



Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler

February 25, 1941 - January 9, 2026

Anna Phillips Chandler passed away peacefully on January 9, 2026, at Foothills Retirement Community in Easley, SC.

Born to Clarence and Phronie Phillips in Sumter, SC, Anna was a graduate of Mayewood High School and Coker College. From an early age, she developed a lifelong love for history, gardening, her church, and helping others. These interests shaped both her career and her many community commitments.

A devoted member of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church for over 60 years, Anna faithfully served in numerous roles throughout her life. She was a leader of the Women of the Church and taught both adult and children's Sunday School classes as well as a Vacation Bible School.

She proudly served as Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was instrumental in helping establish the Lee County Archives and the Cotton Museum.

She served Lee County with distinction as a Summary Court Judge and later as a social worker with the Department of Social Services, where her compassion, fairness, and steady leadership touched many lives.

An active member of the Lee County Garden Club, Anna found great joy in gardening, particularly her beautiful rose garden.

She also cherished time with her family and loved cheering on Clemson sports—rarely missing an opportunity to support the Tigers. Anna loved to paint, especially with her friends. You could find her paintings all over her house and in the homes of people she loved. She was known for her bridge card skills both in Bishopville and at Foothills Retirement Community.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband of 64 years, Archie H. Chandler Jr.; and her siblings: Billy K. Phillips (Virginia), Clarence “Red” Phillips Jr. (Elina), Ashton Phillips (Lavonne), Jane Hodge (Norman), and Carolyn Hendrickson (Charles).

She is survived by her son, Archie “Trey” Chandler III (Norma); her grandchildren, Madeline Chandler Howard (Parker), Mary Chandler Gragg (Jacob), and Matthew Chandler; and her treasured great-granddaughter, Mary Charlotte Howard (Madeline and Parker), who brought her great joy.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to her friends and staff at the Foothills Retirement Community for their kindness, friendship, and devoted care.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, Mr Don Mathis, Treasurer, 145 Coopers Mill Road, Bishopville, SC 29010.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Michael Sorrell and Rev. Mary Morrison will officiate the service, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

Serving as pallbearers will be Al Phillips, Mark Phillips, Phil Phillips, Carey Hendrickson, Charlie Hendrickson, Ray Hodge, and Billy Phillips, Jr.

Cemetery Details

Mount Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery

4544 Saint Charles Road
Bishopville, SC 29010

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church
4544 St Charles Rd
Bishopville, SC 29010

Visitation

JAN 18. 4:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
4544 St. Charles Road
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall



“ Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler



Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home - January 14 at 11:06 AM

MC

“ Sumter’s Home Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution send our condolences to the family of Anna Phillips Chandler.

Mary Wayne James -Sumter’s Home Chaplain - January 23 at 01:55 PM

RR

“ Ruby Robinson Ricks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler



Ruby Robinson Ricks - January 15 at 10:19 PM



“ Anna had a loving heart she cared for family and friends



David Stewart - January 15 at 08:54 AM

LN

“ Love, the Bryans and Netzlers purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.



Love, the Bryans and Netzlers - January 15 at 07:25 AM

JS

“ Jay and Sharm Shah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.

Jay and Sharm Shah - January 13 at 10:35 PM

JS

“ Jay and Sharm Shah purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.



Jay and Sharm Shah - January 13 at 10:35 PM

TC

“ Terri Hopkins Camp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler



Terri Hopkins Camp - January 13 at 05:46 PM

JN

“ *Joreatha Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler*



Joreatha Nelson - January 13 at 10:19 AM

MA

“ *Maya & Sunil Agarwal purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.*



Maya & Sunil Agarwal - January 13 at 08:46 AM

TD

“ *Tommy Dampier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler*



Tommy Dampier - January 13 at 12:23 AM

LM

“ *Lena McCutchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler*



Lena McCutchen - January 12 at 10:23 PM

LM

“ Prayers for Anna’s family. We worked together for many years at the Lee County DSS.

Lena McCutchen - January 12 at 10:22 PM

AA

“ Archie And Kay Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler



Archie and Kay Amerson - January 12 at 10:32 AM

MB

“ Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - January 12 at 06:35 AM

ST

“ Susan Thrasherq lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler



Susan Thrasherq - January 11 at 11:18 PM

JH

“ Joe and Cindy Henderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.

Joe and Cindy Henderson - January 11 at 10:29 PM

JH

“ Joe and Cindy Henderson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.



Joe and Cindy Henderson - January 11 at 10:29 PM

WW

“ I just loved both of your parents, Trey. I pray for all of you and know she will be dearly missed. Love, Wendi

Wendi Wolfe - January 11 at 07:02 PM

SH

“ Shan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler



shan - January 11 at 06:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.*



January 11 at 05:47 PM



“ *Ruthie Houser lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler*



Ruthie Houser - January 11 at 05:41 PM



“ *Jesse J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.*

Jesse J. - January 11 at 05:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.*



January 11 at 05:27 PM

JD

“ Josh and Emily Doll planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.

Josh and Emily Doll - January 11 at 04:55 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler.



January 11 at 04:55 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom Trey. Prayers for all of you at this time. Tanya and Gwyn Jones(Todd Jones mom and sister)

Tanya Jennings - January 11 at 02:29 PM

KJ

“ Kathy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips Chandler



Kathy Jackson - January 11 at 01:52 PM

NB

“ many thoughts and prayers for the family. May God bless each of you. 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Nell Beasley - January 11 at 04:46 PM

NB

Anna was my little sister when I entered Coker college . She sent me a letter introducing herself as she was a year ahead of me. When I moved to Bishopville, I met her and we remain friends. Blessings to the family. Love y'all.

Nell Beasley - January 11 at 04:53 PM

PH

*Don and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your precious mother....Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Norma and family
Don and Patty Herndon*

patty herndon - January 11 at 06:19 PM

TD

Anna was a force to be reckoned with. When she set her mind to accomplish a task, she got it done!! Anna will be missed by everyone that knew her. Thoughts and prayers for Trey and the family. She was such a big part of Lee County and she loved being an integral part of bettering the town and county. God speed to you!! 🌹🥹🙏

Tom Dampier - January 13 at 12:16 AM