



## Mrs. Ida S. Stewart

December 27, 1924 - January 4, 2021

Ida S. Stewart, 96, of Columbia, died peacefully in her home on Monday, January 4, 2021. Born December 27, 1924, in Columbia, she was the daughter of the late Louis Wilbur Smith, Sr. and Ida Jane Gladden Smith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Kennemore Stewart, Sr.; son, Jack Kennemore Stewart, Jr.; seven siblings; and her longtime companion, Samuel L. Rhyner.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Stewart was a mental health specialist at Crafts-Farrow State Hospital. She was a devoted member of Rehobeth United Methodist, where she assisted with the food pantry and was a member of the United Methodist Women. Mrs. Stewart enjoyed baking, cherished spending time with her family, and traveling. She also devoted her time visiting fellow church members and shut-ins in her community.

Survivors include her children, Robert Bowen Stewart, II of Columbia, Ida Stewart Fortuna (Jerry) of Blythewood, James Earl Stewart (Gayle) of Columbia, and Livi Stewart Gardner of Columbia; daughter-in-law, Debra Stewart of Timmonsville; six grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren; and two grand dogs. She is also survived by her former longtime companion's children, Eric Rhyner of Texas, Cynthia Dickerson (John) of Chapin, and Belinda Fulmer of Elgin, as well as a multitude of extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1 o'clock, Wednesday, January 20th, at Rehobeth United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Constance Barnes officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the memorial service in the church fellowship hall beginning at noon. Inurnment will follow at Fort Jackson National Cemetery at 3 o'clock. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

Everyone is invited to attend but will be asked to abide by the state's recommendations of wearing masks and social distancing to provide a safe environment for all. A livestream of Mrs. Stewart's memorial service will be available by visiting her tribute page at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](http://ShivesFuneralHome.com).

The family would like to express their gratitude to Mrs. Stewart's caregivers, Betsy Walsh, Barbara Kennedy and her two daughters, RaShonda and Sharlene Kennedy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rehobeth United Methodist Church, 6911 Two Notch Rd, Columbia, SC 29223.



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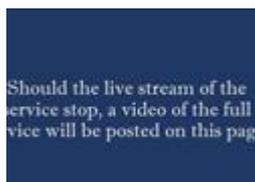


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“ I thoroughly enjoyed every moment I spent getting to know(& love) Ida. I'd stop in for a visit with her and my good friend & her longtime sitter/ caregiver, Betsy Walsh whenever i could over the past couple of years. Ida was a GREAT storyteller. I really enjoyed the ones about her going (via a military type ship!) to Japan (& back!) with a newborn in tow(following her husband in the service). What a tough woman!! They don't make em(us) like they used to, Ida. I speak for all of us I believe when i say "you're already missed, Ida"! But I'll see you again. Love, Liz

Liz Moore - January 13 at 10:32 PM



“ Ms. Stewart will always be remembered in my Heart.....I grew up with Ida and Bowen And Loved the other children....Heaven gained a Beautiful Angel...She was a wonderful Mother and Had a Beautiful Soul.....

**Cathy Stoudemire Varney** - January 09 at 12:23 PM

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“ As a friend of Livi's, I have had the pleasure of spending time with Ms Ida several times. Her sweet, gentle spirit has always been evident. My best memories of her are how much she loved her precious grand-dog, Gabi. She lit up when around Gabi. We will all miss her very much! She is a light in Heaven!  
Laura Mitchell

**Laura Mitchell** - January 07 at 01:18 PM

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“ Ida was the kindest and most loving, compassionate person I have ever known. I met her in Sunday School after I joined Rehoboth UMC, and I never felt like a stranger because she was so kind and so friendly.

**Annie Kinney** - January 05 at 06:44 PM

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“ Annie Kinney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ida S. Stewart



**Annie Kinney** - January 05 at 06:32 PM



“ To all the family, I am so sorry for your loss. To lose a Mother is never easy. There is no one like Mama! I Love you all, you will always be in my Heart , and my Prayers.God Bless you Always, Love you all, Dianne Stoudemire Tobias

**Dianne S.Tobias** - January 10 at 09:35 AM



“ I was a member of Rehoboth years ago as was my father, Joe Belton Brown. She an Sam were very good friends to him & visited him frequently. I will always remember her kindness.

Kitty Brown Hill

**Kitty Hill** - January 10 at 09:09 PM