



Mary Emily Jackson

December 11, 2010

Myrtle Beach Mary Emily Platt Jackson Mary Emily Platt Jackson, wife of the late Nelson Jackson III, of Ocean Lakes Campground, died Saturday, December 11, 2010 at her residence. She was born and raised in Conway, SC, the daughter of the late Mary Cornelia Dusenbury and Dr. Vivian Francis Platt. She graduated from Conway High School before attending Converse College. She graduated from Converse in 1942 with a degree in Voice Performance. She married the love of her life, Nelson Jackson III on June 2, 1942. Their devotion to one another was the foundation to nearly 68 years of marriage. In 1970 Mr. and Mrs. Jackson moved to Myrtle Beach to develop the world-renowned Ocean Lakes Family Campground, which opened on July 2, 1971, with thirty campsites and one bathhouse. Since that time, she and her family built The Jackson Companies into a diversified business enterprise comprised of Ocean Lakes Family Campground, Prestwick Golf & Country Club, Ocean Lakes Properties, Sunway Charters and Tours, Crystal Lake Mobile Home Village, Ocean Lakes RV Center and the master-planned development SayeBrook. She was very active in her community serving on numerous civic boards and organizations. She served in numerous leadership roles with the Peter Horry Chapter of DAR, Chicora Chapter Colonial Dames, Archibald Rutledge Club, Horry County Historical Society, First Presbyterian Women, Friends of Brookgreen Gardens, Long Bay Symphony Board and the Franklin G. Burroughs "Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum Board. Mrs. Jackson received numerous honors for her service to the community and the

state of South Carolina. She and Mr. Jackson shared many accolades together as their partnership impacted the lives of thousands. They were named the 2001 Citizen(s) of the Year by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce; they each received the Order of the Palmetto from Governor Sanford in 2004; the South Carolina House of Representatives named them the District 107 Distinguished Citizens of the Year and designated June 2, 2006 as "Mary Emily and Nelson Jackson Day" in South Carolina; and were both awarded the 2007 Ashby Ward Pioneer(s) of the Year by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Jackson's love for God, her husband and her family were first and foremost. Her passion for music and the arts brought joy and happiness to countless others. She leaves a legacy of goodness, kindness, love and compassion. She will be missed but we know she is united with Nelson now and in a far better place. Mrs. Jackson is survived by her five daughters Mary Emily Jackson Vallarino and husband Manuel of Conway, Laura Jackson Hoy and husband Winston of Myrtle Beach, Kathryn "Kaki" Jackson Williamson and husband Johnny of Denmark, Rachel Jackson Gandy and husband John of Murrells Inlet, and Jeanne Jackson Mize and husband Joe of Columbus, NC; grandchildren Kathryn Hoy Kauffman, Will Hoy and his wife Jennifer, Thomas Hoy, Salley Williamson, John Williamson, Elizabeth Gandy Hall and husband Jonathan, Wilson Gandy and his wife Tippins, Joseph Mize and wife Lindsay, Charlie Mize, Wes Mize, Manuel Vallarino Jr and his wife Ida, Lilia Elisa Navarro and her husband Anibal, Roberto Vallarino and his wife Giovanna and Juan Vallarino and his wife Lisa; great-grandchildren Allison, Peyton, Abigail, Campbell and James; Ines Elvira, Manuel, Susie, Mimi, Lilia, Maria Cristina, Roberto, Humberto, Julio, Mateo, Lucas and Juan. She was preceded in death by her brother Vivian Francis Platt Jr. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach with Dr. Robert C. Wilkes and Dr. Kirk Lawton officiating. The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to all the devoted caregivers that we have been blessed with. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to First Presbyterian

Church of Myrtle Beach music ministries, PO Box 1306, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578. An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Laura and family, I was sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I enjoyed working with her on the Playcard Board years ago. I know you have many special memories to cherish.
Carolyn###imported-begin##Carolyn C. Floyd###imported-end##

December 18, 2010 at 03:47 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. Mary Emily was a very special lady and was loved by all who knew her. I enjoyed my times with her and know that she and Nelson are together with the Lord and at peace. She will be missed.###imported-begin##Eaine Cobb###imported-end##

December 18, 2010 at 03:28 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you we have lost a great friend. She is at home now with Mr J To Live is Christ but to die is gain,###imported-begin##The Danny Kent Family###imported-end##

December 16, 2010 at 09:49 PM



“ To the family of Mrs. Jackson, I want you to know that my prayers and thoughts are with each of you. My Husband and I have enjoyed for the last 17 years that we were lucky enough to have a house at Ocean Lakes Campground. My husband passed away 2 years ago, and I know that he is happy to see Mr & Mrs Jackson in heaven and talking about the good times we have had at this wonderful place. May God bless each of you, and I will again keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers, and May you have a very blessed Christmas. Iris S. Barnhardt##imported-begin##Iris S. Barnhardt##imported-end##

December 16, 2010 at 08:02 PM



“ Emily and Family, We are keeping you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Lynda Lowe & Ernesto Tosso##imported-end##

December 15, 2010 at 09:04 PM



“ We will continue to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Your Friends at the Y.##imported-begin##matt dempski##imported-end##

December 15, 2010 at 11:21 AM



“ Please know that the family has been in my thoughts and prayers. I was blessed to have known Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and want you all to know they were very special to me. Your parents were such a blessing in my life. Psalm 121##imported-begin##Paula Greene##imported-end##

December 14, 2010 at 04:58 PM



“ we just heard about your mom & hope you are doing OK...we will see you when you get back to denmark###imported-begin###robert hurst###imported-end##

December 14, 2010 at 03:39 PM



“ We had only recently joined the "family" of Ocean Lakes...as campers. We enjoyed the Christian/family atmosphere that Mrs. Jackson and her late husband had created. I'm certain that she is with her Lord and her husband. We will all reunite with them some sweet day, in heaven. Prayers and thoughts be with the Jackson family, her friends, and the members/staff of Ocean Lakes.###imported-begin###Ronda Harrell and Jesse###imported-end##

December 14, 2010 at 02:57 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of such a wonderful lady. Mary Emily was one of the most gentile Christian ladies that we have ever known. We were blessed to have known her for the past 21 years and to hear her sweet singing voice at past services at Ocean Lakes. We have many fond memories and will always remember her smile and grace.###imported-begin###Bill and Kerrie Marquart###imported-end##

December 14, 2010 at 12:17 PM



“ I met Nelson and Mary Emily in Tryon, 1954, when my dad began working at Jackson&Jackson. I have fond memories of them both. May you have comfort in your memories and peace from your faith.##imported-begin##Lorraine Oakley Edwards##imported-end##

December 14, 2010 at 11:21 AM



“ It was a great pleasure to know Ms. Jackson, what a wonderful lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family and may God bless you all.##imported-begin##Bill Skipper and Family##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 10:19 PM



“ Mary Emily was a kind, fun loving, considerate, classy, wonderful wife, and mother of 5 tremendous daughters. Her job is done down here (Nelson must be misbehaving in heaven and God needs help obviously). We will truly miss not being able to just drop by their home for a quick visit. She and Nelson complimented each other like no other couple I've known. Their legacy continues on through their children and grandchildren.##imported-begin##George Hallen##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 01:38 PM



“ Jackson Family, First met your Dad in '73 when we put a home in campground. First met your Mom when I was working in her garden for landscaping, which I still do seasonally. Two exceptional people that have brought a lot of happy family memories to thousands of people. My Family has been blessed to have enjoyed such memories and still do especially my son Greg. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole Jackson Family. Warmest Regards, Warren & Lila Bender##imported-begin##warren/Lila Bender##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 01:17 PM



“ Dearest Family, I practically grew up in Ocean Lakes during my summer breaks. And now I'm 35 and a Mother of a 6yr old little girl who spends her summers there too! What a Blessing and Beautiful Home your parents provided for so many of us. The family values, and kindness, and familiar faces will always be truly appreciated. I can only be happy that now they are together again...as they should be...in an even more Beautiful place. Together Forever. Peace & Love to you all! Jenny & Genesis Weaver A3##imported-begin##Jenny Weaver##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 11:58 AM



“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the death of Mary Emily. She was a warm, caring woman and it was a privilege to know her. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the Jackson family.##imported-begin##David and Susan Halmrast##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 11:04 AM



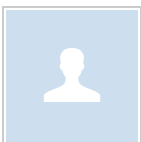
“ It is my sincere prayer that you find comfort in your faith, Strength in the love of family and friends- And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7* \t With Sympathy, Interim Sheriff, Barbara Walters Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office###imported-begin##Barbara Walters, Interim Sheriff###imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 11:02 AM



“ Dear Jackson Girls, Emma Lou and I will be unable to see you tomorrow so we want you to know we are thinking of you all. We hope the four Johnson girls will have as much to be thankful for when we leave this earth as you all do now that your parents have moved on to a much better place. What a blessing to be a part of a great loving family. Conway is proud to be the home town of your wonderful mother. As you know better than us, she was one of a kind. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Emma Lou and Jimmy Johnson###imported-begin##Jimmy Johnson###imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 10:49 AM



“ May the good memories you mother left behind, guide you through this sad time. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Love, Nancy L. Hayes###imported-begin##Nancy L. Hayes###imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 09:55 AM



“ To all of your beautiful family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. What a joyous celebration must be taking place when she arrives!##imported-begin##June chestnut##imported-end##

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“ Scott and I send our deepest sympathies to your family and hope you find some comfort in your loss. Mary Emily was a fine lady. She loved the DAR and we shared also a love of pharmacy. I will miss her presence and miss her resolve. Leigh Everett##imported-begin##Scott and Leigh Everett##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 09:28 AM



“ Dear Emily Jackson Vallarino and other family members accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. During this time of grief may Christ comfort you. Yours, Andy Beatson a classmate in high School.##imported-begin##Alexander "Andy" Beatson##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 08:40 AM



“ It was a honor to have known Ms. Mary Emily. She was a beautiful "Southern Lady" who loved life and her family, including her Ocean Lakes family. The birthday luncheons with her will always be a bright memory in my life. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jimmy and Elaine Elrod##imported-end##

December 13, 2010 at 08:18 AM



“ Please accept this expression of Christian love and sympathy at your loss. May the peace of God comfort you and the grace of God give you assurance that your loved one is in a better place that her Lord has prepared for all who love Him. God bless you in this time of grief and give you hope of brighter days ahead.##imported-begin##David A. Wilson##imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 02:36 PM



“ With our deepest sympathy. Long time campers. We winter on site 4128f##imported-begin##John & Josephine Taylor##imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 01:41 PM



“ This is such a sad time for friends and family of Mary Emily. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. We will treasure the fond memories of her. I met the Jackson family when I started working with Ocean Lakes Security department in 1991 and continued when I opened up Surfside Hair Center where they both came. She put a smile on everyone's face when she entered the room. She was such a caring and sweet lady who will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.##imported-begin##Linda Atkins##imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 01:14 PM



“ Dear Rachel and John and family, My heart just aches for your loss. Mary Emily was such a Gracious Lady and I thoroughly enjoyed being with her. I loved watching her try to keep Nelson in check at our campground conventions. Our Campground Family has dwindled so much and this is one of our greatest losses. However, I know that God needs Mary Emily to help keep Nelson out of mischief! My love and compassion are with all of you at this time. Remember all the good times and cherish those memories. Barbara Hammond Williams###imported-begin##Barbara Hammond Williams###imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 01:14 PM



“ To the Jackson Family Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Mrs. Jackson was such a kind and lovely Southern lady and will be missed by all.###imported-begin##Deborah and Ted Gilliss###imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 12:50 PM



“ To the Jackson family, We were very sad to hear of Mrs. Jackson's death. She is now with the two she loved so much, God and Mr. Jackson. Mrs. Jackson was such a wonderful person, did so much for the community and others and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.###imported-begin##Art and Mary###imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 12:09 PM



“ I'M SO SORRY TO HEAR OF MRS JACKSON PASSING. MY HEART GOES OUT TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.##imported-begin##JACKIE HERRING PETERSEN##imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 10:18 AM



“ With deepest sympathizes and thanks for all the wonderful memories at Ocean Lakes. Visiting with you Nelson at your home, having a piece of pie with the Johnson in our camper, and the ride in the limo when we ran out of gas. We will dearly miss you. Kermit & Shirley Miller##imported-begin##Kermit & Shirley Miller##imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 10:01 AM



“ To the Jackson family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your mother and father were great friends to our family. As one of my mother's closest friends, Mary Emily always had a kind and encouraging word. We will cherish the memories of the times we had with Mary Emily and Nelson, and the friendship they brought especially to our parents.##imported-begin##jeff and karen johnson##imported-end##

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