



## Doris Hedgepath

December 8, 1942 - March 22, 2012

Conway...Doris Stevens Hedgepath, age 69, wife of the late James "Jimmy" C. Hedgepath and of Collins Street died Thursday at her residence. Mrs. Hedgepath was born in Conway, a daughter of the late Davis Alton Stevens and late Doris Mitchell Hardee Stevens. She graduated from Conway High School in 1961, received her BA from Winthrop College in 1965 followed by a Masters Plus 30 degree from the University of South Carolina. Prior to retirement, she had a career of teaching that spanned 35 years, teaching in several high schools in South Carolina with most of her career at Conway High School. Mrs. Hedgepath served as Chair of the English Department at Conway High School for many years and was the 1992-1993 Teacher of the Year for Horry County. She served as the sponsor of the CHS cheerleading squad for many years. The highlight of her teaching career was the opportunity to testify before US Congress. Mrs. Hedgepath was also a member of the Spadoni School of Education Board at Coastal Carolina University.

Mrs. Hedgepath was a long standing member of First United Methodist Church in Conway where she served in many roles. She served as a former chair of the Staff Pastor Parish Committee and had taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and had served on the Alter Guild. Mrs. Hedgepath was a graduate of the Bible Study Fellowship Program.

Mrs. Hedgepath served her community by volunteering with the Shepherds Table, City of Conway Lakeside Cemetery Committee and Horry County

Historical Society. She was an active leader and President of the 1961 Class Reunion Committee. Mrs. Hedgepath loved working, gardening, traveling, reading, volunteering and spending quality time with her twin granddaughters who fondly referred to her as "Mickey". She was preceded in death by a twin brother, Davis N. Stevens.

Surviving are: one son, William F. Hedgepath, II of Florence; one daughter, Catherine H. Dingle and her husband Alvin A. "Beau" Dingle, III; her older brother, Davis Henry Stevens and his wife Sally of Georgetown; two granddaughters, Mary Mitchell Dingle and Anna Altman Dingle of Conway; a sister-in-law, Laura G. Burns of Darlington and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 3 PM Sunday from First United Methodist Church in Conway with Rev. Mac Kinnett and Rev. Carl Harris officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends in the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church, Conway from 1:30 until 2:30 PM Sunday.

Memorials may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105-2794.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 25.** 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Conway  
1001 5th Avenue  
Conway, SC 29526  
<http://www.fumcconway.org/>

## Service

**MAR 25.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BW

“*Mrs. Hedgepath was an exemplary teacher and guide and role model for years of students at Conway High School and beyond. Her passing is a loss for the community at large. Some of my fondest memories of high school took place in her class and lessons she taught at the time of critical thinking, analysis and writing will last my lifetime. My condolences to her children and extended family.*

*Brett Wilson, class of 1980, Conway High School*

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**Brett Wilson** - April 08, 2012 at 08:15 PM

MS

“*Marvadean Beverly Stanley lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath*



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**Marvadean Beverly Stanley** - March 27, 2012 at 09:50 AM

TA

“*Mrs. Hedgepath was my English Teacher when I was a student many years ago. She was a true motivator for me. She always knew just what to say and do to make learning fun. I loved having her as a teacher and have thought of her often. I am praying for comfort for her family. I am so blessed to have known her.*

*Tammy Collins Adams  
C/O 1980 CHS*

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**Tammy Adams** - March 26, 2012 at 10:52 PM

SW

“ *"This world is not conclusion  
A sequel stands beyond--  
Invisible as music  
Yet positive as sound" ---Emily Dickinson*

*Doris Hedgepath was a teacher, inspiration, mentor and friend. She cared about me as a learner AND as a person. Her example has always resonated through my own life as a teacher. I will miss her, and I will pray for comfort for her family. We were all blessed to have known her.*

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**Sherri Woodward** - March 26, 2012 at 06:16 PM

KB

“ I can not begin to say how sad I am to see our beloved Mrs. Hedgepath leave us so early. She was a wonderful teacher and a mentor to her students. She was firm but always kind. She had high expectations of her students, and we couldn't help but want to please her. I wrote my very first full-on term paper for her class in 11th grade--she walked us through every step and worked us hard but she taught us how to write a paper! Kids i knew from other schools did not have the privilege of having a teacher who was determined that her students get as much out of her class as possible.



I remember her stories she told us about her teen and early college years--how she and her friend cried over an Ernest Hemingway movie--I think it was "The Sun Also Rises". She told us about life lessons learned in college. And she told us she wore nail polish to protect her nails from the chalk. She was a left-hander, so when she wrote on the board, it was easy to take notes!

She was a great teacher, smart, kind, cute, and perky--what more could a student ask for?

We'll miss you, Mrs. Hedgepath! See you in heaven when we get there later!

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**Kelly Black** - March 26, 2012 at 10:56 AM

DP

“ Diana Graham Parker lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath



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**Diana Graham Parker** - March 26, 2012 at 10:15 AM

DP

*Mrs. Hedgepath was a wonderful English teacher. I enjoyed her class in Honors English at Conway High School. She is one of the many teachers who inspired me to become an educator. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.*

*Diana Graham Parker*

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**Diana Graham Parker** - March 26, 2012 at 10:18 AM

CM

“ *I hadn't seen her in years, but I'll always remember Ms. Hedgepath from my childhood as a wonderful friend and great person. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.* ”

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**Christian Massey** - March 26, 2012 at 09:48 AM

DC

“ *Danny & Cindy Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath* ”



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**Danny & Cindy Calhoun** - March 26, 2012 at 07:43 AM

BW

“ *Betty Way lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath* ”



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**Betty Way** - March 25, 2012 at 06:35 PM

ST

“ I loved Ms. Hedgepath! She was the reason I stuck with Honors English when transitioning from middle to high school. I talked to her about it when I was in 8th grade, and she made me PROMISE that I'd take Honors English so she could teach me. I was so glad I did, too. Ms. Hedgepath was an incredible teacher! I think she was one of the most positive influences on many, many students at CHS. I am so sorry for her family's loss. Please know I will be thinking of and praying for you all in the coming months.

~Sara Millus Tyler

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Sara Millus Tyler - March 25, 2012 at 03:59 PM

DS

“ I will always remember Doris by her bright and shining smile. She was always so loving and kind to all she served at The Shepherd's Table and to me as well. I remember her telling me...don't you ride those bicycles...they make you fall! She was an inspiration to me and all those whose life she touched. I will look for you in Heaven Mrs. Doris and know you will be among those to welcome me home one day. You will be missed. Catherine...we will be praying for you and your family. God is with us.

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Dee Shearin - March 25, 2012 at 12:44 PM

DS

“ Dee Shearin lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath



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Dee Shearin - March 25, 2012 at 12:42 PM

DD

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**Dorothy Jordan Dunn** - March 25, 2012 at 09:51 AM

CR

*She was as beautiful as a Angel on the inside and out...*

**Claudine Rabon** - June 22, 2015 at 11:39 AM

RE

“ *To the family of Ms. Hedgepath, I am so sorry for your loss!!! She was an incredible lady. She taught me at Conway High School many years ago, and the one thing that she taught me most is that because it's hard, you do not quit! You buckle down, and make it happen because she believe that I had the ability to do so!!! She was definatly one of those teachers that make a difference in young lives, and for that, I am so ever indebted!!! Thank you for sharing her with us!!! I pray that you cherish the memories of her and that those memories, and God's grace will get you through this difficult time!!*

**Renee Norris Elvis** - March 25, 2012 at 09:06 AM

PY

“ *Paula Yoongs lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath*



**Paula Yoongs** - March 25, 2012 at 08:00 AM

AH

“ Praying for your family during this time of loss. God is the Comforter!

*Steve, Amanda, and Chase Harrington*

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**Amanda J. Harrington** - March 24, 2012 at 09:50 PM

CP

“ Cecily Proveaux-Moorefield lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath



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**Cecily Proveaux-Moorefield** - March 24, 2012 at 09:26 PM

TA

“ Mrs. Hedgepath was an excellent English teacher and a wonderful cheerleading coach. I never forgot her over the 30+ years since my HS graduation. Since she was no doubt very instrumental in my career choice as a writer (Instructional Designer). My condolences to her family and may she rest in peace. Terri Jo Singleton, Conway High c/o1980



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**Terri Jo Singleton Alexander** - March 24, 2012 at 09:24 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry for your sudden loss, my prayers are with your family now and in time to come.

*Melissa Fox McNeely*

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**Melissa Fox McNeely** - March 24, 2012 at 08:31 PM

TF

“ Tammy Fogner lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath



Tammy Fogner - March 24, 2012 at 08:01 PM

JH

“ I was lucky enough to have had Ms.Hedgepath teach me AP english for two years and she also taught my son. What a wonderfully kind and patient Lady she was.I think of her often and see the smile she seem to always have on her face! My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. God bless you all,

Jessica Ridgle Hatoway - March 24, 2012 at 06:52 PM

GF

“ Gayle K. Fanshaw lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath



Gayle K. Fanshaw - March 24, 2012 at 06:52 PM

GF

*Doris was a great teacher and a wonderful person, she will be greatly missed at FUMC. My prayers go out to Will, Catherine and the family. Another angel gets her wings. RIP Doris, we love you!*

Gayle K. Fanshaw - March 24, 2012 at 06:58 PM

JH

“ Jessica Ridgle Hatoway lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath



Jessica Ridgle Hatoway - March 24, 2012 at 06:33 PM

MH

“ Makeda Hunter lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath



Makeda Hunter - March 24, 2012 at 05:22 PM

PJ

“ Peggy James Johnson lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath



Peggy James Johnson - March 24, 2012 at 05:14 PM

SR

“ Sheila Lewis Rackley lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath



Sheila Lewis Rackley - March 24, 2012 at 05:09 PM

AC

“ *Ms. Hedgepath was a wonderful teacher and mentor. She was my teacher and later I had the privilege to teach with her at Conway High. She was always so supportive. My prayers are with Catherine and Will and the family!* ”



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**Angela Calhoun** - March 24, 2012 at 04:59 PM

WR

“ *Winifrede H. Richardson lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath* ”



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**Winifrede H. Richardson** - March 24, 2012 at 03:08 PM

BH

“ *Bonnie Jordan Hucks lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath* ”



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**Bonnie Jordan Hucks** - March 24, 2012 at 02:07 PM

BH

*Catherine, Will and the Hedgepath family,*

*Doris was a special friend of mine. We grew up together, in the same neighborhood, same classes at school, elementary and high school, served on the 1961 class reunion committee together and also worked together at Conway High for 23 years. She was a wonderful teacher, friend and mentor to my daughter, Tammy Hucks. She was the greatest and will be greatly missed. May you find comfort in knowing that Heaven is richer because another wonderful angel went home and you can meet her again one day! I love you, Doris! RIP.*

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**Bonnie Jordan Hucks** - March 25, 2012 at 08:21 AM

DD

“ *Dorothy Dunn lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath*



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**Dorothy Dunn** - March 24, 2012 at 01:31 PM

DD

*Our thoughts are with all of the family,*

*Danny had gone to school with Doris, and I had worked with her at ACCC for a number of years. She was more than just a friend to us, we will surely miss her!*

*Danny & Dorothy Dunn*

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**Dorothy J Dunn** - March 24, 2012 at 08:31 PM

V'

“ *Vickie Sue Johnson Cooper (Class Of '61) lit a candle in memory of Doris Hedgepath*



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**Vickie Sue Johnson Cooper (Class of '61)** - March 24, 2012 at 01:20 PM