



Mrs. Ethel Rister

July 8, 1941 - April 17, 2025

Mrs. Ethel Rister, 83, of Lexington, South Carolina entered into eternal rest on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at Lexington Medical Center Extended Care.

Ethel was born on July 8, 1941, in Gable, South Carolina. She was the eighth of twelve children born to the late Milroy and Annie McFadden McCants. They also raised a granddaughter, Patricia Ann Jeffries.

Ethel was converted to Christianity at an early age at Melina Presbyterian Church, Gable, South Carolina. Ethel was actively involved in Melina. Ethel grew up to be a warm and straight forward teenager. She attended and graduated with honors from Walker High School. She was one of their star basketball players. Ethel was a fashion diva and a very talented seamstress. The clothes she made would rival store-bought clothes.

After high school, Ethel moved to Boston, Massachusetts and married Clarence Wimbush. To this union, two children were born, William Gerald and Tammy Anjanette. Tammy preceded her mother in death, February 15, 2025.

Ethel worked for Cabot Corporation as an accountant during her time in Boston, Massachusetts. She moved to Charleston, South Carolina in 1974. She worked for WCSC Radio and Television Station in the accounting department. Ethel moved to Columbia, South Carolina in 1978. She worked

and retired from SC Employment Security Commission as an accountant.

Ethel later met and married Willie Rister of Lexington, South Carolina in 1985. She blended her family with his children, Tara, Patrick, and Raymond Rister. Shortly thereafter, Ethel joined Willie in his service with Jehovah Witness. Willie preceded her in death, April 2016.

Ethel is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Willie Rister; a daughter, Tammy Anjanette; brothers, Walter McCants, John Berlin McCants, Willie McCants, and Jonathan McCants.

Ethel leaves to cherish her memories her son, William Gerald (Debra Stuckey); granddaughter, Shayla (Treka), daughter-in-law, Vanessa Wimbush; sisters: Mary Simmons, Betty Goodman, Annie Wheeler, Jannie Isom, Carolyn Wheeler and Patricia Jeffries; brothers Thaddeus W. (Lizzie) McCants and Therin R. (Mary) McCants; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 24, 2025 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel, 6400 North Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. Reverend Dr. Blakely Scott, officiating.

Public viewing will be held from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2025 and from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service, Thursday, April 24, 2025 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4673

*To view the service for Mrs. Ethel Rister, please click on the link: www.facebook.com/AADicksFH Please Note:
Link will be active at service time, Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Tribute Wall

KH

“ *She was an incredible woman, loving and kind. I'm sure she and her daughter Tammalla AnnJeanette Wimbush are together in Heaven enjoying their new surroundings which are full of love, no pain and peace. You are both loved by many.*

With love and light.

Kelly Harris

Kelly Harris - May 09, 2025 at 10:20 PM

JA

“ *Mrs. Rister was a very caring and loving person I enjoyed the time she showed me how to pick walnuts in the country. She loved fresh sweet potatoes. Sewing and witnessing to the community. I send my condolences to Gerald and her grand daughter Shayla daughter Tamila who has preceded in death and her surviving family members may God bless and keep you. Love Janet*

janet - April 24, 2025 at 08:59 AM

SS

“ Dear William, Vanessa, and Shaela,

I am so deeply sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to all of you during this difficult time.

William, you've been my brother-in-law for over 30 years, and more like a true brother. Watching you and Vanessa together over the years has always been a beautiful example of love and partnership.

I'll always cherish the many weekends spent with Ethel and the warmth she brought into every room. I remember the last Thanksgiving dinner we shared at my house as a family — her laughter, love, and kindness made that day unforgettable. Watching her sew with such care and dedication, it was clear how deeply she loved her family.

She was an amazing mother and grandmother to Shaela, and her love will continue to live on in all of you.

You're in my heart and prayers. May Ethel's memory bring you comfort and peace.

*With love and sympathy,
Your only sister-in-law,*

Shannon Johnson-Shields

Shannon Shields - April 23, 2025 at 11:37 PM

DI

“ To William and Deborah,
Our sincere prayers and thoughts are with
you and your family at this difficult time.
Prayers for God's strength and comfort to see
you through. Let the fond memories of your
mom give you peace. 🙏❤️



Deacon Joel and Loraine Ingram - April 23, 2025 at 03:57 PM

AP

“ William and Debra,

I offer my heartfelt condolences and prayers
for you in the loss of your mother. May you
find strength and peace as you navigate this
challenging time.



Angela Prophet

Angela Prophet - April 23, 2025 at 09:15 AM

MA

“ Myron & Robin Alston purchased the Pink Rose and Amaryllis (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Mrs. Ethel Rister.



Myron & Robin Alston - April 23, 2025 at 07:06 AM

GF

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.* ”



Gloria Harrison Brown and Family - April 20, 2025 at 10:17 PM

GF

“ *Our sincere sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.* ”



Gloria Harrison Brown and Family - April 19, 2025 at 09:53 PM