



Mrs. Nell Elaine Perkins South

January 9, 2011

Nell Elaine Perkins South passed away peacefully on January 9, 2011 at Givens Health Care in Asheville, North Carolina. Nell, the daughter of the late John Thomas Perkins and Ella Wells Perkins, was born in Collins, Mississippi. Nell was one of eight children. She is survived by her husband of sixty-six years, John Thomas South, Jr.

Nell graduated from Collins High School. During World War II, she was employed by the War Department as an auditor, stationed at Camp Shelby in Hattisburg, Mississippi. While at Camp Shelby, she met Captain John Thomas South, Jr. They married and after John returned home from WWII, they moved to Atlanta, Georgia. In Atlanta, she became active in the Presbyterian Church, scouting, and the PTA. They moved to Asheville, North Carolina in 1972 and she became involved with the Woodland Hills Bridge Club, The Garden Club, the Woodland Hills Bible Study Group and was involved in the women of the church at First Presbyterian Church where she was awarded the Honorary Life Membership for the Presbyterian Women. She served on the board of directors of Executive Schools, Inc. of North Carolina, South College of Savannah, Georgia, Draughons College of Montgomery, Alabama, and Marsh-Draughon College of Atlanta, Georgia.

In addition to her husband, Nell is survived by her three children: John Thomas South, III and wife, Donna, of Savannah, GA, Donna South Davis

and husband, Bud, of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Stephen A. South and wife, Becky, of Knoxville, TN; her grandchildren: Lorri Ray South of Atlanta, GA, Christopher Edward Kabine of Summerville, SC, Abigail Elaine South of Savannah, GA, Tradd Ashton Kabine of Atlanta, GA, Nicolas Garrett South of Knoxville, TN, Ansley Allison South of Knoxville, TN, and Turner Hogin South of Knoxville, TN; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Asheville. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. Burial will be private in Atlanta, GA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 40 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801 or Eliada Homes, P. O. Box 16708, Asheville, NC 28816.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent through the website www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

The Westview Cemetery

1680 Westview Drive., SW
Atlanta, GA 30310
(404) 755-6611
<http://www.westviewcemetery.com>

Previous Events

Service

JAN 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Nell Elaine Perkins South*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *We did not see Aunt Nell very often through our lives , but our Dad Homer Perkins told lots of great stories about he and his older sister growing up in Collins Miss. . Dad and Aunt Nell were in touch as I remember . The last time I saw Aunt Nell was at her brothers funeral , Uncle Melvin and she was just as classy as all the stories Dad had told me about through the years . Only wish we would have lived closer to her ! Ben Perkins*

Ben Perkins - May 01, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ *To John, Steve and the family: Please accept my deepest sympathies on the loss of a beloved wife and mother. Nell always had a warm smile and an air of kindness about her in every interaction. I'm sure she was the driving force, standing beside John in the successful business ventures of the South family. Steve, please know that I'm praying for you (and your family) during this difficult time. I know you and your family were very close to your mother and you will miss her very much.*

Bob Roberts - January 12, 2011 at 09:33 AM



“ Paul & Barbara Pederson: There is much to remember about Mrs. Nell South and much to be thankful for as we remember the way she shared her wonderful life with those around her. I know she always gave the gift of herself to those she shared her life with. These cherished gifts remain with all her family and friends.

Paul Pederson - January 11, 2011 at 02:54 PM

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“ It was our privilege to have known Mrs. Nell South. She was always very gracious and welcoming to our family. One of her great legacies, among many others, is the fine and loyal family she raised, which is a credit to her. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Victor Elizabeth Biebighauser - January 11, 2011 at 12:30 PM



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Morris Funeral Home & Cremation Service - January 10, 2011 at 03:58 PM

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“ If you measure a woman by the quality of the man she married, we have lost a great one. If you measure her by the integrity and reputation of her children, again, we've lost a great one. Measuring her by her faith in the One in whose arms she now rests, why, she's not lost at all! I pray the joy remains, regardless of circumstances, because the Promise Maker is the Promise Keeper.

Rick Monroe - January 10, 2011 at 01:52 PM