



Mrs. Merle Marie Manis

August 23, 1934 - December 20, 2018

Merle Marie Allie Manis went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 20, 2018.

Mrs. Manis was born August 23, 1934. She was the only child of John and Lillie Mae Allie of Pacolet Mills, South Carolina. She graduated from Pacolet High School in 1952 and married Dallas, the love of her life, on July 4, 1953.

Merle loved the Lord, was a devoted loving wife, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was unselfishly devoted to her immediate family and extensive extended family. Merle was humble and kind; soft-spoken but strong. Her beauty was made more apparent by the tenderest of hearts and her caring and empathetic spirit. She gave selflessly and tirelessly, cooking meals for sick or grieving families and calling or writing to friends or those who were homebound. Often times she simply sat and listened to someone with a broken heart. She cried with them, prayed for them, but never judged.

Mrs. Manis attended New Heights Baptist Church, formerly Colonial Heights Baptist Church for 55 years where she sang in the choir and taught Bible study to kindergartners and senior adults. She was president of their Womens Missionary Union (WMU) for several years. Known for her gift of hospitality, she hosted many family and youth events at her home on Lake Murray. Merle's love of entertaining also included attending her beloved Clemson football games featuring her renowned tailgate specialties.

Mrs. Manis is survived by her husband of 65 years, Dallas E. Manis, children; Michael Manis (Charlotte), Mitchell Manis (Sharon), Mickey Manis (Debbie) and Melanie Manis Leonard (Randy). Grandchildren; Karin Strickland Champion (Matt), Zachary Manis (Corrie), Lauren Manis Lane (Donald), Corey Manis, Dylan Leonard, Jade Leonard Brown (Michael), Caleb Leonard (Merideth), and ten great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents and granddaughter, Hannah Elizabeth Strickland.

Visitation will be at Chapin Baptist Church, 950 Old Lexington Hwy, Chapin, at 2:00 PM,

Sunday, December 23, 2018. A Celebration of Life service will follow at 3:00 PM at the church. Graveside service will be at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia, on Wednesday December 26, 2018 at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Chapin Baptist Senior Adult Building Fund or charity of choice. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family

Events

DEC **Visitation** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Chapin Baptist Church

950 Old Lexington Hwy, Chapin, SC, US, 29036

DEC **Funeral Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Good evening Manis Family. I would first like to offer my sincerest condolences for the loss of Ms.Merle. I did not know the woman you all knew but by spending the last hours of her life with her family I could see what an amazing person she was. It was a privilege to get to know and to love her in her last months. Here are some photos of my times with her. Im praying that God gives you all strength during this time. Much love, Rachel Pate



Rachel Finley - December 23, 2018 at 04:10 AM



“ To Dallas and family,
George and I extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one,Merle. We knew here to always have the sweetest smile and enjoyed sharing a table with you both at our SALT luncheons.
We remember her also attending the American Legion meetings and dinners there when she could.
Happy for her that her memory is restored as she shares time in eternity with her Lord and Savior.
George and Jodi Donnelly



joanne Donnelly - December 22, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ Dallas and family,

So sorry to hear of Merle's passing. Merle was so soft spoken and had such a sweet smile. Will miss seeing her at church.

Regret that I will not be able to attend the services on Sunday. Know that you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers in this time of bereavement.

Joe and Sheila R. Herndon

Sheila R. Herndon - December 22, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ Dallas and family,
Janna and I send our love.
We have many fond memories of Merle from our Colonial Heights days.
We are praying for you.
Julie Huggins Wilkerson

Julie W - December 22, 2018 at 08:29 AM



“ Merle was a sweet and loving lady.

Debra & Alan Ray - December 21, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ Dallas and family, we are so sorry for the loss of your dear Merle! Though not knowing her as well as many others, I do remember her as a kind and loving person!
Our thoughts and prayers are with you!
Pat Blackwell

Pat Blackwell - December 21, 2018 at 05:18 PM



“ So, so sorry for her family, yet happy for our beloved Mrs. Manis. She was an absolute treasure to our family. Love and thinking of you all. Cindie Ashley-Gillis

Cindie Gillis - December 21, 2018 at 03:05 PM