



## Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle

June 2, 1955 - October 30, 2020

Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Nye Zirkle, 65 of Myrtle Beach, passed away Friday, October 30, 2020 at home peacefully, surrounded by her loving family. Beth was born in Conway, SC to late David S. Nye, Jr. "Jimmie" and Mary Joyce Hosse Nye - (Nye's Pharmacy). Beth graduated from Conway High School in 1973. She attended Winthrop University and the University of South Carolina-Coastal where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. Beth taught Kindergarten and Special Education in Horry County Schools for twenty-three years and was a loving and encouraging teacher.

Beth had a wonderful life growing up in Conway and spent her summers at the family home "Nyoka" in Murrells Inlet. Possessing an indomitable spirit and a spunky personality, Beth's long beautiful braids were a childhood trademark. Many compared her looks to Laura Ingalls (Little House on the Prairie). Beth was courageous and determined in her battle with cancer.

Beth is survived by her husband, Thomas "Bruce" Zirkle of Myrtle Beach; daughter, Elizabeth Bradford of Sumter, SC; two sons, Matthew (Ashley) Bradford of Conway, SC and Richard Bailey of Myrtle Beach, SC; stepdaughter, Marsha Zirkle of Mt. Pleasant; stepson, Christopher (Melissa) Zirkle of Oceanside, California; three grandchildren, Yvonne Zirkle, Tristin Zirkle and Hunter Zirkle; a sister, Ruth Anne (Jeff) Sanford of Sumter, SC; a brother, David (Phyllis) Nye of Conway, SC; nieces, Anna Louise Sanford

(Hunter) Hicklin, Johnson Nye (Fred) Smith; nephew, Sherwood (Holly) Nye; two special lifelong friends, Donna Helms Cady and Renee Sparks Defalco.

Graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 07, 2020 at Lakeside Cemetery in Conway with the Rev. Rocky Taylor officiating.

Memorials may be made in honor of Beth to First Baptist Church, 603 Elm Street, Conway, SC 29526 or to Eastern Carolina Housing Organization at [echousing.org](http://echousing.org), 407 Broadway St., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lakeside Cemetery  
401 Lakewood Drive  
Conway, SC 29526

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ Dear Ruth Ann, Mama just told me about Beth and her passing. I am so sorry to hear about it. She was always a fun cousin when we went to Nyoka. May the Lord hold you all close as you grieve. Glean comfort not only from him but family and friends. Love and hugs to all. *Becky McMillan Montrose*

Becky MCMILLAN MONTROSE - December 09, 2020 at 04:37 PM

JW

“ Joel Watson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.



Joel Watson - November 05, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.



November 05, 2020 at 08:27 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.



November 05, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JS

“ Bruce, I am so very sorry for your loss. Beth is at peace. It is those left behind that feel the pain. I'm sending a donation to the Eastern Carolina Housing Organization in honor of Beth. You are always welcome for a visit, my sweet cousin.

Julie Smith

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**Julie Smith** - November 05, 2020 at 09:02 AM

AH

“ I am so sorry about Mary. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I will always have beautiful memories growing up In Murrells Inlet with her family. Pure happiness and joy to be around .

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**Amy Peterkin Hall** - November 05, 2020 at 07:04 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.



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November 04, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.



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November 04, 2020 at 08:36 AM

DA

“ David and family-

*I am so sorry to hear about Beth.*

*“May flights of angels sing thee to thou rest”*

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**Denise Applewhite** - November 03, 2020 at 07:52 PM

LC

“ LINDA SULLIVAN & BECKY COOK purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.



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**LINDA SULLIVAN & BECKY COOK** - November 03, 2020 at 12:17 PM

CS

“ Gail and I have been neighbors of Beth and Bruce for 16 years. I called the county about a pot hole in front of my house. The lady I spoke with knew I lived next door to Beth. She asked if I thought Beth was the quiet shy type. I said I know you're not talking about the Beth I know. We both laughed because we knew that Beth was very talkative. A very nice lady. She will be missed. May God bless her and comfort Bruce.

*Craig and Gail Seaman*

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**Craig and Gail Seaman** - November 02, 2020 at 10:24 AM

Connie  
Zirkle

“ *Connie Zirkle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle*



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**Connie Zirkle** - November 01, 2020 at 01:53 PM

RS

“ *ron and kathy smith purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.*



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**ron and kathy smith** - November 01, 2020 at 01:47 PM

BS

“ *So very sorry to hear of this. I know from experience how hard losing a life partner can be. May God comfort and bless you and the family (Bobbie Sullivan, Sumter SC)*

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**Bobbie Sullivan** - November 01, 2020 at 11:47 AM

RT

*I am so sorry to hear of Beth's death. We grew up together at First Baptist Church. My prayers are being lifted up for her family. Rilla*

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**Rilla Thomas** - November 02, 2020 at 08:52 AM

BJ

“ *May her spunkiness and smile live for ever.  
Such a sweet friend. Fly high, Bailey* †



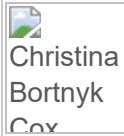
Barbara Javkson - November 01, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.*



November 01, 2020 at 07:38 AM

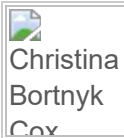


“ *To Matt and Family*

*So Very Sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. I know she is at  
peace now. Thoughts and Prayers go out to you and the family.*

*Seth and Christina Cox.*

Christina Bortnyk Cox - October 31, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ *Christina Bortnyk Cox lit a candle in memory  
of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle*



Christina Bortnyk Cox - October 31, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.*



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October 31, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *We've been blessed to share great times with Beth and Bruce. From chilly Ohio, snowy Colorado, to the hot, sunny shores of St. Lucia and the Cayman Islands we built wonderful memories !!! These will be with us forever as will our love for this beautiful person. Ron and Kathy Smith*

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**ron & kathy smith** - October 31, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *Sallie Sasser Glover lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle*



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**Sallie Sasser Glover** - October 31, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ *We enjoyed meeting you and Beth when you visited Chris and our daughter Melissa. All of us were so saddened to hear of Beths passing. We send our sympathies at such a difficult time. Linda and Bill Schecher*



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**linda and bill** - October 31, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.



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October 31, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Vickie Hughes* lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle



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**Vickie Hughes** - October 31, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *Rose Tribute* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.



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October 31, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle.



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October 31, 2020 at 03:45 PM

JJ

“ *Joyce Jenerette lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Mary Elizabeth Nye Zirkle*



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**Joyce Jenerette** - October 31, 2020 at 03:32 PM