



Mrs. Mary Robert Spencer "Bobbi" Beard

December 19, 1924 - March 6, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that the Beard family announces the death of their beloved mother, Mrs. Mary Robert Spencer "Bobbi" Beard, 100.

Mrs. Beard, the widow of John Chappell Beard, Sr., entered into rest on Thursday, March 6, 2025. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A graveside funeral service to honor her life will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday, March 9, 2025, in Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery, 110 Pinchum Sly Road, Bishopville, SC. The Rev. Hank Fields, Gentiva Hospice Chaplain, will officiate, and the family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to Springhill Assisted Living, 514 Gum Street, Pageland, SC 29728.

Mrs. Beard was born on Friday, December 19, 1924, in Rock Hill, SC. She is the daughter of the late Preston Wylie Spencer and the late Mattie Lou Barnette Spencer. She graduated from Winthrop Training School and Winthrop College, where she also completed graduate courses. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the S.C. Home Economics Association, as well as the Garden Club, Bridge Club, and Bethlehem United

Methodist Church.

She began working as a Home Demonstration Agent in Lexington County and Lee County. She owned and operated a private kindergarten in her home for many years, which led to her employment with the Lee County School system as a kindergarten teacher for over 30 years at Bishopville Primary School until she retired.

Mrs. Beard mastered canning vegetables and baking cookies, brownies, and delicious congo squares. In the spring and summer, she always prepared dill pickles, crystal pickles, and sweet and sour pickles. Her neighbors and friends always appreciated her jams, jellies, and preserves. One of her favorite compliments was when someone asked for a recipe.

Many people enjoyed the famous magnolia tree in her yard for weddings and parties, and Bobbi delighted in making others' events so special.

She is survived by her children, Helen Summer of Columbia, SC, John Chappell (Cindy) Beard, Jr. of Chesterfield, SC, Robin (Bennie) Phillips of Ruffin, SC, Margaret Railey and Mike Payton of Munchie, IN; grandchildren Joseph Railey, Chappell Alcuria (Danniel), and Preston Beard; and great-grandchildren Danniella, Elaina, and Delilah Alcuria.

The family would like to thank the wonderful and loving staff at Springhill Assisted Living and Gentiva Hospice for their dedication and compassion. To Samantha McManus, our angel on earth, thank you for all the care and love you provided Bobbi.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery

110 Pinchum Sly Road
Bishopville, SC 29010

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery
110 Pinchum Sly Road
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear mother! I have fond memories of visiting y'all as a child, and your mom was so sweet to me! I can still picture her kindergarten room! You will be in my prayers for comfort at this sad time.

Love to you all, Janis Beard Cunningham

Janis Cunningham - March 07, 2025 at 07:58 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cindy Pender Beard - March 07, 2025 at 06:21 PM

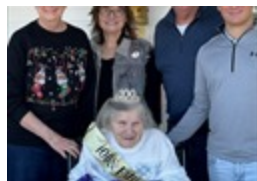
JM

To the family My Condolences and Prayers.

Joanna McCray - March 08, 2025 at 10:48 AM

CB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cindy Pender Beard - March 07, 2025 at 05:59 PM

CA

“ *Bobbi meeting Delilah a few weeks ago*



Chappell Alcuria - March 07, 2025 at 05:35 PM

CA

“ *My sweet Bobbi. She loved being a grandmother to Joseph, Preston, and I as well as her 3 great-granddaughters.*



Chappell Alcuria - March 07, 2025 at 05:30 PM

MB

“ *Margaret.... I am so so sorry for your loss!!!❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️
..... love to your family.*

Michelle Beasley - March 07, 2025 at 05:10 PM

KO

“ *Kathy Godwin Oakley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Robert Spencer "Bobbi" Beard*



Kathy Godwin Oakley - March 07, 2025 at 05:05 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Robert Spencer "Bobbi" Beard*



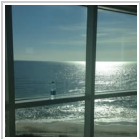
Rebecca Skinner - March 07, 2025 at 02:54 PM

ST

“ *Susan Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Robert Spencer "Bobbi" Beard*



Susan Thrasher - March 07, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ *Bill Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Robert Spencer "Bobbi" Beard*



Bill Stokes - March 07, 2025 at 02:45 PM

HE

“ 2 files added to the album Family Photos



HEH - March 07, 2025 at 02:43 PM

MB

“ Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Robert Spencer "Bobbi" Beard



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - March 07, 2025 at 02:37 PM