



Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw

February 4, 1924 - September 27, 2020

Retired educator, Mrs. Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw of Columbia transitioned peacefully Sunday, September 27, 2020, at Prisma Health Richland, in Columbia, South Carolina, following a brief illness.

Born February 4, 1924, in Beaufort, South Carolina, Mrs. Kershaw was the fourth of five daughters born to the late Joseph Gresby Myers and Mabel Culler Myers, both of whom were educators. She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Herbert N. Kershaw, and her sisters: MaeDe Myers Brown, Barbara Myers Freeman, Doris Myers Dean, and Dr. Alba Myers Lewis.

Wilhelmina attended Felton Laboratory School of South Carolina State College (now University) and graduated with highest honors from Robert Smalls High School in Beaufort, South Carolina. She was valedictorian of her class at South Carolina State College, where she received her B.S. degree in Secondary Education with a major in English and an M.S. degree in Guidance. She completed additional studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia College, and the University of South Carolina. Certified in English, secondary teaching, guidance, supervision and administration, she was employed by Richland School District One for thirty-three years. A redoubtable English teacher, she also served as Director of Guidance and retired as the Assistant Principal at C.A. Johnson High School in 1979.

A faithful, longtime member of Second Calvary Baptist Church, she served in the Trustee Ministry and as Church Historian. She was a member of Church Women United and the Golden Eagles Club and was a past Woman of Faith honoree (2010).

Mrs. Kershaw's professional memberships included: South Carolina Education Association; Richland County Education Association; National Education Association; and Palmetto Education Association. She demonstrated her dedication and commitment to quality education for all, serving on numerous boards and committees in her church, profession, and community.

Committed to helping the youth of her community, this outstanding educator also devoted time, energy, and financial resources to many religious , fraternal, civic and social organizations. She was a member of the Work Support Community Advisory Council and a Board member of the Central Midlands Regional Planning Council and Friends of the Library. She was the recipient of myriad awards, citations, and commendations in recognition of her service and served as a role model for many.

Inducted into the Alpha Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at South Carolina State College, Mrs. Kershaw loved and was devoted to the Sisterhood. She held many leadership positions in Delta and served as President of the Columbia Alumnae Chapter from 1969-1971. She received the Lifetime Commitment Award and became a treasured "Delta Dear" in May 2013. She was honored by the Pan-Hellenic Council 2015. Mrs. Kershaw was a past president of the Columbia Chapter, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and a member of the Greenview Neighborhood Association, the NAACP and AARP. An avid bridge player, she was a member of two bridge clubs: The Tuesday Morning Club and Les Jeunes Joueurs de Bridge (the Young Bridge Players). She especially loved the camaraderie and friendships in Les Chapeaux

Rouges Chapter of the Cluster Four, Red Hat Society!

Survivors include her devoted daughter, Dr. Linda L. Kershaw; godson James Bryant, III; a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews, great-grandnieces and nephews, cousins, colleagues, former students and friends who will miss her dearly.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested contributions be made to the following: Second Calvary Baptist Church; the Columbia Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the C.A. Johnson High School Scholarship Fund; and South Carolina State University.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 7. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

OCT 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Second Calvary Baptist Church
1110 Mason Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Second Calvary Baptist Church
1110 Mason Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Tribute Wall

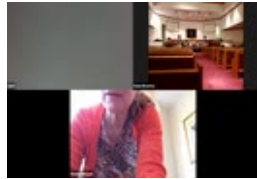


“ *Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Homegoing Service via Zoom*



Palmer Memorial Chapel - October 21, 2020 at 11:03 AM

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“ *Remembering Mrs. Kershaw with great fondness.*

*Dee Dee Garrick Macer
Baltimore, Maryland*



Dee Dee Macer - October 09, 2020 at 05:47 PM

BR

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Brenda - October 09, 2020 at 05:35 PM

GP

“ Ms. Kershaw was never one of my instructors at C. A. Johnson High School. However, she taught both of my older sisters, Bernetha Lorick Moultrie and Eloise Lorick Fairley. They ALWAYS talked about her and I subsequently felt like her student. lol

I last saw Ms. Kershaw at the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1968 and she looked so good!

My prayers are with the Kershaw family as you endure this time of bereavement. God is with you!



Geneva Lorick Pearson - October 09, 2020 at 11:06 AM

MF

Deepest sympathy to the Kershaw family. Mrs. Kershaw was a wonderful, no nonsense educator.

Ms. Gloria Christie Weston and family - October 09, 2020 at 09:28 PM

BB

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Brenda Boyd - October 08, 2020 at 05:44 PM

HC

“ Mrs. Kershaw, help me to see the world outside of C.A. Johnson, for this I will be forever thankful.. My prayers and condolence to the Kershaw family..

Harold L. Cook . Class 1958

Harold L. Cook - October 08, 2020 at 12:07 PM

BB

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Brenda Boyd - October 08, 2020 at 12:01 PM

BB

June 16, 2020, Second Calvary Baptist Church

Brenda Boyd - October 08, 2020 at 04:14 PM

TB

“ Remembering you my Dear Friend. My Bridge Partner, my Church Friend, and as my Delta Sigma Theta Soror. I will miss our times together.
May you rest in peace. God Bless!



*Thelma Bailey
Columbia, South Carolina/ Fort Washington, MD*

Thelma Bailey - October 08, 2020 at 11:13 AM

CW

“ Thinking of you, wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the midst of pain. Mrs. Kershaw will always be remembered as an outstanding teacher at the C.A. Johnson High School and as a member of my home church in Columbia, Second Calvary Baptist. She will be missed.



Cheryl Bailey Warley
Fort Washington, Maryland

Cheryl Warley - October 08, 2020 at 11:08 AM

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Brenda Boyd - October 08, 2020 at 10:50 AM

DC

“ Dr. Mary E. Cheeseboro lit a candle in memory of Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw



Dr. Mary E. Cheeseboro - October 08, 2020 at 09:37 AM

DC

I met Mrs. Kay in 1966 when I enrolled at Johnson. I worked in the office, and she was a mentor. For all these many years, we maintained a special bond and friendship. For this I am grateful. My heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Dr. Mary E. Cheeseboro

Dr. Mary E. Cheeseboro - October 13, 2020 at 11:13 AM

DC

“ Dr. Mary E. Cheeseboro lit a candle in memory of Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw



Dr. Mary E. Cheeseboro - October 08, 2020 at 09:19 AM

CN

“ Sincere condolences to the Kershaw family. May God continue to bless you!

Columbia Branch NAACP

Columbia Branch NAACP - October 07, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ Me Kershaw was not a great teacher but was also a great friend. My prayers are with you Linda at this time,
Sharon Mickens Cooke 🙏

Sharon Cooke - October 07, 2020 at 06:23 PM



Mrs.Kershaw was my father's teacher and he was in the class of 1959 at C. A. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL.We were her next door neighbors since the late 60"s in the Greenview Community. We will miss her and miss her walking on Easter Street for exercise. We love you Linda .
Louis and Juanita Johnson
Pam and June your neighbors.
Praying for you. 🙏

Pam Simuel - October 08, 2020 at 12:17 PM

AC

“ On behalf of the C. A. Johnson Class of 1973, thank you for your dedication and encouragement to our growth into better adults.



Alvin Cook - October 07, 2020 at 05:38 PM

DC

I met Mrs. Kay in 1966 when I enrolled as a tenth grader at C. A Johnson High. Over these many years, we formed a special bond and lasting friendship. For this I am grateful. My heartfelt condolences to the Kershaw family.

Dr. Mary E. Cheeseboro - October 08, 2020 at 09:27 AM

EM

“ Linda your mother was the quintessential lady. I will always have fond memories of her. She left a lasting impression on me among others at C A JOHNSON.



*Eliza Wise-McDowell
Class of 1968*

Eliza McDowell - October 07, 2020 at 02:12 PM

CO

“ With love to you and your family.

Cleo Owens - October 07, 2020 at 11:28 AM

DG

“ *Dexter Gladden lit a candle in memory of
Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw*



Dexter Gladden - October 07, 2020 at 07:01 AM

DJ

“ *DON JENNINGS lit a candle in memory of
Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw*



DON JENNINGS - October 07, 2020 at 02:35 AM

RM

“ *I will always remember Mrs. Kershaw from CAJ. I worked in the office as a student @ Johnson & always thought she was mean. After working in the office I grew to love Mrs. Kershaw and found her bark was worst than her bite lol. I would inquire abt her to her daughter Linda when I was a student & then a co-workers with Linda @ Benedict. I learned Mrs. Kershaw was still scaring students. She walked the halls @ CAJ that made the girls & boys straighten up when u saw her. Even though Dr. Johnson was the principal it was Mrs. Kershaw many felt like should have been the principal. Rest well Mrs. Kershaw u have truly earned it.
Rev. Dr. Geneva "Squeaky" Favor Mitchell*

Rev. Dr. Geneva Favor Mitchell - October 07, 2020 at 12:48 AM

AL

“ *Aunt Bill, you will be sorely missed!*

Amber Lewis - October 07, 2020 at 12:16 AM

LS

My devoted friend, former co-worker and soror in Delta whom I will sorely miss !! Sisterly, Lydia Sandiford

Lydia Sandiford - October 08, 2020 at 11:30 AM

RT

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Kershaw family.*

Robert and Pearl Thomas - October 06, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw.*



October 06, 2020 at 09:30 PM

TC

“ *Theresa Counts-Davis lit a candle in memory of Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw*



Theresa Counts-Davis - October 06, 2020 at 09:07 PM

YS

“ *Yvonne Sutton lit a candle in memory of Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw*



Yvonne Sutton - October 06, 2020 at 07:34 PM

ER

“ *Evangeline Riley Rice lit a candle in memory of Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw*



Evangeline Riley Rice - October 06, 2020 at 05:00 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Boyd lit a candle in memory of Wilhelmina Myers Kershaw*



Brenda Boyd - October 06, 2020 at 02:42 PM

FD

“ *Your inspiration, guidance, counsel, and friendship in the formation and development of my dual English and communications professional careers will live in perpetuity. Again, Thank You.*
Freddie Davis, CAJ '65

Freddie Davis - October 06, 2020 at 02:19 PM

BB

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Brenda Boyd - October 06, 2020 at 12:47 PM

AP

*What a beautiful photo of Mrs. Kershaw and Linda!
I have so many wonderful memories of Mrs. Kershaw.
Her love for teaching and her students will always shine forth!
Sincerely,
Adrienne Jenkins Patel class of 1965 CAJ*

Adrienne Jenkins Patel - October 07, 2020 at 10:01 AM

BO

June 16, 2019, Second Calvary Baptist Church

Boyd - October 08, 2020 at 11:58 AM

AB

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Mrs. Kershaw. May you find peace in her loving memories. Thank you Mrs. Kershaw for your Service to the students and staff at C A Johnson High School!* 🙏❤️🌹📖

*Alfreda Boyd Battle
Class of 1966*

Alfreda Boyd Battle - October 06, 2020 at 01:08 AM

AS

Aunt Bill, another great lady gone to her rest, a job well done. You will be greatly missed by your family, friends and more. Our love, prayers, and deepest sympathy to you, Linda. May the Lord be with you, comfort you and bless you in this time of loss.

*Love
Andrea & Vincent Stewart*

andrea stewart - October 07, 2020 at 08:05 PM

JG

Linda you know our prayers are with you all the way. Your cousins in Savannah - Joenelle, Charles, Craig, Gary, Maya.

Joenelle Gordon - October 08, 2020 at 11:17 AM



My deepest sympathy to you Linda. May god bless you in this time of loss of your mother...

Martha Motley-Belton Camden SC

MARTHA MOTLEY - October 08, 2020 at 03:07 PM