



## Edith Mildren Pearson

May 20, 1937 - December 22, 2016

Edith Mildren Reaves Pearson was born in Marion, SC, on May 20, 1937, Edith was the only daughter of the four children blessed to the union of Arthur and Katherine Reaves of Mullins, SC. She departed this life Thursday, December 22, 2016.

Edith was a woman of integrity, strength, and strong Christian faith, accepting Christ at an early age and beginning work in the church as a youth. She attended the public schools of Marion County, SC, and after graduating attended Claflin University where she reigned as the first Miss Claflin in 1958. Edith majored in English and always prided herself on her extensive vocabulary and correct grammar. As a middle and high school teacher, she also enjoyed the privilege of teaching many of her younger siblings.

Edith married her college sweetheart, the Reverend John C. Pearson, a United States Army First Lieutenant in 1963; the union was blessed with two children: Sheila Pearson of Elgin, SC, and John C. Pearson, Jr. of Charleston, SC.

Edith leaves to cherish precious memories her loving husband of 53 years, Reverend John C. Pearson, Sr; their children: Sheila Pearson and John C. Pearson, Jr.; 4 grandchildren: Jerry "Philip" Stroman, Jamal D. Curry, Airman 1st Class Christopher J.W. DeReef, and Elise K. Pearson; 8 siblings: Willie G.

(Lillian) Reaves of Marion, SC, Edward A. (Celia) Graves of Columbia, SC, Donald (Sallie) Graves of Durham, NC, Wanda (Edgar) Moore of Elgin, SC, Dorothy K. (John) James of Florence, SC, Rena Bell Waiters of Florence, SC, Paul J. (Eleanor) Graves of Patterson, NJ, and Alphonso (Eleanoris) Graves of Florence, SC; and a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends who will miss her dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Jackson National Cemetery

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

### Family Visitation

DEC **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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### Public Viewing

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Francis Burns United Methodist Church  
5616 Farrow Road  
Columbia, SC, SC 29203

## **Celebration of Life**

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DEC **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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## **Graveside service**

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DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edith Mildren Pearson*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Dorothy Dessasure Blackmer lit a candle in memory of Edith Mildren Pearson*



**Dorothy Dessasure Blackmer** - January 24, 2017 at 09:48 PM



“ *Marcia Manigo Turner lit a candle in memory of Edith Mildren Pearson*



**Marcia Manigo Turner** - December 31, 2016 at 11:41 PM



“ *God is our refuge and strength Psalm 46:1. May the depth of your Faith and the love of those comfort you at this time of sadness. With sympathy and prayers.*

*The Richardson, Reaves and Williams family of Mullins, SC*

**Mary Richardson Williams** - December 27, 2016 at 06:36 PM