



## Mrs. Mary Kay Easterling

February 25, 1939 - November 29, 2019

Mary Kay Breeden Easterling, 80, of Columbia, SC (Formerly of Bennettsville) went home to be with the Lord on Friday, November 29, 2019 after a brief illness. Her last days were spent doing what she loved most, visiting with friends and family. Mary Kay was predeceased by her beloved Harry R. Easterling, Sr., parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mackie Charles Breeden, brother, Mackie Charles Breeden Jr, dear niece, Julia Breeden Moore. She is survived by her sister Julia Breeden Easley(Steve), her son, Harry R. Easterling, Jr. (Renee), her daughter, Katherine Easterling Littlejohn(Steve), and grandchildren; Marietta Easterling, Edens Littlejohn Kerr (Charlie), Elyssa Easterling, Charles Easterling, and Amelia Littlejohn. Mary Kay's children and grandchildren were always most precious to her. She also leaves behind a dear cousin, John Light Napier (Pam) and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Kay was born February 25, 1939 and grew up in Bennettsville enjoying family and many friends. She attended Columbia College and the University of South Carolina. She married the love of her life, Harry R. Easterling. They were together 58 years. Mary Kay and Harry raised their children in Bennettsville and then enjoyed their grandchildren. They helped accomplish many goals together involving the town they loved so much.

Saint Paul's Church was a big part of her life. She was a leader in the Episcopal Church Women, and she served on the Alter Guild. Mary Kay enjoyed her book clubs, her Bible Studies, and participating in various local charities. She was an active member of the Friends of the Civic Center. She maintained and promoted an active lifestyle by playing tennis and walking. Her children often heard from the town folk "I saw your mama today." She enjoyed talking to those she met. Mary Kay was loved and will be missed by many.

The service for Mary Kay will be held 1:30 o'clock, Friday, December 6th at Saint Paul's Church. The family will receive friends following the service. Burial will precede the service at 1 o'clock, at Oak Ridge Cemetery, 219 North Cook Street. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, Columbia, is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Saint Paul's Church, 306 Fayetteville Avenue, Bennettsville, SC, 29512.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the Saluda neighborhood at Still Hopes Greenway for the exceptional care given to Mary Kay.

# Events

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**DEC** **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Oak Ridge Cemetery

219 North Cook Street, Bennettsville, SC, US, 29512

**DEC** **Memorial Service** 01:30PM

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St. Paul's Church

306 Fayetteville Avenue, Bennettsville, SC, US, 29512

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Shives Funeral Home** - December 04, 2019 at 11:59 AM

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“ Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mary Kay.

**Sam & Debbie Sparkman** - December 10, 2019 at 08:51 AM

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“ Debra Sparkman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Kay Easterling



**Debra Sparkman** - December 10, 2019 at 08:49 AM

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“ We attended the 50th reunion of the BHS Class of 1957, and had several conversations with Mary Kay. I was impressed by her enthusiasm and interest in making Bennettsville a better place for all of it's residents to live. She touched many lives and will be missed. Our condolences to her family. Peter and Katie Meekins

**Peter Meekins** - December 08, 2019 at 04:31 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Alisha Knight  
Atria Forest Lake

**Alisha Knight** - December 04, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ 24 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Shives Funeral Home** - December 04, 2019 at 12:01 PM

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“ From Tom and Mary and the Kerr Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Kay Easterling.



**From Tom and Mary and the Kerr Family** - December 03, 2019 at 03:08 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Kay Easterling.



December 03, 2019 at 08:32 AM

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“ Many happy memories of Mrs. Mark Kay especially remember seeing her ride around town in her Gold MG. My thoughts and prayers are with you Harry Jr. and Katherine. Peace be with all of the family!

**Jon Anderson** - December 02, 2019 at 01:50 PM

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“ Jon Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Kay Easterling



Jon Anderson - December 02, 2019 at 01:44 PM

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“ We have so much love for this wonderful woman! Our prayers, thoughts, and love are with you all during this difficult time. Mary Kay leaves behind a life well lived and a beautiful legacy.

Dottie Hollis - December 02, 2019 at 10:44 AM

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“ I loved Mary Kay. She was my new best friend. I will miss seeing her cheerful face and sharing the latest topics of interest. There is an empty place in my heart where she and Harry were.  
Fran

Fran Gibbes - December 01, 2019 at 02:36 PM

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“ Joanne Riddle Britt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Kay Easterling



Joanne Riddle Britt - December 01, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ Such a gentle Lady who was loved by so many people. Proud to know I was one.. Jo

Joanne Riddle Britt - December 01, 2019 at 11:36 AM

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“ What a great friend Mary Kay was to me and oh how I will miss her. I loved her exuberant, active lifestyle. I'll cherish our hikes, walks, and tennis games. I think she mentored most of Marlboro County's tennis ladies and it could be 30 degrees or 90 degrees and she still wanted to be out there playing. She was so encouraging. May her cherished memories give us all comfort and peace.  
Cheryle Rogers

Cheryle Rogers - December 01, 2019 at 11:22 AM

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“ Tina lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Kay Easterling



Tina - November 30, 2019 at 10:23 PM

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“ Bracky and I are so sad to hear about Mrs. Mary Kay's death. She was such a sweet lady and always had a smile on her face. Prayers for the family as you make the arrangements. It is so hard anytime you loose your mother, but the holidays make it harder. Remember the good memories.

Bracky Sanders - November 30, 2019 at 08:46 PM

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“ Mary Kay gave a wonderful party for me when I first moved to Bennettsville to meet ladies my age. So many of them became close friends. I enjoyed visiting with her as she walked by my house for years and on many other occasions. She always had a smile and usually a story to share! She was a breath of fresh air!

Beverly Hodges - November 30, 2019 at 08:34 PM

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“ I always enjoyed my little talks with Mary Kay when she visited the library. She was such an encouraging person. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Virginia F. McCraw



“ We are so sorry to learn of the loss of Mary Kay. She was such a lovely lady and always so friendly. May God grant you peace and comfort.

Marie Mackey and Carl Mackey - November 30, 2019 at 07:39 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Please be comforted in knowing others share in your loss. She loved people and was a friend to so many. Jim and Nancy Jo Wood

nancy wood - November 30, 2019 at 06:23 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! I have so many happy memories of playing tennis with Mary Kay. I pray that you all will feel God's comfort in the days and weeks ahead. Just know she was loved by many.  
Debby and Tommy Leslie

Debby Leslie - November 30, 2019 at 05:08 PM

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“ Mary Kay was a dear friend and next door neighbor for many years. She was always caring and helpful. Prayers for comfort for her family.

Janice W Vaughan - November 30, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Mary Kay's death. I was just thinking of her last week and wondering how she was doing. I always had a lot of respect for her, having worked for Harry, Mrs Kate and Mrs Marietta. Harry,Jr, Renee and Katherine you have our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Sue Jackson - November 30, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ Mary Kay was a classmate at Bennettsville High School and a friend. I remember a "spend the night" at her house on Main Street - we were about 12 or so. She was one of the few girls who's Mother was brave enough to have us! After light's out, we persuaded Mary Kay who was really reluctant to sneak downstairs to raid the kitchen. Her mother heard us of course! Over 50 years later she got us together at her home in Bennettsville for lunch to plan that reunion.

jane myers guthrie



“ I played tennis with Mary Kay! She could hit and hit and hit. Oh, and Lob that tennis ball. She was SO kind after Charles died. She was a Lady.

**Vicki Fowler** - November 30, 2019 at 02:33 PM