



James Martin

May 22, 1923 - May 6, 2011

Conway...Mrs. James Theodore Parson Martin, age 87, of Elbow Road died Friday, May 6, 2011 at her residence after struggling for almost 15 years with after effects of a stroke and cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. Martin was born May 22, 1923 in the Henry community of Williamsburg County, SC, a daughter of the late James Edward and Nora Lilly Jane Pope Parson. She spent her early years growing up on the cotton mill villages of McColl, SC where she attended elementary school. In 1937, her father brought the family to the Williams Hill community of Georgetown County, where they sharecropped.

On November 16, 1941, she married Leo Joseph Martin, Sr. of the Pawley Swamp community who she met during memorable visits to her uncle and aunt Dock and Adria Pope Beverlys. She and Leo lived in Horry County until they moved to Georgetown shortly after the death of their 9 month old son, Robert Wayne Martin in 1951. She worked at the Georgetown Laundry for 26 years.

In 1989, she and Leo moved back to Horry County, where she was a member of Pauley Swamp Baptist Church. She spent her last years working hard in her yard and cooking for her family. Since her stroke, she loved to testify to anyone and everyone how good the Lord had been to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and infant son as well as a sister, Olene Parson Cooper; a brother, Don Parson and two half sisters, Ella Parson Howell and Sulla Parson Hannah.

Surviving are her children Leo Joseph "Joe" Martin, Jr. and his wife Dolores of Conway, Barbara Ann Martin Sessions and her husband Wesley of Conway Mitchell Graydon "Grady" Martin and his wife Irene of Yauhannah, James Franklin "Frankie" Martin of Sumter, and Roger Dale Martin and his wife Susan of Myrtle Beach; grandchildren, Christie Sessions Carver and her husband David, Mike Martin, Mitchell Martin, Kelly Martin Holmes, Mark Martin, Clint Martin, Jennifer Martin Hungerford and husband Noah, Suzanne Martin Rogers and her husband Mark, Paige Martin and Mary Nora Martin; great grandchildren, Michelle and Traci Carver and Tabatha and Calista Holmes.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Monday from Pawley Swamp Baptist Church with Rev. Terrance Grainger officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Sunday.

Memorials may be sent to Agape Hospice 128 A Professional Park Drive, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

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“ *She was my dear friend we use to work in her flowers and talk for hours, She was like my mother. I love to hear talk about her life. I love you Mrs Martin and will never forget you.*

Lola PS Give Buddy a hug for me till we meet again

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