



## Sydney Ferdon

September 23, 2009

Conway-..Sydney Anne Ferdon, age 78, wife of the late Edward James Ferdon, Sr., died Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at Conway Medical Center. "I just can't believe that this beautiful woman has left us", a good friend of Sydney's said the day after she passed. The world has certainly lost one of its brightest, most beautiful people in Sydney's passing, but from this same brightness we are left with a multitude of beautiful images and memories. Her kindness was unending, as was her devotion to her family and friends. Sydney Anne was born in Gaffney, SC â€” the first of Anna Lieze and Ansel Huskey's two children. When Sydney was 5 years old she was blessed with her wonderful sister, Betty Jane. After Ansel's untimely death, the family moved to Sumter where Sydney graduated from Edmunds High School. During a visit on Pawleys Island following her first year at Winthrop College, she met her future husband, Ed Ferdon of Georgetown. During their fifty-eight years of marriage they were loving parents of three sons â€” Edward Ferdon, Jr., Steve Ferdon and Geoffrey Ferdon. She was a Charter Member of Trinity United Methodist Church and remained very active in the church throughout her life. Sydney Ferdon was, to say the least, a saint. She was an inspiration to all. She was so full of love â€” it was contagious. She lived her life with continual selflessness. Her mind was constantly moving and usually its main occupation was how she could help her loved ones with whatever may be going on in their lives at the time â€” even if nothing extraordinary in particular was going on. This was epitomized by her relationship with her family. She

poured countless hours and energy into cooking, sewing, ironing, advising, inspiring, encouraging, praising, and anything else that you could think of - whether it was asked for or not. If she noticed you needed a new dish towel, she'd knit you one. If she thought you might be out of chocolate chip cookie dough, she'd make you a batch. If you seemed down, she'd ask why and tell you she loved you. If she thought that you needed anything at all, it was there before you could even think to ask for it. She stood by her husband during his valiant battle with Parkinson's disease and supported him without limits. Ed dealt with his disease with elegance and grace and was able to do this because of his incredible personality, his faith in God, and his wonderful group of friends; but surely this task would have been insurmountable without the support and partnership of his beautiful wife. To her sons she was an inspiration in so many ways. She gave them a shining example of how to live life to its fullest and through her loving, open, and caring manner taught them the meaning of love. Wife and mother were Sydney's primary roles in life but equally strong was her pleasure in working with people. She was involved in the business world and real estate but she most enjoyed her years at Conway High School where she was an inspirational presence and, more recently, her weekly hours as volunteer at Trinity Methodist Church and the Conway Medical Center. The energy with which she travelled through life was a continual source of amazement for anyone who witnessed it. Although her departure seems much too soon to all of us, the world most surely is a better place for having Sydney here for 78 years. May her love and brightness live on through the lives of those who knew and loved her. Surviving are two sons, Edward James Ferdon, Jr. of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Geoffrey Walsh Ferdon of Asheville, NC; and one sister, Elizabeth Shabel of Hanover, NH. A memorial service will be held 3:00 PM Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Carl Hunsucker and Rev. Leon Newton officiating. The family will receive friends from 2:00 until 3:00 PM Sunday in the church parlor. Memorials may be sent to Trinity United Methodist Church, 198 Long Avenue, Conway, SC 29526. Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Ed and Geoffrey- I can't tell you how sorry I am for your loss. For the last 39 years, every time I saw your Mother, no matter who she was with, she would begin every conversation with, "This is Becky Ricks, Ed Jr.'s 1st. date! As I get older, I more truly value people who knew me when- before I had to grow up and be the grown-up!! Your parent's were the Kennedy's of Conway- the greatest looking, most gracious couple in Conway!!! My heart goes out to you both in your double loss- Your parents had a great influence on me as to how I needed to present myself to the world- as an intelligent educated Horry County girl! Ed, I felt we both made good choices in Furman and Columbia College. Geof- not everybody in Horry County is married to their 1st cousins!! I wish you both the best in the future- with your background, I am sure that is redundant. Again, an icon southern couple is gone, and I will miss them so much. Becky Ricks Floyd###imported-begin##Becky Floyd###imported-end##

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September 28, 2009 at 07:45 PM



“ She was indeed a lovely lady. We will all miss her. Reggie & Sudie###imported-begin##Reggie Daves###imported-end##

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September 28, 2009 at 08:04 AM



“ Dear Family: On behalf of the Volunteer Services at Conway Medical Center, I want to express our deepest condolences to your family. We are very saddened by her passing. She served our organization faithfully for over ten years. She was so proud to receive the Palmetto Award, and in recognition, her name is permanently engraved within our showcase in the lobby of the hospital. Please know that Sydney has left her legacy here and has touched many a heart in this organization. She will be missed. Sincerely, Regina Kastner, Director of Volunteer Services Conway Medical Center###imported-begin###Regina Kastner###imported-end##

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September 27, 2009 at 07:51 AM



“ Geoff: Mrs. Sidney was an incredible person. I hated to hear about your loss. She will be missed by all that knew her. As you are in Ashville, please let me know if there is anything I can help you take care of here. Drew###imported-begin###Drew Hansen###imported-end##

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September 26, 2009 at 11:07 AM



“ YOUR FAMILY HAVE SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART ALL THOSE WONDERFUL YEARS AT GARDEN CITY. WHAT MEMORIES WE HAVE. MY LOVE TO YOU BOTH CAN NOT BE THERE BECAUSE OF BACK PROBLEM BUT WILL BE THINKING ABOUT YOU SUNDAY AT 3:PM###imported-begin###JANE WILKES###imported-end##

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September 26, 2009 at 09:02 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I loved your mother very much.##imported-begin##Evelyn Hammond##imported-end##*

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September 25, 2009 at 02:06 PM



“ *Sydney was a wonderful person and a good friend to my mother and me. I feel terrible for Geoffrey and Ed.##imported-begin##David Bowden##imported-end##*

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September 24, 2009 at 01:03 PM