



## Encilie "Lee" McAlhany Gunter

October 3, 1940 - July 20, 2024

Encilie "Lee" McAlhany Gunter, 83, of Branchville, SC passed away at Magnolia's of Santee on July 20, 2024. Lee was born in Branchville on October 3, 1940 and was the daughter of the late Perry F. McAlhany and Hattie "Ott" McAlhany.

Lee retired from the Charleston Naval Shipyard as an Engineering Technician and as the administrative assistant in the Chaplains Office at the Oaks in Orangeburg, SC. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church in Branchville.

Lee was a passionate walker who did not miss many days walking the town of Branchville over the years with her friends, Rose Myers and Judy Dufford. Lee loved playing her piano, especially church hymns. She was an avid shopper and loved her monthly visits to downtown Charleston. Lee was also a great cook. Her cakes, pies, cookies and fried chicken will be missed.

Lee is survived by her daughter Tammy Gunter (Melanie) of Goose Creek, SC, sons Bryan Gunter (Patti) of Edisto Island, SC, Daryl Gunter (Robin) and Kelsey Gunter (Theresa) both of Branchville, SC, brother Franklin McAlhany (Janet), sisters Frances Jackson and Patricia Dukes, 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Lee was predeceased by her husband Russell Gunter, sisters Jeanette Wilkowski and Ruby Manus.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Branchville United Methodist Church, 419 Barton Street, Branchville, SC. The family will receive friends one hour before the service. A private graveside

service will be held at McAlhany Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to the Branchville United Methodist Church.

The family would like to extend many thanks to the staff at Magnolias of Santee and Edisto Hospice for their support, kindness, and compassion towards Lee while under their care.

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ I first met Lee and her husband, Russell, when we were fellow members of then, St. John's UMC on John's Island that, sadly, has now closed. Lee and Russell became good friends. Many years after I left John's Island to prepare for ministry in the UMC, I rediscovered Lee on a happenstance visit to The Methodist Home in Orangeburg, where she served as custodian of the chapel on the campus. Lee and her husband, Russell, were salt of the earth kind of people who inspired many of their friends with their genuine and strong faith. I am grateful to have known and loved them both. They made a difference in my life. My thoughts and prayers are with you, now, as you acknowledge and celebrate her life.

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**Bill Felder** - July 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I worked with Encilie in the Planning Department at the shipyard back in the '70s. Wonderful lady - a true Southern Belle. Wonderful memories; lots of laughs. Love and Prayers to all her family.

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**Carol Bates** - July 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Colleen Newsome Jolly lit a candle in memory of Encilie "Lee" McAlhany Gunter



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**Colleen Newsome Jolly** - July 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ The first time I saw Lee about 20 years ago, I was on my way to Robin Gunter's house. I commented to Robin, "I saw a lady wearing pearls, dressed like a Talbots model riding a bicycle." Robin said "oh, that's Lee." You couldn't be friends with Robin an not know her precious Lee.

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**Elsie Fogle** - July 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Ott Funeral Home

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**A Memorial Tree** was planted for "Lee" - July 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM