entering Emmanuel College. She graduated from Emmanuel College in 1950. While at Emmanuel, she met Kirk F. Hartsfield, formerly of Quincy, FL. They were married on January 10, 1953. They returned to Emmanuel College in 1959 when Kirk accepted a teaching position and the role of Dean of Men.

Nelle was a loving and supportive wife and mother who also took her strong work ethic outside the home. She served in various staff positions at Emmanuel College before working as a paraprofessional with Project Direct and The Training Center for Exceptional Children. Nelle retired from the Advocate Press, now LifeSprings, after 16 years of service there.

Nelle was a member of the Franklin Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church where she served in the nursery for 40 years. Her legacy will always be her enduring love for children. Only eternity will tell the impact of her loving embraces on so many she held in her arms through the years.

Nelle Hartsfield is survived by two children, Sharon Ruth Atkinson and husband, Rev. Tony Atkinson of Roanoke, VA, and Dr. Michael Kirk Hartsfield and wife, Christine of Virginia Beach, VA; four granddaughters, Melanie Wayne and husband, Tim, Melissa Oshoniyi and husband, Toyee, Lauren Hartsfield, Jessica Hartsfield; and seven great grandchildren, Allie Wayne, Josiah Wayne, Cayden Wayne, Asher Wayne, Jaelyn Oshoniyi, Kaiya Oshoniyi, and Chloe Oshoniyi.

Nelle Hartsfield was predeceased by her loving husband of 61 years, Dr. Kirk Hartsfield; parents, Clyde and Mae Holliday; and brother Wilton and his wife, Claudia Holliday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hartsfield will be held in the Franklin Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, with Pastor Harrison Lampley presiding. Interment will follow in the Franklin Springs City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the church from 12:30 p.m. until funeral hour on Wednesday afternoon. During other times, the family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, please give to the Playground Improvement Fund at the Springs Church in honor of Nelle's many years of service to the children there. Donations may be sent to FSPHC, P.O. Box 269, Franklin Springs, GA 30639.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Springs City Cemetery

Franklin Springs, GA 30639

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Franklin Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church
260 Spring Street
Royston, GA 30662

Service

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Tribute Wall

HA

“ *this is my great grandmother*

harper - September 13, 2025 at 09:16 PM

JC

“ *JJanice Certain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nelle Hartsfield*



jJanice Certain - March 08, 2022 at 03:38 PM

KS

“ *Mrs. Hartsfield was always an encouragement to me when I was in Franklin Springs. I am so thankful to have had the chance to know her and Dr. Hartsfield and I appreciate their faithful service to FSPHC and Emmanuel College.*

Kevin Sneed - March 07, 2022 at 09:37 PM

SB

“ *This sweet lady like a second mom to Van; wouldn't have left our little Lindsay, Tyson, and Becca with anyone in the nursery except Mrs. Hartsfield and Mrs. Melton serving faithfully and lovingly at their place of service. We will so miss her sweet spirit and kind demeanor.*

Susan Beacham - March 07, 2022 at 03:08 PM

DC

“ *Ms. Nelle was such a sweet lady! She was one of the first persons I met at Emmanuel College. She and Dr. Hartsfield were great people.
Grace and Peace to the family in this time of sorrow!*

Dr. Sid Chapman

Dr. Sid Chapman - March 07, 2022 at 02:46 PM



RH

“ *I grew up knowing Mrs. Hartsfield and family for most of my life. She always greeted you with her sunny and warm disposition and loving spirit. She will always be remembered warmly by myself and my family. Though I may not be there in person for her memorial celebration, I am with Sharon and Mike and family in spirit. God bless Nelle and all of you during this difficult time.*

Ronald Herndon - March 07, 2022 at 12:24 PM



BH

“ *We all Loved Mrs. Nelle she will be missed.
RIP Mrs Nelle. Staff and Residents At Brookdale Hartwell*

Brookdale Hartwell - March 07, 2022 at 11:11 AM



LM

“ Lynn Beggs Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nelle Hartsfield



Lynn Beggs Martin - March 07, 2022 at 09:11 AM

TW

“ Nelle was my dear, dear friend who had a zest for life. Her sense of humor made our trips a joy. She loved God. She loved people. I am happy that I was one of them. It was mutual. ❤️
Her kindness as dorm mother of many years ago was remembered fondly and very much appreciated by Baxter. 🌹

Thressa Wood - March 07, 2022 at 01:06 AM

MK

“ Michael Kitchens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nelle Hartsfield



Michael Kitchens - March 06, 2022 at 07:35 PM