



Patsy Howard Rivers

April 14, 1936 - January 28, 2019

Patsy Howard Rivers, the daughter of the late John Howard and Sarah Shannon Howard Gadson, was born April 14, 1936 in Sumter County. She departed this life on Monday, January 28th at Prisma Tuomey Hospital after a brief illness.

She began her education at the Catchall School and later completed her education at Hillcrest High School. She continued her pursuit of education by completing her certification as a nursing assistant.

Patsy began her career as a member of the food management staff at Oakland Elementary School and later after receiving her nursing assistant certification she was employed by Cypress Nursing Facility and Tuomey Regional Medical Center. She worked part-time at Wateree Community Action Headstart. She retired but felt a calling to continue to serve others in the capacity of a personal care giver.

Patsy was a lifelong member of the High Hills AME Church, where she served on several auxiliaries, which include Floral Club, Missionary Society, Ushers Ministry, Stewardess and Sunday School Teacher. She also served in her community as a member of the Golden Girls Club.

She was united in marriage to the late David Rivers. In addition to her

husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Gertrude Snow and Louise Brooks; and one brother, Nathaniel Howard.

She leaves to cherish her memories six children, Clyde (Philamenia) Rivers of Norcross, GA, Merrial "Stevie" (Mary Alice) Rivers of Dalzell, SC, Rosa Marie Rivers (Isaac Magill) of Columbia, SC, Robert (Kathryn) Rivers of Columbia, SC, Debbie (Terence) Curry of Dunwoody, Ga, Patricia Rivers of the home; two sisters, Renda Dixon of Horatio, SC and Mamie Lee Arthur of Columbia, SC; two brothers, Lewis (Emma) Howard of Horatio, SC and Henry Howard of Staten Island, NY; two sister in laws, Bernice Rivers and Wilhamenia Rivers of Dalzell, SC; one brother-in law, Lawrence Kershaw, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Patsy touched the lives of many and her humble and beautiful spirit will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing and loving her.

Cemetery Details

High Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

6750 Meeting House Road
Dalzell, SC 29040

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter
304 South Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

High Hills Missionary Baptist Church
6750 Meeting House Rd
Dazell, SC 29040
(803) 499-2311

Tribute Wall



“ *Patsy Howard Rivers*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Patsy Howard Rivers.*



February 01, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patsy Howard Rivers.*



January 31, 2019 at 04:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Patsy Howard Rivers.*



January 30, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Patsy Howard Rivers.*



January 30, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patsy Howard Rivers.*



January 30, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ *With deepest sympathies to the Rivers Family on the loss of Mrs. Rivers. May the loving kindness of God sustain you during this difficult time and in the days ahead. May the wonderful memories that you shared with her and the words at John 11:43-44 bring you comfort.*

R. George - January 30, 2019 at 02:57 PM