



## Sylvia Thompson Avant

March 28, 1930 - May 22, 2022

Conway...

Sylvia Thompson Avant, age 92, passed away Sunday, May 22, 2022.

Mrs. Avant was born in Conway a daughter of the late Charles Ringnald Thompson, Sr. and the late Selma Gregg Thompson. She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church of Conway. Mrs. Avant worked for many years as a teacher's assistant with Horry County Schools where she touched the lives of countless young people. She also served as a receptionist at Conway Medical Center but will be most remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Avant was predeceased by her husband, William "Billy" Avant, Jr.; her daughter, Susan Avant Hendrick; and two brothers, Ringnald Thompson, Jr. and David Thompson.

Survivors include one son, Bill Avant (Janice) of Central; three grandchildren, Le Hendrick of Conway, Ellie Avant Gutierrez (Max) of Atlanta, GA, and Will Avant of Atlanta, GA; two great grandchildren, Joey Hendrick of Tucson, AZ and Gabriella Gutierrez of Atlanta, GA; and one daughter-in-law, Diane Kinzer (Matt) of Jasper, GA.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at Hillcrest Cemetery with Rev. David Rickert officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526

## Graveside Service

**MAY 25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Every time I eat cucumbers I think of you! You always welcomed me with open arms. You are one of a kind. I am a better person to of known you.*  
-Megan Miller



Megan Miller - May 26, 2022 at 01:22 PM

GO

“ *Billy my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sylvia aand your dad were special people.* George Oliver

george oliver - May 25, 2022 at 09:50 AM

RB

“ *Rhonda Sanders Butler lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Thompson Avant*



Rhonda Sanders Butler - May 24, 2022 at 06:39 PM

CF

“ *Charles Sasser And Family lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Thompson Avant*



Charles Sasser and Family - May 24, 2022 at 05:08 PM

MR

“ Sylvia’s daughter Susan & I were best friends in school. Sylvia was so much fun & I enjoyed spending time at her home. Sorry to miss her & Susan. 🥺

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**Michelle D Reed** - May 24, 2022 at 02:12 PM

DC

“ Sylvia was a CHS classmate of mine, Class of 1947. In later years we worked together planning class reunions. Not only was she always beautiful but was also a dear, sweet lady and friend. We will always miss her, but her loving spirit will continue to be with us. My condolences to all her family.



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**Dolores Beverly Charles** - May 24, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ Button Boyd lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Thompson Avant



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**Button Boyd** - May 24, 2022 at 12:28 PM

BJ

“ Betty Jordan lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Thompson Avant



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**Betty Jordan** - May 24, 2022 at 11:01 AM

BJ

“ *Bill and family.  
So many memories to remember. Prayers and love to all of you.*

**Betty Jordan** - May 24, 2022 at 11:00 AM

DT

“ *A beautiful lady inside and out. She was one  
of my mother's dearest friends. Prayers for  
comfort for her family and all who loved her.*



**Denise Dozier Tutas** - May 24, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Sylvia Thompson Avant.*



May 24, 2022 at 10:01 AM

LS

“ *Lyn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Sylvia  
Thompson Avant*



**Lyn Snyder** - May 24, 2022 at 10:01 AM

SB

“ Susan Baiden lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Thompson Avant



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Susan Baiden - May 24, 2022 at 08:15 AM

DP

“ To Susan and family. Sorry for your loss. She was always kind and loving to me. RIP Mrs. AVANT  
DELORES JENERETTE PARRISH

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Delores Jenerette Parrish - May 24, 2022 at 12:55 AM

CJ

“ One of my favorite people. Sylvia and I were great friends at Conway Elementary School. I, in math lab and her in reading lab. I have missed her since those days. Bill, I so sorry to hear this news.

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Churchill Jenkins - May 23, 2022 at 11:48 PM

MK

“ I have always thought so much of Mrs. Avant. I have known her since Susan and I were in grammar school. She was also our Girl Scout leader. She had such a beautiful face, a loving smile and beautiful disposition, you were loved Mrs. Avant.

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Mona King - May 23, 2022 at 11:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sylvia Thompson Avant.*



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May 23, 2022 at 08:36 PM



“ *Saddened to read of the death of Sylvia. She and Billy welcomed us with open arms to First United Methodist Church starting in 1996. There was never a time when she did not have a smile to share and warm conversation. She was such a beautiful lady with a loving and giving soul, kind words to share. She will always shine on you from above. May our Loving Lord provide each of the family with comfort and peace. God Bless. Jan Gawith*

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**Jan Gawith** - May 23, 2022 at 07:02 PM

JR

“ This is going to be hard walking into work without seeing you there. Ms. Sylvia aka toots (as I called her) was most definitely one of a kind. She always had a smile on her face. Even on her worse of days, she always asked how I was doing and how my family was. There's not enough time in the day to tell you the stories we shared together over the 3 1/2 years. She was very dear to me. She always knew the days I worked and often she'll asked for a biscuit from Bojangles. Of course I always said yes. When everyone shut down I would FaceTime her family so she could see them. And the smile on her face was always worth it. She loved her children and grandchildren. It very much showed through her. Sylvia you can now Rest In Peace and walk on those new legs you so deeply deserve. You will always have a place in my heart. I love you toots.



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**Jennifer Rabon** - May 23, 2022 at 05:35 PM

LA

“ I will her tremendously❤️❤️



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**Laura Allen** - May 23, 2022 at 05:18 PM

KG

“ *Kay Graham lit a candle in memory of Sylvia  
Thompson Avant*



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**Kay Graham** - May 23, 2022 at 03:09 PM