



## Mother Christine Arlene Peterson Vaughn

July 24, 1932 - March 16, 2026

Mother Christine Arlene Peterson Vaughn, affectionately known as “Rosebud,” entered into eternal rest on Monday, March 16, 2026.

Born on July 24, 1932, in Sumter County, South Carolina, she was the firstborn child of the late Alma Atkinson Peterson Jenkins and Allen Peterson. Her early years were spent between South Carolina and Brooklyn, New York, where she later graduated from Girls High School.

After high school, Christine married the late Marion Vaughn. Together, they built a loving family and shared their lives between Sumter and Brooklyn, creating a strong foundation rooted in faith, resilience, and devotion. While raising her six children, she worked various jobs and pursued her education at Morris College before dedicating over 30 years of service to the Sumter School System.

A woman of deep faith, Mother Vaughn was a lifelong member of First Baptist Missionary Church. Generations of her family worshipped and served there, and in 2022, she was honored with the distinguished title of Mother of the Church, a testament to her unwavering commitment and spiritual leadership.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved grandmother, Florence Kendrick Thompson; stepmother, Dora Albritton

Peterson; stepfather, Levi Jenkins; her son, Alva D. Vaughn; sister, Patricia Keller, and other cherished family members.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: her son, Alan “Kenny” Vaughn; daughters, Ingrid R. Richburg, Cynthia M. Vaughn, Pamela C. Little, and Tonya L. Singleton; her grandson whom she raised as her own, Cory J. Vaughn; and her grandson, Rev. Aaron R. Vaughn, who faithfully cared for her in her final years. She is also survived by a brother, Jerry A. Peterson; host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends whose lives she touched with love, wisdom, and grace.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Mother Christine Arlene Peterson Vaughn Scholarship Fund, c/o First Baptist Missionary Church, 219 South Washington Street, Sumter, SC 29150.

# Cemetery Details

## C. Vaughn Mausoleum, Evergreen Memorial Park

Sumter, SC

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 27. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Missionary Church  
219 South Washington St.  
Sumter, SC 29150

## Final Viewing

MAR 28. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Missionary Church  
219 South Washington St.  
Sumter, SC 29150

## Funeral Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Missionary Church  
219 South Washington St.  
Sumter, SC 29150

## Entombment

MAR **28**. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

C. Vaughn Mausoleum, Evergreen Memorial Park  
Sumter, SC

*Immediately following the entombment, the family invites all to join them for refreshments on the C. Vaughn Mausoleum Lawn at Evergreen Memorial Park.*

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to the family. We will miss you.*

*Jeffery Thomas & family*

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**JEFFERY THOMAS** - March 27 at 11:15 PM

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“ *My mother and Cousin Christine were friends since childhood. My mother met my dad through Cousin Christine so one can literally say that because of Cousin Christine, I am a Peterson. Because of Cousin Christine, I am.*

*Lovingly,  
Inaya*



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**Inaya Davis** - March 23 at 08:36 AM

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“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.*



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**Tammy Harrison-Edwards and Family** - March 20 at 07:22 PM

CD

“ I remember this past summer when Cory brought Mrs. Vaughn to visit with my mom. My mom being 94 and Mrs. Vaughn 93. It was heartwarming to sit on our front porch listening to the two of them talk about the good old days together, then fall asleep together, wake back up and talk some more. Hilarious. So condolences the entire family, Mrs. Vaughn and her spicy spirit will be missed! We love you, Butch & Connie Davis -Mrs. Elizabeth Williams

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**Connie Davis** - March 20 at 12:54 PM