



Martha L. Kress McCullough

February 26, 2026 - May 24, 2026

Martha L. (Kress) McCullough 94, of Garden City, SC. Died Sunday May 24, 2026 in

National Healthcare Garden City.

She was born February 26, 1932, in Pittsburgh, Pa. A daughter of the late John and Ruth

Bradshaw Kress.

Martha especially enjoyed her adventures with longtime friend, Nancy Yongue. She loved

her church and spending time with the women of Mary Baker Circle. She especially

enjoyed volunteering with Jason's house, a ministry providing weeklong vacations for

children stricken with cancer.

Though she never had children of her own, she took great pride in helping to raise her five

"surrogate" grandchildren, the Killian Brothers, Justin and Mark and the McFall sisters,

Lynne, Rachel, and Breanna. A love they carry with them to this day.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur B. McCullough;

2 sisters, Dorothy Stauffer and Sara McKelvey; and 2 brothers Robert and John Kress.

She is survived by her nephew, Thomas G. McKelvey (Lisa) of Currie NC, and niece, Ruth A.

Jakiela (Tim) of Murrysville Pa; and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 29, 2026 at Surfside United Methodist Church,

Surfside Beach, SC. .The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery, Conway, SC.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jason's house c/o Surfside United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Surfside United Methodist Church
800 13th Ave N
Surfside Beach, SC 29575
(843) 238-2734

Tribute Wall

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“ Martha not only felt like part of our family, but also made so many of mine and my brother Mark’s fondest childhood memories possible. Feeding the ducks, baking orange cookies, and playing mini golf, are just a few of the memorable moments we shared with Martha that I will always cherish. It is clear from the affection so many people have expressed towards Martha, that she played a similar role in many people’s lives and will be missed. R.I.P. Martha. Love, Justin.

Justin Killian - May 28 at 04:46 PM

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“ One of the happiest days of my life was when Martha and Wilbur answered our babysitter ad. From our first meeting, I knew we hit the lottery. Being a new mother returning to teaching, it was so comforting to know my little Justin was left in such loving hands. Three years later, Martha continued to show her love and kindness while babysitting Mark. Martha and Wilbur remained a part of our family well after Martha’s babysitting duties were over. Those little boys are now in their 40s and still reminisce about the fun times they had with Martha and Wilbur and the love they will always have for them. ❤️
Marcia Killian

Marcia Killian - May 28 at 03:01 PM

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“ Martha has shared her care of Hart and I through her card ministry at Surfside UMC for years. Through deaths, Valentines Day, birthdays and anniversaries, we have received cards from Martha. Her faithful presence, caring calls and well wishes will be greatly missed. She lived and loved well. Now she has eternal and everlasting peace. We have loved being loved by her.
Fonda and Hart Rist

Fonda A. Rist - May 28 at 12:17 PM

DD

“ I was so very fortunate to spend a few years with Martha and Nancy at Surfside UMC and in the Mary Baker circle there. I especially remember the wonderful 93rd birthday lunch for Martha. She blessed our circle by sending cards for birthdays and other special occasions in our lives. I will always remember her kindness and her spunk and think of her with a smile.

Diane Dwyer - May 28 at 09:29 AM

MK

“ From the fresh-baked brownies to all of the little league baseball games she attended to her continued interest in my life as I entered adulthood, Martha was more of a grandmother to me than a nanny. She will be missed, but more importantly, she will always be loved and appreciated.

Mark Killian - May 27 at 05:02 PM

RW

Martha has been our neighbor since Feb. 1984. She made us feel special from day 1. She was a special Lady. We will miss her very much. Love you Richard and Carol Wilburn.

Richard and Carol wilburn - May 28 at 09:57 AM