



## Estelle Smith Graham Wright

November 30, 1921 - March 20, 2019

Loris... Estelle Smith Graham Wright, age 97, passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Estelle was a native of Horry County, SC, and lived there all of her life. Her parents were the late David Earl Smith and Lucille Mishoe Smith. She was a graduate of Aynor High School, and after attending Berry College (Rome, GA) and Furman University (Greenville, SC), she taught school for 23 years in Horry County. She was predeceased by her first husband, Horace Graham of Loris, and her second husband, Fulton Wright of Tabor City, NC, as well as her son, Bobby Graham of Houston, TX. Her siblings included Flora Mae Smith Jernigan of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Raymond Smith of Conway, Irma Smith Thomas of North Charleston, Keith Smith of Aynor, Eleanor Smith Taylor of North Charleston, and LeReta Smith Craven of Charleston.

Throughout her life, Estelle was active in volunteer endeavors and civic affairs in her home town of Loris. She was elected to the Loris City Council in January, 1994, and continued to serve her community in that capacity for a total of 20 years until her retirement from public office in 2014. During her years on the City Council, she was instrumental in the renovation of City Hall and in 2002 served on the Loris Centennial Committee in the celebration of Loris' 100 years of incorporation. Her centennial gift was the stately Town Clock, which stands in the center of Loris as a testament to her love of and

dedication to her community.

Estelle gave generously of her time and talents. Her extensive volunteer work included teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir for many years at Trinity Baptist Church and Loris First Baptist Church. She also served as a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary at the Loris Hospital, and volunteered with the United Way of Horry County, the Red Cross Blood Bank, the American Heart Association, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Concerned Citizens' Operation Reach-Out.

She was recognized by the town of Loris and the state of South Carolina numerous times for her many contributions. She was awarded the Loris Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2010, and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. In 2003, she received recognition by the SC Senate and House of Representatives for dedication to her community and the citizens of Horry County.

After being widowed, Estelle greatly valued her friends, in particular, Ila Wright and Odetha Strickland. She felt deep appreciation for them and others who helped her along the way.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel with Rev. Douglas Craven officiating. Burial will follow in the Twin City Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 1:00-1:45 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home prior to the service.

In lieu of memorials, give to someone in need.

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

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel is serving the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Twin City Memorial Gardens

1830 Highway 701 North  
Loris, SC 29569

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 23. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel  
1011 Highway 9 Business East  
Loris, SC 29569  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

LC

“ You have always been Mrs. Graham to me. I am 74 years old and you were my 1st & 2nd grade teacher at Halls Island Elementary School near Hwy 9. Sorry to hear of your passing but I will never forget you as a fond teacher. God bless your family & friends.  
Lynda Prince Chipps

Lynda Prince Shannon Chipps - April 02, 2019 at 01:40 AM

BC

“ Aunt Estelle you were always a caring person and I love you and will miss you. God Bless.  
Bart Craven

Bart Craven - March 23, 2019 at 08:20 PM

DP

“ Aunt Estelle, I am going to miss you so very much. Thank you for taking care of my mom and me when we needed it. You are a special lady and now you're reunited with your family your mom and dad and your siblings. Please give my mama hug for me. I love you so very much, Denise ❤️

Denise Pendley - March 21, 2019 at 09:13 PM

HP

“ Aunt Estelle, you have and always will be special to me. I love visiting your house. I will miss you more than you will ever know. Tell my granddaddy and grandmomma I love them. And I will be with you all one day. Much Love Hope Smith Prince



hope prince - March 21, 2019 at 08:16 PM

LH

“ I had the honor and pleasure of serving three terms on Lorris City Council with Mrs. Wright. She was a true servant and a very gracious lady. We have lost an outstanding citizen.

*Lewis C. Hardee Jr.*

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**Lewis C. Hardee** - March 21, 2019 at 02:19 PM

CJ

*I have known Mrs. Estelle my entire 28 years at City Hall. She was very loving and kind. I pray God will bless you all at this difficult time.*

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**Cynthia Jones** - March 21, 2019 at 05:44 PM

DN

*Ms. Estelle was the most loving relative in my family. She always remembered that I wanted to be her daughter and I learned so much from her when Horace Graham took us on a trip to the North Carolina mountain gala. Estelle could cook, work, teach and bless so many of the Smith Family, and others. She copied the family tree from the middle of her Bible just for me. I know I will always know Cousin Estelle as a mother and leader in SC.*

*She passed away on my sister Barbara Walters birthday. I will always love her for love to all Walters family.*

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**Dr, Gwendolyn Walters Neighbors** - April 07, 2019 at 07:15 PM

KW

“ To the family of Ms. Estelle, my prayers go out to each of you at the loss of this gracious lady on earth. I have very many fond memories of her in my years that I had the opportunity to know her. My Mom did Ms. Estelle's hair for years. I am sure Mom is greeting her in that glorious realm that we all yearn to see one day.

*Kerry Prince-Wright*

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**Kerry P Wright** - March 21, 2019 at 11:42 AM



JV

“ *Our sincere condolences to all of Mrs. Estelle’s family. She will be missed by her family, friends and the community. She touched the lives of many. Rest In Peace. Jimmy & JoAnn Vaught*

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**Jimmy & JoAnn Vaught** - March 20, 2019 at 09:52 PM