



Jane Edwards Van

January 7, 2011

Clemson

Mrs. Jane Ann Edwards Varn of 218 Holiday East, Clemson, SC, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 7, 2011, following a courageously fought battle against cancer. Mrs. Varn was the daughter of the late Ordie Morton and Bertie Hieronymous Edwards, and was graduate of Moultrie High School in Mt. Pleasant, SC. She was a 1955 graduate of Columbia College and taught in the public and private schools of SC for many years.

Jane Ann was married to Dr. Lucius Pinckney Varn for fifty-five years and they resided in Orangeburg, SC, until the past five years when they moved to Clemson, SC. She and her husband were active members of Rock Springs Baptist Church, in Easley, SC, where she taught for several years in the Ladies Bible Studies. They were blessed with four children: Beth Moore (Bill Moore) and children Thomson, Harrison, and Grace Moore of Orangeburg, SC; Rose Smith (Dr. Gene Smith), and children Julianna and Hampton Smith of Columbia, SC; Janie Crossland (Rob Crossland) and children Bobby, Rachel, and Sam Crossland of Mt. Pleasant, SC; and Luke Varn (Allyson Varn) and children Maggie, Trey, and Olivia Varn of Greenville, SC.

She was the sister of the late Josephine (Douglas) Pinckney of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and is survived by her brothers Dr. Morton (Tom) Edwards of Greenville, SC, and Dr. James B. Edwards of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and her sister, Mrs. Ada "Deedie" (Ted) Melchers of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and numerous beloved nieces

and nephews.

Jane's greatest joy was teaching the Bible, which was demonstrated by a non-denominational Bible study, which she taught in Orangeburg for over forty years. She was involved in mission work, both at home and on foreign fields. Jane led drives to collect funds for various causes such as: sheets for a needy hospital in the country of Angola, a lung machine for coal miners at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, and shovels for natives to clear a landing airstrip along the Amazon River. This was used by New Tribes Missions to reach the Brazilian natives with God's message of salvation through Jesus Christ. She and her husband provided funds needed to build and support a church and its pastor in India for many years. More recently, she and her Bible Study were involved with the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, sending funds to help Jewish people to be able to leave Russia and immigrate to Israel. In the 1970s, Jane organized the gospel singing group, The Believers, who performed along the East coast from Virginia to Florida, spreading God's Word. Jane accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior when she was taken by her brother Tom, to the first Billy Graham crusade held in South Carolina. She faithfully followed the message of going into all the world to tell the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.

A memorial service will be held at Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley, SC, on Sunday, January 9, 2011, led by Dr. David Gallamore with visitation at 1:00, and service at 2:00. On Tuesday, January 11, there will be a visitation at 1:00, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 at the Branchville Christian Church, SC, led by Reverend Wayne Manning and Reverend Jerry Thompson. Burial service will follow at Sardis Cemetery in Branchville, SC, led by Reverend Henry Cooper. Ott Funeral Home in Branchville is in charge of arrangements, (803) 274-8889. Online condolences can be sent to www.ottfh.com

Tribute Wall

CG

“ Dear Family and Friends,
I still think of conversations and the many times I spent with the Varns. You were all so kind to me. I don't think you ever truly knew how much I loved and still love each of you.
You all know the love I had and still have for Mrs. Varn. Also for her mother. So when I heard she had gone to Heaven I thought "she is with her Mama again." And of course our Lord and Saviour. Your grandmother had a great effect on my life and you must know your mother and all of you did. I still love you all and carry the love you showed me within my heart. May God comfort you and give you the strength you need. Your mother will be greatly missed but her love will be shared and passed down for generations to come.

I love you all,
Christel

Christel Walker Guess - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Jane was an example of what a true Christian lady really was ! she knew her Bible well ..i learned a lot from her bible studies in orangeburg many years ago!
she was a sweet and lovely lady ! i know she prayed for me whenever i asked her !
she will be missed ! but she is now with the Savior she loved and told everyone about ! God give the family comfort and strength ! we WILL see her again ! God bless you DR. Varn...

joan rhinehart - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ How blessed we feel to have known Mrs. Jane. She was such an inspiration and walking example of our loving God. She never met a stranger, and never hesitated to tell anyone where her joy and hope came from, and always shared His love, goodness and graciousness. Her great laugh and smiling eyes would always make you feel at home. We look forward to being with her again one day.

Ron & Gail DeLorey - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jane Anne's death and wish that I had known that she was so ill. I would love to have seen her and visited her to talk about old times and to share photos I have recently found of our high school fun. My condolences to her husband and children. ZML38

Tolly Gilmer Shelton - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dr. Varn, Beth, Rose, Janie & Luke,
What words can possibly be use to describe such a willing, hard-working, bold and dynamic Christian Servant, with such values and humility, as your wife and mother. Her unforgettable teaching and testimoney continues to leave an everlasting effect upon us both as we go about our daily lives. We are so lucky to have crossed paths with her, as well as with your entire family, in our lives and will forever be blessed and grateful. Although we are sure the parting has to be hard, there has to be some kind of excitement going on in Heaven today.

We continue to hold you up in our prayers.

Larry & Karen Gramling

Larry & Karen Gramling - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Luke, David and I were so sorry to hear of your mother's death. She must have been an extraordinary person and most importantly, a strong Christian. What more comfort than that can we have when a loved one dies! Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

David and Glenn Rose - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ I just wanted to express my sincere sympathy to the family in the loss of Mrs. Jane Ann.

She was such an amazing inspiration to me over the years. I'll never forget how every time her name was mentioned, my Dad would tell of her love for our dog, Bingo.

She was a wonderful neighbor when I was a child, and as I grew older, over the years, no matter when we ran into each other, she always offered word of wisdom. I don't know that even she was aware of how much some of the things she said to me over the years inspired and encouraged me.

*May God bless and comfort each of you.
Vicki Cleveland*

Vicki Cleveland - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Praying for you family...

Rhonda Jennings - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We would like to express our sympathy to all of the family. We have fond memories of Jane and her family when she lived here in Orangeburg. May all of her memories carry you through this time of grief.

The William Barrett Family - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Varn Family,
Barbara and I have wonderful memories of your mom and family. We were deeply saddened to learn of your loss, yet we rejoice with you at Mrs Jane's final graduation to heaven. We commit you to God's tender care as he wraps his loving arms around you.
Pat

Pat & Barbara Goodwin - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Dr. Varn, Beth, Rose, Janie, Luke and families: Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss; our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. We know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. May Jane's love, life and legacy be with you always.

Artie and Georgie Davis - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Dr. Varn & Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved wife & mother. There is no doubt that her passing will be a great loss to all that knew her. Our prayers are with you on this sad occasion.

Ben & Nancy Fair - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry to hear that Mrs. Varn has passed away. I will always remember her as one of my favorite Sunday School teachers. I can see her smiling face and even hear her voice in my mind as she led the singing during VBS. Mrs. Varn was a great lady of faith who helped lay the foundation for my own Christian walk. I know she ran straight into Jesus' waiting arms as soon as she crossed into Glory! She loved Him so much. I will be praying for all the family during this difficult time. Love to you all, ~ Carol

Carol Tyler Griffin - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ What a wonderful influence Jane had on this community. So many became stronger Christians because of her life work. Blessings and prayers to all the family.

Debby & Kelly Felder - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We will always remember our Friend, Jane..She was a woman of substance..to know her made you a better person...She will be greatly missed . our love and prayers to her family..

Jake and Sue Boltin - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ Dear Varns,

Thinking of you at this time. Your mother was such a dynamic presence and I can remember her joyful love for the LORD even from many, many years ago, as a young girl in Orangeburg, SC.

I know you will miss her!

Pamela Holt Vance

Pamela (Holt) Vance - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Mrs. Varn was a strong and special lady. She leaves behind such a wonderful family and made such a positive influence on so many lives of all ages. I will always remember Mrs. Varn & Dr. Varn from my high school days and more recently around Clemson. Beth I am thinking of you, your Dad, and all your family.*

Mark Mizzell - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Heaven is rejoicing even though our hearts are heavy. What a wonderful Christian lady and friend Jane was. She will be greatly missed. Lucas and family, we continue to pray for you and thank you for sharing such a wonderful lady with us. Our deepest sympathy to you all.*

Poogie and Beverly Cantrell - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Our sympathy to you. So many fond memories of all the family.*

Rosalind and Bill Carson

Rosalind Carson - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Our sympathy to the entire family. We all have fond memories of Jane and know that she is rejoicing to be with her Lord and Savior. What a legacy she has left!

Maud Kissam - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ TO THE WONDERFUL FAMILY OF A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN OF GOD....WE ARE THINKING OF YOU ALL. JANE WAS AN INSPIRATION TO ME ACROSS SO MANY YEARS.....HER INFLUENCE WILL REMAIN FOR YEARS TO COME

NANCY AYERS - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you now, and always.

Norma Rockwell - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Heaven is now rejoicing along with Jane as she walks and talks with Jesus. Miss Jane was my vacation Bible school teacher as a child, my Bible teacher as an adult, also my fellow teacher and friend in Orangeburg. She blessed my life in so many ways with her incredible Bible teaching. Her love for Jesus always showed itself in everything she did. What a wonderful saint has gone through the pearly gates to her reward. How blessed her family is to have had her for a mother and wife. How blessed the rest of us were to call her friend. Love to all your family, our prayers are with you as you grieve for Miss Jane. Heyward and Lynne Evans

Lynne Smith Evans - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Jane Ann. She was a wonderful Lady. I had known her for years through Her husband, being Dr.Varn.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with the Family at this time. May God give all of you comfort during your sorrow.

Diann Stillinger - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Varn and his family in the loss of Mrs. Varn. He was our doctor for years and always asked about us when we saw them. We were all big Clemson fans. They were so excited the last time we saw them about living in Clemson. They were in Orangeburg visiting their children. We send our deepest sympathy.

Gene & Catherine Sanders - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ While Dr. Varn kept our bodies healthy, Mrs. Jane kept our hearts and souls healthy. She was one of God's Saints working here on the earth and is kindly remembered by many folks that lived in the Orangeburg area.

Andrew W. Fairey - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Lucius, sorry to hear of your loss! We have fond memories of the entire Varn family from the old Branchville days. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bill Huntley & Ann McAlhany Huntley - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM