



Mrs. Verdie Lewis Wells Christmus

December 15, 1927 - December 6, 2020

Verdie Lewis Wells Christmus, 92, of Columbia, died Sunday, December 6, 2020. Born December 15, 1927, in Columbia, she was a daughter of the late William Henry and Mary McFarland Wells.

Mrs. Christmus graduated from Dentsville High School and later earned an associate degree from Columbia Commercial College. She met her future husband, Dan Christmus, following his military service, while they were both employed at R. L. Bryan. They married on December 22, 1946, and she continued her work at R.L. Bryan until she began raising her children. Later Mrs. Christmas returned to work at SCE&G and retired with more than 24 years of service in the communications department. Mrs. Christmus was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a woman of great faith who trusted in Jesus and loved and cared for others. She was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church for more than 20 years and joined First Presbyterian Church in 1998. While at both churches, she was active in many church activities, including ladies' circles and missionary groups.

Survivors include her husband of 73 years, Dan Christmus; four sons, Daniel Lewis Christmus (Gaye) of Columbia, Mark Wells Christmus (Elizabeth) of Pomaria, Matthew Dean Christmus (Sherri) of Clover, and John Luke Christmus, Sr. (Sandy) of Blythewood; grandchildren, Nathan (Jill), Sarah (William), Ben, Sam, Nick, Seth, Haleigh (Thomas), John Luke, Jr. (Sarah), and Cullen; seven great grandchildren; brother, Monty M. Wells (Sandra); sister-in-law, Mary Wells; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Robert M. Wells and William Henry "Billy" Wells, Jr.; sisters, Edna Earl Wells and Mary Helen Walhood; and brother-in-law, Gordon Walhood.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, services will be private. The Rev. David H. Lauten will officiate. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

Friends can participate in Mrs. Christmus' funeral service by joining the livestream on her tribute page at 1:00 pm Thursday, December 10, 2020 at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](https://www.ShivesFuneralHome.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church, 1324 Marion St, Columbia, SC 29201.

Memories and condolences may be shared at ShivesFuneralHome.com.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - December 10, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Verdie's passing. She was such a beautiful, loving person and had the sweetest smile. My Mother and Dad (Frances and Jimmy Swindler) loved her dearly and I rejoice that they are all together again in heaven. My prayers and love to Dan and family.
Eleanor Swindler Evans

Eleanor S Evans - December 14, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ We love you too. Thank you for the comment. - Matthew Christmus

Matthew Christmus - January 24 at 05:46 PM



“ I dearly loved Verdie so much that her passing has almost been as painful as the pain of losing my precious Mother. Yet, I know, if Mother and Verdie could speak with us, their message would be the words of this beautiful poem.

Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones;
All's so happy, all so bright!
There's perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the Valley of the Shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
On that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idle stand;
Do your work while life remaineth —
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of the meeting!
Oh, the joy to see you come!

by Anonymous



“ My mother and father Sam and Vivian Youngblood would take my brother and myself from Shandon in Cola to Uncle Dans on weekends and that was fun and then my father and Uncle Dan had adjoining lots on Lake Wattery. Uncle Dan set about building a house there and we had very good times there. Miss Verdie's brother Monte and my Aunt Sandy Taylor would come up with their boat and do some skiing. As we all got older we lost track of each other. But I would thank Danny for coming to my mothers service.

Uncle Dan and boys my condolences.

Alice and Jerry Youngblood

jerry youngblood - December 12, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ Miss Verdie will be missed! Her gentle, kind smile, and gift for encouragement blessed many of us at church. I always felt known and loved in her presence. During my years as a young mother, she made me feel incredibly welcome, often without sharing any conversation. Miss Verdie radiated an inner peace behind every warm smile.

Katherine & Bruce - December 11, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ Some of my favorite memories are going to South Carolina to visit my favorite Aunt Verdie and Uncle Dan and of course all my wonderfully cousins. Even though it was such a long drive from New Mexico I always had the best time. Not sure though why you guy's thought I talked funny. Over the years I've come to love and appreciate my Aunt Verdie so much more for the lovely and Godly woman she was. I will miss our phone calls and hearing her sweet southern voice but we will be together again and what a reunion we will have. My love to you Uncle Dan and all the family. Love from Susan Scales

Susan Scales - December 10, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ Verdi's was such a very special person. We are going to miss that sweet, sweet smile. To Dan and the entire family you will have our prayers for the hard days you will be facing. Please know we love you all very much. Arthur and Elaine Hayes.

Arthur and Elaine Hayes - December 10, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ Verdie was a beautiful and sweet lady. It was a honor to be her friend. Praying for Dan.

Larry @ Katie Stevens - December 09, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ The Premirus Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Verdie Lewis Wells Christmus.



The Premirus Family - December 09, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ Verdi has meant the world to me. She was the most kind and gentle woman I have ever known. An exemplary model of both a Titus 2 and a Proverb 31 woman that you could ever meet. She adopted me as her honorary daughter and we decided that since I was born on Christmas that she would have named me Merry. She loved my husband Joe and I and we loved her an Dan. Thankful that she is in the arms of the Lord Jesus Christ and we pray for Dan and family. I will always love you Verdie.

patty mellen - December 09, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ Dan,so sorry to hear of Verdie's passing. You and your family have my deepest sympathy.

Anthony Hutto

Anthony Hutto - December 09, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ Mrs. Christmas was a good mom and a great person. I remember going over to play with John Luke when I visited my grandmother when we were children May God bless your family. Robin Branson

Robin Branson - December 09, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ Such a beautiful lady. Always a smile and a friendly word. Our love and sympathy to Dan and family. Linda Fulmer

linda fulmer - December 09, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ sorry for your loss--may god bless the family

ron stalvey jr



ron stalvey jr - December 09, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Tom and I give thanks to God for Verdie and for her encouragement (along with Dan) as we parented six wiggly, rambunctious children in the pews of First Presbyterian Church. For a long time, we were pew mates right in front on Dan and Verdie each Sunday. It was always a comfort to see an encouraging smile and hear words of support us as we did lots of child-adjustment. How we must have challenged their powers of concentration during worship! One can be strengthen just by the presence of Godly members of the body of Christ. Verdie is that for us. With Dan, it was enough to just see them and to be strengthened by their loving witness as a couple.

Liz and Tom - December 08, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ All of my memories of Verdie are good ones. She was a blessing in every encounter. A woman of strong faith and cheery countenance she showed Jesus' love in every aspect of her life. Her care & concern for others was exemplary and her love for Dan and family was strong and constant. To say she will be missed is an overwhelming understatement, but she will be lovingly remembered for all the right reasons. How could we not be sad to lose her? But we can also rejoice because of the victory in Christ that she has claimed. She would want us to remember that, pray for beloved Dan and her dear sons and other family members, and keep our eyes on Jesus. May God comfort all who loved her with His love, grace and mercy.
In Christ's Love, Kathy Folks

Karhy Folks - December 08, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ That beautiful smile! A heart of gold!! Love and praying for all friends and family that are saddened by her passing. But Glory to God we will be with her again and hopefully soon!!!
Come quickly Lord Jesus!! Special love and hug to you Dan!!!

David Swindler - December 11, 2020 at 09:16 PM