



## Jean Burriss Wattley

September 17, 1913 - October 27, 2016

Jean Burriss Wattley, 103, died on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at the Presbyterian Community in Lexington, SC. She was born in Anderson, SC to Frank and Fannie Burriss on September 17, 1913. She was predeceased by her husband Philip A. Wattley, her son Philip A. Wattley Jr and her brother, Frank J. Burriss of Manning, SC.

Jean was a graduate of Anderson Junior College in 1932. She married Philip A. Wattley on May 12, 1933 and moved to Chicago where they lived and raised their son Phil, Jr. At the age of 64, Jean (widowed) moved back to SC and became a resident of the Presbyterian Home in Summerville, SC. At her death, she was the oldest resident of the Presbyterian Home as well as the longest resident of the home (39 years).

Jean lived her life to the fullest and enjoyed bird watching and traveling with a passion. Her love of birding started when she was in the third grade when she joined the Audubon Society. She was a member for longer than any person in history...95 years. Her love of birding took her to exotic places like Africa, New Zealand, Antarctica, and the Amazon rainforest in Peru. Known as the "Bird Lady", she was recognized in the Audubon magazine Centennial Edition for her life and love of birding.

Jean also loved spending time with her family in Manning, SC as well as

Columbia, SC. For many years she would host the Burriss clan at the Grove Park Inn for Thanksgiving in Asheville, NC. The Burriss family members loved to go to Montreat, NC with the "Bird Lady" for special occasions and they shared many wonderful memories together in their mountain getaway.

Her brother T. Moffatt Burriss of Columbia, SC survives Jean as well as nieces: Carolyn Burriss Coffey (Fin) of Manning, SC, Louisa Hay Burriss (Bob Toomey) of Montreat, NC and nephews: John Hay Burriss (Becca), Moffatt Burriss, Jr. (Suzanne), and Francis Burriss(Nancy) all of whom live in Chapin SC. In addition she is survived by many grand and great grandnieces and many grand and great grandnephews who dearly loved her.

A memorial service will be held at the Presbyterian Community Chapel at 700 DaVega Road. Lexington SC at 3 o'clock PM on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 . The Reverend Fran Bragen will be officiating. Memorials can be made to Medical Missions, PO Box 2745, West Columbia, SC 29171 or Presbyterian Community, 700 DaVega Drive, Lexington, SC 29063.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com)

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

Presbyterian Community Chapel  
700 DaVega Road  
Lexington, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Burriss Wattley*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *I am sorry to learn of the death of your beloved family member. May you be comforted by the words found at Psalm 34:18; Jehovah is close to the broken hearted. He saves those who are crushed in spirit. Please take comfort in the knowledge that God has made a provision for those lost to us in death. The Bible says. "This is the will of my Father, that everyone who recognizes the Son and exercises faith in him should have everlasting life, and I will resurrect him on the last day. Jesus gives us hope in the fact that one day our dead loved ones will be brought back to life. So while we grieve now for those lost in death, A real hope of being reunited with your dead loved is in the future.*

**Mickey** - November 05, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ *Jean was a wonderful, thoughtful person ! Years ago she would mail me snake skins for my "nesting baskets" in my garden .....what a Gal ! May your years of good memories bring you comfort. Genia Floyd, Walterboro, SC*

**Genia Floyd** - November 03, 2016 at 11:02 AM

ME

“ I'm so sorry for the death of your loved one. To have lived such a long time, I am sure she touched many lives. Still, you will need comfort in the days to come. Psalm 34:18 tells us: "God is close to the broken hearted; He saves those crushed in spirit." May the God of all comfort help you endure this sad time.

---

**melva** - October 31, 2016 at 06:43 PM