



Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge

June 22, 1929 - January 8, 2018

Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge, 88, wife of Leon Babridge departed this earthly life on Monday, January 8, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia, South Carolina. Born in Hartsville, South Carolina on June 22, 1929, she was the only child of the late Preston and Emma Williams DuBose.

Educated in Hartsville, she was a graduate of Butler High School in the Class of 1946. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics in 1950 from South Carolina State College, and a Master's Degree in Home Economics from Winthrop University. She was an educator who taught at Macedonia High School in Blackville, South Carolina, and Lancaster Training School (later known as Barr Street High School). Her final teaching assignments were at Fairwold Junior High School and Sanders Middle School in Columbia, where she retired in 1997, after over 40 years in the field of education.

In 1948, she joined Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and served as Basileus of Gamma Nu Omega Chapter. She chaired the Housing Committee and was instrumental in the establishment of the AKA House on the corner of Ashley and North Main Streets in Columbia. She served as Philacter on both regional and national levels for numerous years. She chartered the Rock Hill Eta Alpha Omega Chapter of AKA. Other community involvements included: serving as President of the South Carolina

Home Economics Association; and active participation in the auxiliaries of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

After her marriage to Leon Babridge, she joined her husband in the Presbyterian church and first attended Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Lancaster. In 1960, they moved to the Columbia community, built their home in Blythewood, first attended Ladson Presbyterian Church and then became an organizing, charter member of Northminster Presbyterian Church. She faithfully served Northminster in the following capacities: Presbyterian Women; Clerk of Session; Committees of the Senate and Presbytery; delegate to National Assemblies on three occasions; General Presbyter Search Committee; and moderator of the Trinity Presbyterian Assembly.

While at Lancaster Training School, she met the love of her life, Leon Babridge, and three years later on December 20, 1956, they were married. In 1960, to this loving union, their only son Kevin Leonard'o Babridge, Sr., was born. In addition to being a loving wife and mother, Sophia also cared for her mother in the family home for over 20 years. She was quiet but firm in her demeanor, very well-respected, and was a constant companion to her husband as they traveled to sorority and fraternity events around the country. When you saw one, you saw the other.

She leaves to cherish precious memories her husband of 61 years, Leon B. Babridge of the home; her son, Kevin L. (Tracy Ann) Babridge, Sr.; two grandchildren: Kevin L. Babridge, Jr., and Karl Christopher Babridge; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Northminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
6717 David Street
Columbia, SC 29203

Celebration of Life

JAN 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *45 files added to the album Memories of Sophia Babridge*



Palmer Memorial Chapel - January 19, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ *44 files added to the album New Album Name*



Palmer Memorial Chapel - January 19, 2018 at 02:27 PM

OT

“ Ora L. Taylor lit a candle in memory of Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge



Ora L. Taylor - January 16, 2018 at 12:32 PM

PP

“ My Dearest Soror Sophia, you are one of a kind and a tough act to follow. Rest well my love. Soror Pamela A. Powell



Pam Powell - January 15, 2018 at 06:24 PM

LF

“ Sophia Babridge
Mrs. Babridge was a wonderful person. She touched our life and our children life in a special way. She always had words of encouragement and would also let you know if you were doing something that she disapproved of. A caring and concern person. Our children, Lucious Jr. , Gregory, and Gretta will never forget her words of encouragement and love for them. She will truly, truly be missed, but her heartfelt love and concern will never be forgotten . A true angle.

Lucious Frierson, Sr and Gretchel Frierson
4047 Highland Park Dive
Columbia, SC 29204
gfrierson@aol.com

Lucious Frierson,Sr. and Gretchel Friers - January 14, 2018 at 08:38 AM

NJ

“ *Nadine Jacobs-Sutherland lit a candle in memory of Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge*



Nadine Jacobs-Sutherland - January 14, 2018 at 06:34 AM

DD

“ *Deloris Dinkins-Rogers lit a candle in memory of Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge*



Deloris Dinkins-Rogers - January 14, 2018 at 06:32 AM

LW

“ *Lisette Allen Williams lit a candle in memory of Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge*



Lisette Allen Williams - January 13, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ *Nacole Shaw lit a candle in memory of Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge*



Nacole Shaw - January 12, 2018 at 09:45 PM

AH

“ *She was so beautiful she was my grandmother that I never got to meet rest in peace no matter what the circumstances where she was still my grandmother love you always*

Andia k Hatchell - January 12, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge.*



January 11, 2018 at 08:45 PM

JS

“ *We thank God for such a precious angel : To the Babridge family . You have my deepest condolence for the loss of your loved one . I am a former student attending Fair Wald middle school in 1976-1978. Mrs. Babridge was a very pleasant and concerned teacher for all of her student's. She made a profound contribution to the institution of learning. She served as a leader and an inspiration to the young people she came in contact with . We will miss her but never forget her . Peace !!!*

James Kevin (satch) Speaks - January 11, 2018 at 06:06 PM

IW

“ I was a student of Mrs. Babridge at Fairwold Jr. High school. This lady was my favorite teacher because she showed a genuine love and care for her students. She taught us to love and respect ourselves as young ladies. I learned to cook and sew under her watchful eyes. I always remember her standing in the hall near her class door with just a hint of a smile. A beautiful lady that I will never forget.



Isabell Wilson - January 11, 2018 at 05:28 PM

MB

“ Rest In Heavenly Peace Mrs. Babridge! I enjoyed being a student at Fairwold under Her tutorial expertise! ALWAYS was a pleasant individual! She spoke softly but to know Her, U knew went She meant business! Gone but won't be forgotten!



Marietta Brown - January 11, 2018 at 02:26 PM

SM

“ Soror Shantia Muller lit a candle in memory of Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge



Soror Shantia Muller - January 11, 2018 at 01:48 PM

SC

“ Soror Toriah Caldwell lit a candle in memory
of Sophia Elizabeth DuBose Babridge



Soror Toriah Caldwell - January 11, 2018 at 12:49 PM