



Lessie R Phillips

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With deep love and gratitude for a life well lived, the family of Lessie Rae Phillips-known affectionately as "Rae" to her many friends-announces her peaceful passing on April 17, 2025, at the age of 101.

Born and raised in the Buckhead Community of South Carolina, Rae carried a lifelong love for "Buckhead," as she always called it-almost as deep as her love for fishing, which brought her joy, peace, and plenty of stories. Her roots ran deep, and so did her love for the place and the people who shaped her. She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Iben Hayes Phillips, Sr., and by her beloved daughter, Pamela Parker, in 2004. She is fondly remembered by Pamela's husband, Tom, who remains a cherished part of the family.

Rae is survived by her three loving sons: Iben Hayes Phillips, Jr. (Regina), Timothy Wynn Phillips (Tatiana), and Robert Matthews Phillips (Debra).

She was a proud and loving grandmother to ten grandchildren: Rachel Marie Phillips, Joshua David Phillips, Benjamin Matthew Phillips, Timothy Phillips, Elizabeth Roop, Lynsey Parker, Tamara Cupka, Thomas Rourk, Erica Dale, and Justin Phillips. She was also blessed with 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild, each one a treasured part of her enduring legacy.

A woman of deep and abiding faith, Rae was a long-standing member of Buckhead Advent Christian Church in Smoaks, South Carolina, where she

worshiped faithfully and found great joy in her church family.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Ott's Funeral Home in Branchville, South Carolina. The viewing will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. All who knew and loved her are warmly invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor her memory by showing kindness to others-just as she did every day of her life.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Lessie, but I can see her Christian character and faith being played out in the life of Matthew. Matthew and Debra, please know we are thinking of you today. Our prayers continue as you walk through this season.
We love you,
Martin and Linda

Linda Heath - April 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ In remembrance of a wonderful person. May God take you into His embrace.

Alfred and Judi Karam - April 18, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Such a sweet, loving woman my Aunt Rae was. I will miss you. I always tried to pick her brain about relatives that were way older than me and she would giggle and say, "I don't remember or I never heard anything about that". That generation just never wanted to talk about what was going on. My son-in-law, Todd got to meet her and he loved her too.
My deepest condolences to her sons, my cousins, Phil (Regina) Tim (Tatiana) and Matt (Debra) and to all who knew her.
I love you, Aunt Rae ☐
Love always, Carol

Carol Wilkens - April 18, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Colleen Newsome Jolly lit a candle in memory of Lessie R Phillips*



Colleen Newsome Jolly - April 18, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *One of the sweetest people to walk this earth! Loved her dearly!*

Johnny & Jayne Mabrey - April 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AP

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Lessie R Phillips - April 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM