



## Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande

April 17, 1929 - January 22, 2023

Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande, 93, was greeted home by Jesus Christ on January 22, 2023.

Elsie, as she preferred to be called, was born in Columbia, South Carolina a daughter of the late Lawrence Erskin Becknell and Cora Lee Davis. She was a graduate of University High School in 1946. She was a member of Jackson Creek Baptist Church in Columbia, SC for over 70 years where she taught Sunday School for 46 years and served as church secretary for several years. With her beautiful alto voice she would sing in a church choir for 76 years. She would also volunteer for many years with the American Red Cross. After moving to Loris, SC she would become an "honorary member" of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Conway, SC. She delighted in reading her bible daily and would have read from Genesis to Revelation many times each year.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her husband, John W. A. LeGrande; one brother, John A. Becknell; three sisters, Betty Welch, Frances Rich, and Peggy Buss.

Surviving are her six children; Karen LeGrande of Columbia, Steve LeGrande of Lexington, Michelle LeGrande Hawkins (Keith) of Easley, David LeGrande (Betty) of Elgin, Susan LeGrande Kelley (Alvin) of Walhalla and Gayle LeGrande Steele (Chuck) of Lexington; eleven grandchildren; Kevin A.

Braswell (Renee), Kerry Howard, Cory LeGrande, Kevin LeGrande, Zack Hawkins, Nick Hawkins (Grace), DJ LeGrande, Katie LeGrande, Leonard "Len" Kelley III (fiance Lindsay Dodd), Colby Steele (Miranda) and Dillon Steele; seven great-grandchildren; Joshua Howard, Jacob Howard, Johnathan Howard, Raegan Hawkins, Nora Steele, Ella Steele and Olivia Hawkins; precious niece, Denise Lenore and nephews, Herman Rich, Phillip Rich and Larry Rich. Extended adopted family; like a sister, Florence Barnhill; like her own grandchildren; Paula Scheiderer, Amy Scheiderer and Ethan Scheiderer.

Services will be held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on January 25, 2023 at 3:00 pm with visitation one hour prior. Graveside service will be at Jackson Creek Baptist Church on January 26, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Rev. Mack Hutson will be officiating. The family will gather with friends following the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to a veterans support group or the Gideon's. Elsie also asks, now that she has passed, that we make sure she never votes democrat.

Goldfinch Funeral Home Loris Chapel and Shives Funeral Home, Columbia, SC will be handling the services.

# Previous Events

## Service

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

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
6907 Highway 905  
Conway, SC 29526

## Graveside Service

JAN **26**. 2:00 PM.

Jackson Creek Baptist Church

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Kerry Howard lit a candle in memory of Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande



Kerry Howard - January 26, 2023 at 10:07 PM

MH

“ Michelle LeGrande Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande



Michelle LeGrande Hawkins - January 24, 2023 at 06:05 PM

DL

“ Aunt Elsie regularly prayed for each of us. When her sister, our mom was dying, she would bake fresh bread and bring us Pimento cheese to make sandwiches. Not only delicious but her love for us has helped us stay steady after mom passed!

Denise Lenore - January 24, 2023 at 04:21 PM

MH

Thank you Denise. Mama always loved visiting with you in person and on the phone.

Michelle Hawkins - January 25, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande.



January 24, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - January 24, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ Kevin, Renee & Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God encamp his angels around about you and give you comfort and peace. Be encouraged in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Sammy Branton - January 24, 2023 at 12:08 PM



Thank y'all ❤️

Kevin Braswell - January 24, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande.*



January 24, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Elsie was a true friend. I met Elsie at church and we became great friends. She always amazed me how she could recall names and remember things from years past. She always shared her fruitcake with friends and continued to pray for us all. She will really be missed. My prayers go out to all her family.*

**Vi Beebe** - January 23, 2023 at 04:07 PM



*Thank you for being a sweet friend to her. You dropping everything to come visit her in the hospital just blessed my heart!*

**Kevin Braswell** - January 24, 2023 at 10:30 PM



*Thank you Vi. She loved you.*

**Michelle Hawkins** - January 25, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ *Lois Carter lit a candle in memory of Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande*



**Lois Carter** - January 23, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande.*



January 23, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Kevin & Renee , Mrs Elsie was a precious sweet lady. She always gave me a word of encouragement or a compliment. I wish she had been able to sing in the choir i would have been honored to stand beside her. Love you both and praying for strength to get you through the days ahead. Berklin & Terri Gause*

**Terri Gause** - January 23, 2023 at 02:57 PM



*Thank you and love y'all ❤️*

**Kevin Braswell** - January 24, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ *Susan Kelley lit a candle in memory of Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande*



**Susan Kelley** - January 23, 2023 at 02:47 PM

BH

“ *Billy & Lois Hardee lit a candle in memory of  
Elsie Ruth Becknell LeGrande*



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**Billy & Lois Hardee** - January 23, 2023 at 02:28 PM

BH

*She was a special lady who was a great inspiration to us all. Will miss her sweet little voice. RIP Ms. Elsie.*

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**Billy & Lois Hardee** - January 23, 2023 at 02:34 PM

BD

*Mrs Elsie was special Lady, it was always a pleasure to see her in church. She always had a kind word for everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, especially Kevin and Renee. We pray that with love God will fill the void in your home and hearts.  
Becky and Van Duncan*

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**Becky & Van Duncan** - January 24, 2023 at 09:54 AM