



Cleonis C. Benton

March 17, 2009

Murrells Inlet Cleonis C. Benton Cleonis Cox Benton age 79, died Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Benton was born on March 24, 1929 in Andrews, SC, a daughter of the late Edward R. and Bessie Cox Powers. She married George David Benton, Sr. on March 25, 1949 who died in 1989 after 40 years of a truly wonderful life together. Mrs. Benton was formerly employed with Lakewood Camping Resort for 25 years. She was a member of Kingsway Pentecostal Holiness Church and Low Country Chapter of the American POW's. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Rewis Cox, Ellridge Cox, Rev. Bernard Cox; a sister, Miriam Cox Thomas and step-father, Rev. R.E. Powers. Survivors include a son, George David Benton, Jr. and his wife Lynn of Murrells Inlet; a daughter, Kay Benton of Murrells Inlet; two granddaughters who were the light of her life, Jessica Benton Dunning and her husband Jamie of Nairobi, Kenya and Jennifer Kay Benton of Clemson, SC; four brothers, Rev. David Willard Cox and his wife Lee Dean of Walterboro, SC, Robert E. Powers and wife Myrlee of Camden, SC, Jackie S. Powers, Sr. and wife Ann of Georgetown, SC and Rev. Dan P. Powers and wife Bunny of Greenville, NC; one sister, Faye P. Greco and husband Charlie of Murrells Inlet; a step-sister, Margaret Cameron of Camden, SC; twenty seven nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends and her Lakewood family. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday March 20, 2009 at Kingsway Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Wyatt D. Cook, Reverend Donald Duncan and Reverend David Willard Cox

officiating. Burial will follow at Oceanwoods Cemetery. Family will receive friends Thursday March 19, 2009 from 6:00-9:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Kingsway Pentecostal Holiness Church Building Fund, PO Box 351 Myrtle Beach, SC 29578.

Tribute Wall



“ David & Kay, I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Cleonis. We did not see the write up until Friday, the day of her funeral. Mom had knee surgery the day Aunt Cleonis died and we have yet to break the news to her. She was a wonderful woman & I will miss her greatly.##imported-begin##Connie Dunnaway Poston##imported-end##

March 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Tom and Linda Eason##imported-end##

March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with your family. Miss Cleonis was such a sweet, caring and a great Christian lady. I had the priviledge of working with her at Lakewood for many years. Greg and I were so blessed to have known her. Connie & Greg Boyd##imported-begin##Connie Boyd##imported-end##

March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Please except our deepest sympathy,our thoughts and prayers are with You in these troubled times, Donna & Neil##imported-begin##Neil Callahan & Donna Armao##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Miss Cleonis' death. It was such a joy to hear her answer the phone at Lakewood so many years ago. Her smile and kindness made everyone feel special. Please know our prayers are with you. Give our love to Jessica. God Bless, Love, Norman, Donna and Reagan McQueen##imported-begin##Norman McQueen##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Kay, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Deepest Sympathy. Ann Marion##imported-begin##ANN MARION##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kay, Carol, Amber and I are sorry for the loss of your mother. Passing to the eternal reward is cause for joy and happiness, but in another sense, as part of our humanity, we experience grief upon the loss of a loved one, most especially a mother. We wish you and your family well during this difficult time.##imported-begin##George, Carol & Amber Oldroyd##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Brother David Benton Jr. & Family, I was saddened this morning to see in the paper about the loss of your mother. I pray that the God of all comfort will wrap His loving arms around in your time of grief. I never had the opportunity to meet her but I know she had to be one outstanding lady. I can see it in her children. God bless each and everyone of you.##imported-begin##Rev. David G. Black##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends##imported-begin##Bob Strickland##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ As Bobbie mentioned, those were wonderful times we had at Aunt Nonie's and Uncle David's. Aunt Nonie especially, and you, Kay, helped me through the teenage years after Momma went to Heaven. Your home was my haven, and I have always cherished times with you. On Legacy.com I mentioned it, but I'll say it again---I can see Pam playing the piano, and the Cox children singing with Grandmama Powers "NOW WE ARE singing round the throne eternal" I love you David Jr. and Kay. I know you are missing her, yet I smile when I think of Uncle David Standing beside Jesus with open arms. She is home. Tish##imported-begin##Joyce Cox Smith##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ David and Family, We are so sorry for your loss, Sharon and I were so blessed to get to know Ms Cleonis, and rejoice in knowing that she is with the Savior that she loves so very much. We love you and may God's blanket of peace cover you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Chuck And Sharon McElroy##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David Jr. and Kay, When I remember back to the wonderful times we had at Aunt Nonie and Uncle David's house homes during our growing up years, I always smile. Those were some of the best of times. The joy now is that Heaven is now one soul larger and our family is waiting to welcome us because of the hope we have in Jesus Christ our Lord. I love you both and your family.
Bobbie.##imported-begin##Barbara Adams##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ David & Kay, What wonderful memories you have of you precious Mother. She was such a wonderfully sweet person. Genuine in all her ways. It was always our pleasure to see her. Your family and ours have a very long connection and we will always cherish the memories of our growing up together. She now rests from her labors and she is well and whole. Enjoying forever being in the presence of the Lord. Our prayers will be with your family in the days ahead. Bob & Sylvia##imported-begin##Bob McConnell##imported-end##

March 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our memories of Cleonis will always be with us. She fought her illness with courage and dignity...and now she has found peace. May our words and Prayers comfort you at this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Bill & Mel Murdock##imported-end##

March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Benton Family, I am deeply saddened to hear of Aunt Nonnie's passing but rejoice knowing that she is in a much better place. She made such a lasting impression on my life and I cherish all the memories I have of her growing up along side Jess and Jenn. She will forever be missed. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Love always, Elizabeth##imported-begin##Elizabeth Sparks##imported-end##

March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Benton Family: We are so saddened to learn of your loss. Mrs. Benton was one of the most loving Christian women I have ever known. She was always so kind and loving to everyone she met. She was someone I've always held such dear memories of, as I worked with her at Lakewood Campground many years ago. We always had lunch together and would study the Bible and pray together during our lunch breaks. She was always such an inspiration to me. She will be truly missed by all who knew her. May it comfort you to know, you are in our thoughts and we will continue in our prayers for each of you. With Deepest Sympathy, Pat and Gary Atkinson and Family##imported-begin##Gary and Pat Atkinson and Family##imported-end##

March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We sorrow over the empty space in our lives that Aunt Nonnie's departure will leave but rejoice over the life she lived and the glory that awaited her. Love you all, Huey##imported-begin##Huey Mills##imported-end##

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