



Frances B. Welch

January 6, 1925 - April 30, 2024

Frances Breland Welch, 99, of Walterboro, SC, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation on Friday, May 10, 2024, from 10:00am to 11:00am at First Baptist Church of Walterboro. A Memorial Service will be held in the sanctuary at 11:00 following the visitation. Burial will immediately follow.

Frances was born on January 6, 1925, in Walterboro, SC, a daughter of the late Mamie and Frank Breland. Frances was a very independent woman, always making sure things were up to her standard. She loved going on walks along Edisto beach and continued to do so until her later years. She graduated from Walterboro High School in the class of 1942! Afterwards, she attended Furman University where she obtained a Bachelor's degree and later earned her Master's degree from Southern Theological Seminary. Frances was a faithful member of her church, becoming the first female deacon at First Baptist Church of Walterboro. She married the love of her life; James H. Welch and they spent many years together! Frances hardly ever met a stranger. Everyone knew her from her cards that she would send, for every birthday or anniversary. Her proudest accomplishment was being a wonderful mother and grandmother to her beloved children and grandchildren. She was employed by the school district, working as a schoolteacher, until her

retirement. She was much beloved and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her loving children: Hank Welch (Yvonne), John Welch (Mary Gail "Cissie"), and Jay Welch (Tammy); grandchildren: Justin Welch (Lindsay), Stephanie Henshaw, Joshua Welch (Krista), Baker Odom (Brandy), and Jennie Reardon (Wade).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Walterboro
124 S Memorial Avenue
Walterboro, SC 29488

Memorial Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

MAY 10 (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens
117 Paul Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Associates In Internal Medicine purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Frances B. Welch.



Associates In Internal Medicine - May 08, 2024 at 07:17 AM

SH

“ Stacia H. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frances B. Welch.



Stacia H. - May 07, 2024 at 07:46 AM

SH

“ Stacia H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances B. Welch.

Stacia H. - May 07, 2024 at 07:46 AM

LC

“ She had such an impact on my life. She is one I credit with my love of reading and the library. I was mesmerized by her reading to us in class- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* & *Superfudge*- nothing short of unforgettable experiences! She was an amazing lady, and I am sad to know her passing. Condolences to all who love her.

Leah Crosby - May 04, 2024 at 05:51 AM

DH

“ What a wonderful lady she was!!! I am one that was blessed to receive birthday cards, anniversary cards, etc from her. She was a special part of my growing up in First Baptist Church and was always so kind to me and my family. I even remember Ms. Mamie, her mother.... They used to let my dad and I park in her yard for all the Walterboro home football games when I was a kid.. Sweet memories... many prayers being sent up for her wonderful family... She IS/was a true Angel!!

Drena Hazel - May 02, 2024 at 10:04 PM

SP

“ A True Angel on Earth! Ms. Frances was one of the sweetest ladies i have ever known. Full of wisdom and always flaunting that sweet smile. You are one in a million and will be dearly missed. Much Love and Prayers to the Family. Sandy and Jerry Polk

Sandy Polk - May 02, 2024 at 07:54 PM

JD

“ Jason, Jean, Rachel and Will Dandridge purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frances B. Welch.



Jason, Jean, Rachel and Will Dandridge - May 02, 2024 at 05:38 PM

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Jason, Jean, Rachel and Will Dandridge - May 02, 2024 at 05:38 PM

JJ

“ Dear Hank, John, Jay, and family, Your mother was such a wonderful person in so many ways: teacher at school and church, model citizen and Christian, director of social events and weddings . . . and the list goes on. You all are in the thoughts and prayers of the Hiott family. We all loved your mother dearly. With thanks for her long and wonderful life, John Hiott, Jr.

John Hiott Jr - May 02, 2024 at 05:36 PM

MB

Ralph and I are deeply saddened by the death of your beloved mother. She was a beautiful, Christian woman who was an inspiration to so many of us. We have fond memories of her directing our wedding and remembering our anniversary every year! We loved her so. ❤️

Mary and Ralph Bleasdale - May 03, 2024 at 06:22 PM

BW

John, Hank, and Jay, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Your mother was always such a sweet Lady, it was always nice to see her at all the ball games, she enjoyed them so much.

Beverly S Wells

Beverly S Wells - May 04, 2024 at 04:57 PM