



Martha Owens Howe

December 10, 1937 - February 25, 2023

Martha Ann Owens Howe passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Saturday, February 25, 2023. She was born on December 10, 1937 to the late Burbage and Mamie Owens in Conway, SC. She was predeceased by her much loved younger brother, Durwood Owens. In the days before her death, she smiled and said there was going to be a party in heaven when she joined him and her parents.

Martha graduated from Winthrop University with her Bachelor and Master degrees in Education. She began her teaching career in Spartanburg and Charleston before moving to Myrtle Beach in the mid-60s where she spent the vast number of her 33 years teaching high school business courses. She was a beloved teacher, Junior Class advisor, and FBLA advisor, taking students to regional and national competitions. Throughout most of her teaching career, she was a member of the SC Aloha Epsilon chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa. Following her retirement, she was a member of the Lioness Club of Conway, later reconstituted as Women of Hope of Horry County, and served many years as their Social Secretary. She was a longtime member of Ocean View Baptist Church, a participant in Bible Study Fellowship, and more recently enjoyed the Women's Bible Study at Belin Memorial United Methodist Church. Martha was fiercely devoted to her family, instilling in her children a strong work ethic and dedication to caring for one another through thick and thin. She met Bill, her husband of nearly 58 years, in Charleston, SC, and they built a home together in Myrtle Beach that has been a place for family and friends to

gather over five decades for pool parties, late dinners, and long hours in the kitchen playing cards and Rummikub and talking into the wee hours of morning. She has always been known as a "classy lady" with Southern manners who taught her children early how to set a table and follow etiquette! Her role as Grammy has been one of great joy to her and her grandchildren. She is survived by her loving husband, William "Bill" Howe; daughters, Tracey Freeman (Doug) and Melissa "Missy" Whaley (Brian); grandchildren, Rachael Freeman, Madison Freeman, Morgan Whaley, and Brennan Whaley; great-grandson, Wallace Freeman; sisters-in-law, Connie Owens and Ruth Barrett, and beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 1 pm at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Conway with the service at 2 pm in the chapel. A brief graveside service will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The family would like to express our deep appreciation to the staff of Dr. Winston McIver and Dr. William Jackson, as well as Promedica Hospice for their wonderful and compassionate care.

Please sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Funeral Service will be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/2983548>

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Interment

MAR 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Tracy, I am so sorry for your loss. When I think of my time at MBHS, it seems like she was always there with a smile and a friendly “good morning” upon arriving each day. And such a classy, classy lady. I wish you and your family the best,

Stephen Bellamy

Stephen Bellamy - March 18, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Owens Howe.



March 04, 2023 at 01:54 PM

SR

“ Mrs Howe was a wonderful person and neighbor, a child of God, she made a difference in many lives over the years in many different ways. We pray for the family, that the Lord will comfort you all knowing that she is with the Lord. She will be with you in your hearts and thoughts in days to come.

We serve a Loving, Powerful God, and praise the Lord that we will see her again in heaven.

John 3:16 and John 14:3-6 Jesus goes to prepare us a place.

Our thoughts and prays for the family that God comfort you all in the days ahead. Ephesians 2:8

Susanne and Lee Riley

Susanne and Lee Riley - March 04, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Owens Howe.



March 03, 2023 at 07:14 AM



“ Cherrie Fowler purchased the A Full Life for the family of Martha Owens Howe.



Cherrie Fowler - March 01, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ Mrs. Howe along with Bill have been wonderful neighbors for over 30 years. After her official retirement, she also was gracious enough to substitute for me in HCS. Everyone, including myself, adored her love life especially her love for children, her family & church. Her vast experiences & expertise were reached by few others. This wonderful “Southern Bell” sure left her mark on sooo many! May she RIP & enjoy her new heavenly home. Condolences to the entire family!

harry.dubose@yahoo.com - February 28, 2023 at 02:36 PM

PW

“ *Mr. Bill, Tracey and Missy, I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Martha was such a special person in my life. I spent a lot of my childhood years with her. She treated me like a daughter and influenced my life in many ways. Mrs Martha was a true christian lady. My love to you all.*

Patricia Bostic West

Patricia B. West - February 28, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha Owens Howe.*



February 28, 2023 at 12:56 PM

KU

“ *Tracey and Missy, I am so sorry for the loss of Martha Ann. I loved my time spent with her over the years. Love you all*

Kristi Updegraff - February 28, 2023 at 10:14 AM

MC

“ Mrs. Howe was always the epitome of a southern lady; well-spoken, stylishly dressed, deeply faithful, and genuinely kind.

I cannot think of a single time, in all of the years I've known her, that she did not have a smile on her beautiful face.

Heaven is certainly celebrating Martha Howe's arrival!

Lots of love to the family.

Mary Cannon

Mary B Cannon - February 28, 2023 at 07:50 AM

MH

“ Mrs. Howe was a beautiful, Godly and classy lady! I learned so much from her in her typing class at MBHS! To this day, I still think of the techniques she taught that help me now. She was a wonderful lady, and I'm thankful to have known her! God bless her family! Heaven just got a good one! ❤️🙏❤️

Meri Beth Howard - February 28, 2023 at 01:56 AM

KH

“ Martha was a very special lady and a good friend to me many years ago, and although our paths took us apart, I always admired her so very much. She made a positive impression on all who knew her, and was a loving and giving person with a love for life and family. I am so lucky to have known her, and she will be missed by so many.

Katie Howell - February 27, 2023 at 07:31 PM

WS

Such a sweet lady. Enjoyed teaching with her @ MBHS. My condolences to her family.

Wanda Siler - February 28, 2023 at 07:02 AM

JC

*Mrs Howe was a role model for her students and peers. She was a positive influence on many lives.
Just a wonderful person!*

jay cantey - February 28, 2023 at 09:05 AM

RC

*An inspiring teacher to both colleagues and students.
Enjoyed my years teaching with her. My thoughts and prayers go to her family. Rohrann collum*

Rohrann Collum - February 28, 2023 at 11:37 PM