



Vivian E. Chestnut

November 3, 1934 - August 1, 2023

Conway...

Vivian Elvis Chestnut, wife of the late Arthur Paul Chestnut, passed away Tuesday, August 1, 2023. She was born on November 3, 1934, in Aynor, South Carolina to Reverend LeRoy and Charlotte Jordan Elvis.

She is survived by her daughters Lynn Chestnut Smith (Butch) and Paula Chestnut Johnson (Scott Ritchie), grandchildren, Charlotte Jordan Smith Grasso (Brock), Ellison Matthew Smith, IV (fiancé, Allison Enfinger), Augustus Towns Smith, II (Maddie), Marley Johnson and great-grandson Arthur Campbell Grasso, to all of whom she was affectionately known as Gaga. She is also survived by her sister Geri Anderson along with numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Marguerite Elvis Dennis, Lloyd Elvis, Truman Elvis, Collin Elvis, Virgil Elvis and Bernard Elvis.

Mrs. Chestnut's career spanned over forty years working with the Burroughs

family

companies in Conway, South Carolina, rising to vice president of the Burroughs and

Chapin company, and sixteen years on Conway City Council as well as mayor pro

tempore. She also served her community as a board member for the Conway Chamber

of Commerce, Conway Main Street, the Clemson Extension Service Advisory Board,

the Horry County Mental Health Association, Family Outreach and the First Citizens

Bank Advisory Board. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in

Conway where she was a long-time faithful member of the Chancel Choir. She was also a member of the

Lion's Club, the Horry County Exchange Club, Conway Master Gardeners, the Pilot

Club, and a lifetime member of the Iris Garden Club,. For her public service she

received the Order of the Silver Cresent from Governor Mark Sanford and an Outstanding Woman in Public Service Award from Lt Governor Andre Bauer.

She was

a Cameo awardee and a South Carolina Gardener of the Year.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, August 6 at First Baptist Church in

Conway with Rocky Taylor and Greg Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeside

Cemetery in Conway South Carolina. The family will receive friends at the church from

2:00pm until 3:00pm on Sunday.

The family thanks the staff of Anderson Oaks and Agape Hospice for her care. Memorials can be made to the Shepherds Table, PO Box 1782, Conway, SC 29528 and the Lakeside Cemetery Fund, C/O City of Conway, 1000 Second Avenue, Conway, SC 29526.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

401 Lakewood Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Conway
603 Elm Street
Conway, SC 29526
<http://www.fbconway.org>

Funeral Service

AUG 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Conway
603 Elm Street
Conway, SC 29526
<http://www.fbconway.org>

Interment

AUG 6. 4:30 PM (ET)

Lakeside Cemetery
Lakewood Avenue
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

PB

“ I met Ms. Vivian many, many years ago when on Clemson Extension committees. She was so gracious to a newcomer to the South. Taught me a lot about Conway and Horry County. I'm sorry I didn't know about her passing until today. We were friends on FB, but I'm not as active on there as I used to be. My condolences to all of the family. she was a bright star in our neighborhood!

Patty Blum - October 27, 2023 at 02:33 AM

JJ

“ To Mrs. Chestnut's Family,
I met your mother at Anderson Oaks a year or so when my mom was there. I had many conversations with her and she was always fun to talk with. My condolences to her family.

Joanne Joyner - August 18, 2023 at 10:06 AM

SC

“ Lynn and Paula,
Just reading this today. So sorry for your lost. Miss Vivian was a very special lady. May you find peace and comfort knowing she is in heaven praising her Savior.
Susan Martin Calhoun

susan calhoun - August 09, 2023 at 09:07 PM

LL

“ My sincere condolences to the children, grandchildren, sister, extended family of Vivian Chestnut. I did not know of her passing until August 7 th. I had just mentioned her name to someone today. She was an amazing woman that took care of her family and loved them and Conway dearly. She took her citizenship seriously and worked hard to preserve the small community of Conway. Vivian had a magnetic personality that never met a stranger. I will always remember Vivian with the most beautiful head of white hair I had ever seen. She will be missed by many.

Lynn H. Long - August 08, 2023 at 01:12 AM

TB

“ Heartfelt condolences to the family praying that God provides comfort and strength during this difficult time and the days ahead 🙏 , I will always hold fond memories of Mrs. Chestnut such a warm & caring spirit who represented the citizens of Conway very well! S.I.P. Mrs. Vivian

Thelma Brown - August 07, 2023 at 09:30 AM

AF

“ Allison F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vivian E. Chestnut.

Allison F. - August 06, 2023 at 01:03 PM

AF

“ Miss Vivian held a special place in my heart from the days that I worked at First Baptist Church. She treated me like I was someone special. She had a way of making people feel like they were her secret pals. We were kindred spirits. Thank you for sharing her with us. God bless you.

Allison Ferrin - August 06, 2023 at 12:57 PM

MM

“ Paula and family, I am so sorry about the passing of your Mom. I loved my daily dose of Gaga stories and will miss them tremendously! She was such a special lady. You and your family are forever in my prayers.

Marissa Maria - August 06, 2023 at 09:29 AM

FB

“ Lynn, Paula, and Family,

Your Mom was a special lady. She always had a smile for everyone. She and your Dad made a cute couple. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tony and Faye Barker

Faye Barker - August 05, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vivian E. Chestnut.



August 05, 2023 at 03:55 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vivian E. Chestnut.



August 05, 2023 at 03:52 PM

ST

“ *Paula and Marley:
Please know how sorry I am for your loss. Mothers/grandmothers are such anchors in our lives. And Ms Vivian was special! From my time as a title examiner, I learned more about B&C history from Mr Booth and Ms Vivian than I ever could have gleaned from the stacks of Deed Books in the Courthouse. On Conway City Council she and Mrs Webb had the town covered. Not afraid to take a stand because Conway mattered! All her other accomplishments were gravy covering a well lived life. Thank you for sharing her with us.
Sandy Graham Thomas.*

Sandy Thomas - August 05, 2023 at 11:02 AM

KR

“ *Lynn, I'm so sorry to hear this. Love and prayers to you all.* ❤️🙏

Karen Rabon - August 05, 2023 at 07:17 AM

JB

“ *She was the most responsive member of city council, along with her unwavering dedication to community. Hope the memories endure I have missed our chats in Scarbourough Alley
Rest in peace. Holding y'all in my heart
Jane Burch*



Jane Burch - August 04, 2023 at 10:22 PM

TH

“ Lynn I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was always such a beautiful true southern lady who always showed everyone the same respect. Love and prayers for you and your family as you go through the difficult days ahead.



Tammy Howell - August 04, 2023 at 06:35 PM

JD

“ Miss Vivian always carried herself so very well. She was a perfect lady. She would talk to you about anything you wanted to talk about, my memories of her are great ones. I pray for her family as I know this is a huge loss. May she rest in peace and God bless her for all that she has done during her lifetime. Julie Daft.

julie daft - August 04, 2023 at 06:21 PM

BE

“ Buck and Tina Enfinger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vivian E. Chestnut.

Buck and Tina Enfinger - August 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM

BE

“ Buck and Tina Enfinger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vivian E. Chestnut.



Buck and Tina Enfinger - August 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM

CE

“ *May God bless and comfort each one of you at this difficult time.
Sincerely, Buck and Tina Enfinger*

Calvin "BUCK" Buckner Enfinger - August 04, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vivian E. Chestnut.*

August 04, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Vivian E. Chestnut.*



August 04, 2023 at 04:44 PM

KM

“ *Charlotte,*

We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Gaga. Please share our condolences with your brothers and parents.

*Love,
Kelly & Keith Moran*

kelly Moran - August 04, 2023 at 03:00 PM

EJ

“ *Edward Jordan lit a candle in memory of Vivian E. Chestnut*



Edward Jordan - August 04, 2023 at 02:25 PM

SJ

“ *Sherry Joyner lit a candle in memory of Vivian E. Chestnut*



Sherry Joyner - August 04, 2023 at 01:51 PM

CR

“ *Lynn -- to you and your great family my condolences and concern for you at this most sad and difficult time -- Carl Reinhardt*

Carl Reinhardt - August 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM

VV

“ *Sending love and hug's to The Chestnut Family. We were neighbors for many years. We shared many good times and sad times together.*

This is sad that she is no longer we us.

I'll always cherish the memories! 

Vera Vaughn - August 04, 2023 at 12:25 PM

BO

“ We certainly miss you stopping by and telling us Conway's history and sharing all of your sweet stories with us. Our condolences and prayers to your family.

From all of us here at The Shepherd's Table with Love.

Brandon Oates - August 04, 2023 at 12:01 PM

SG

“ So sorry for the loss of such a precious and special lady. Even for the short time I knew her. It seemed that we we were lifetime friends.

Susan grasso

Susan grasso - August 04, 2023 at 11:57 AM

JB

“ Vivian was such a dear friend when we lived in Conway!! She was a classy lady and wonderful neighbor!! Treasure your memories . Love and hugs to you. ❤️😊



judy Barnes - August 04, 2023 at 11:42 AM

JS

“ Jim and I are so sorry you have lost Vivian. I always loved talking with her and working alongside her in garden club activities. She always had a great sense of humor and a great smile. May loving memories help to bring comfort and healing to you hearts. In sympathy, Joy Schroeder



joy schroeder - August 04, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *To the Family and friends*

I was sorry to read of the passing of Vivian. We have been friends for many, many years and often spoke that we had some things in common because we were Preachers' Daughters. Vivian had a wonderful personality and did lots of good things for the City of Conway and our Community. May God grant you Peace and Comfort now and in the days ahead.

Sylvia Richardson

Sylvia Richardson - August 04, 2023 at 10:17 AM



DE

“ *Dot Edwards lit a candle in memory of Vivian E. Chestnut*

Dot Edwards - August 04, 2023 at 09:27 AM



JG

“ *Mrs. Vivian was always very kind to me when I worked with CPD. I always enjoyed stopping and taking with her, much respect for this great lady. God Bless!*

Jeff Gause - August 04, 2023 at 08:43 AM

DP

“ *I'm so sorry. Prayers.*

Doris Boyd Piver



Doris Piver - August 03, 2023 at 11:13 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Vivian E. Chestnut.*



August 03, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *May God hold your family in the palm of His hands. Vivian was such a sweet person.*



Ann Viverette Shearin - August 03, 2023 at 06:29 PM

PC

“ *Phyllis Causey lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chestnut*



Phyllis Anderson Causey - August 03, 2023 at 05:35 PM

GM

“ Lynn, Paula, there are no words to express my gratitude for the devotion and care Vivian gave to me and my family, especially to my mother. Hers was a friendship whose loyalty and faithfulness can scarcely be matched. I did love her dearly. You both are in my thoughts and prayers. I wish you Peace.

George Marshall

George Marshall - August 03, 2023 at 03:57 PM

DJ

Lynn and Paula, Your mother was such a wonderful mother, I loved her and thought alot of her . You both are in my thoughts and prayers . Love always Dana Johnson

Dana Johnson - August 03, 2023 at 04:27 PM

WM

“ Walter, Peyre, Adeline and Margaret purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vivian E. Chestnut.



Walter, Peyre, Adeline and Margaret - August 03, 2023 at 03:00 PM

RM

“ Robin J Meyers lit a candle in memory of Vivian E. Chestnut



Robin J Meyers - August 03, 2023 at 12:22 PM

LS

“ Lynn, I am so sorry about the death of your Mama. Take comfort that she was a great inspiration to her church, community, friends and especially her family. We will see her again one day.



Lyn Snyder - August 03, 2023 at 12:11 PM

SB

“ Susan Baiden lit a candle in memory of Vivian E. Chestnut



Susan Baiden - August 03, 2023 at 11:06 AM

BJ

“ Betty Jordan lit a candle in memory of Vivian E. Chestnut



Betty Jordan - August 03, 2023 at 09:14 AM

AL

“ Ann Dorman Lee lit a candle in memory of Vivian E. Chestnut



Ann Dorman Lee - August 03, 2023 at 07:53 AM

PC

“ Lynn and Paula, my heart hurts for you. May God give you the faith and strength to endure your loss. My prayers are with you.

Pam Cooper - August 03, 2023 at 07:23 AM

DH

“ Donna Johnson Hiers lit a candle in memory of Vivian E. Chestnut



Donna Johnson Hiers - August 03, 2023 at 06:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vivian E. Chestnut.



August 02, 2023 at 06:01 PM