



## Minnie Lee Edwins

January 8, 1936 - February 5, 2026

Minnie Stewart Edwins was born in Aiken County, SC on January 8, 1936, to the late Tommy Stewart and Katherine Ann Peeples Stewart. On February 5, 2026, Minnie passed on to eternal rest at her residence in St. Helena Island with family at her bedside just a few weeks after celebrating her 90th birthday. Minnie was preceded in death by husband Robert Hampton Edwins, sister Barbara, sister Betty, sister Bobby, sister Lena, son Thomas Lauren Myers, son Randall Myers, whom she carried in her heart always. Minnie was also preceded in death by granddaughter Cyndi Lyons Beard, who shared her love for collecting and grandson Robert Myers, Jr., who shared her love for fishing. Minnie is survived by her sister Mae (John) Valentine of Virginia, daughter Shirley (Steve) Holloway of Branchville, son Warren (Susan) Myers of Smoaks, son Larry (Vicky) Myers of Branchville and son Robert (Donna) Myers of Smoaks, along with slew of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and special friends and family.

Minnie and Hamp were married for 51 years prior to his death in 2015. They resided in Cordova for 20 years before the call of the ocean lured them to become permanent residents of St. Helena Island, where they camped and fished the salty tides of Hunting Island as many years as their bodies were able.

Minnie was affectionately known by many as the Daylily Lady. Flowers and plants were Minnie's lifelong companions. Her garden reflected who she was: gentle and colorful. She had a way of nurturing life that extended far beyond

the garden beds. Whether sharing cut flowers, offering advice on how to revive a struggling plant, or simply pausing to admire a bloom, Minnie reminded everyone around her to slow down and notice beauty.

Minnie also had a deep affection for cats, finding joy in their quiet companionship, soft purrs, and independent spirits. They brought her comfort, laughter, and warmth, and her home was always a safe and loving place for them.

Minnie will be deeply missed by all who loved her. Her legacy lives on in the gardens she tended, the flowers she cherished, and the many lives she touched through the years.

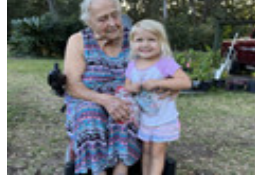
Family will receive family and friends at Hagen Cemetery in Smoaks, SC for graveside viewing on Monday, February 9, 2026 beginning at 12:00pm followed by a graveside service to begin at 1:00pm.

In her memory, may we plant something, tend it with care, and remember Minnie each time something blooms.

# Tribute Wall



“ 6 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



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**Ott Funeral Home** - April 08 at 05:18 PM

KS

“ A few years ago I saw this large plant sell sign, I pulled into a long drive way and called a number. On the other end was Minnie and out she came in her wheel chair. What was supposed to be a shopping trip turned into a weekly event, we came weekly to break bread together, help weed her plants, clean her home, help with chores, share stores, and most importantly she watched my babies grow. She watched them learn to walk, and taught them so much about plants. She loved us and we loved her. She became our family when we had no one else. To hear about this and it be 2 months later breaks my heart, I've been trying to reach her for nearly 3 months. We moved 5 hours away and I tried coming to surprise her last week and the gate was locked. This wasn't the answer I was wanting but at least I know. I love you Minnie.

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**Kaitlyn Struthers** - March 29 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“Minnie was my friend for over 20 years and we shared many stories together. We loved flowers and the outdoors . I will always remember her smile and good memories as well. Peace be with her always . Harriet Jackwak

Harriet Jackwak - February 13 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Shirley and Robert so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Sending my condolences and heartfelt thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️

Judy Elrod - February 09 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Rhonda Ulmer Gordon lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Edwins



Rhonda Ulmer Gordon - February 09 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ So glad I got a chance to meet Mrs Minnie. She was a very special lady to all who knew and loved her.

Vanessa Johnson - February 09 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ Love you very, very much Minnie. So many good conversations. Good grapefruit. Beautiful flowers. Every kind of animal friend...like St. Francis. Thank you Robert and Donna...Minnie... thank you for teaching me about what matters.

Vivian - February 09 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Minnie will forever live in my heart. My dear counselor on many things, especially on plants. I loved her and she loved me. She will be missed. My condolences to her family...Beth Wright*

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**Beth Wright** - February 08 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *I met Miss Minnie when I first came to Sc 15 years ago. The day lily farm was a sanctuary she allowed me to come and help with her plants and she shared her wisdom and love. She even taught me how to incubate chickens . We would go on our adventures to Charleston or the thrift store. I remember so many peaceful days in the yard with my husband her and Mr Hamp. I will miss her so much. To the family thank you for sharing your amazing mother with us. We send our love and prayers for peace and strength for you. Richard and Darnell Glover*

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**Darnell Glover** - February 08 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Blessed to have spent some time with her. Very special dear lady.*

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**Dennis Borman** - February 08 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ *Rest in peace Aunt Minnie! You had a gift of making everyone welcome. Thank you for loving my Uncle Hamp so well.Love to the family!*

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**Frank and Susan Weaver** - February 08 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ *A tree for "the daylillie lady."*

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**Gilda & Nick Owen** - February 08 at 12:00 AM

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“ For all of us lucky enough to know and love Minnie, we're lucky enough!  
I will miss her so much. Her beautiful smile, kind heart and her determination to live her life 'her way'.  
My heart goes out to Minnie's wonderful family who love her dearly. They made it possible for Minnie to fulfill her desire to do just that, 'her way' in the home she loved surrounded by family and love.  
RIP, my friend.

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**Gilda Owen** - February 08 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Larry, Robert and the rest of the family, my deepest condolences for your loss, I met your mother one time and she was very nice to me for only knowing me a short time, I'll take that memory with me. I know she's an angel now and the Lord has received her with open arms.  
Bobby Fontenot  
Maui, Hawaii

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**Bobby Fontenot** - February 07 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Brenda Myers Spell lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee Edwins



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**Brenda Myers Spell** - February 07 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I'm Brenda Myers Spell I have known her all my life. My dad is her first husband's Thomas cousin. So sorry to hear of Minnie's passing. Praying for her family.

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**Brenda Myers Spell** - February 07 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ How do you describe Miss Minnie, The Day Lily Lady of St Helena Island?  
I met her many years ago and she has been in my heart since then. Minnie had a great love and respect for every living thing around her.  
Her family, home and garden were the closest thing to heaven to her. Gardeners from Dataw, Harbor, Fripp and St Helena Island knew her well. Minnie's lilies are still blooming in their gardens. One day she said to me "Look closely at this lily. See the beauty in every tiny part of this flower". She was so right !  
Minnie, my wish for you is that your soul is with all those souls you loved and lost, now and forever

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**Mary Ann** - February 07 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ In your honor, Miss Minnie!

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**Mary Ann** - February 07 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ We are Ramon and Norma Gonzalez. We moved here from NJ and driving around to learn more of the town, saw Minnie's sign "plants for sale". I wanted some plants for our new house so we followed the arrow to Minnie's. Didn't expect to see an elderly woman in a wheel chairs riding through the yard, but there she was. We immediately fell in love with her. She was so sweet and kind and happy. We became friends so we visited her and helped her here and there. We are so sad to see her go. We will surely miss her. We learned to love her and will never forget her. We will see her again in heaven when our turn comes. Until then, we have our memories to help us cope with her parting.

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**Ramón and Norma Gonzalez** - February 07 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Mini was my special friend . She loved her flowers and always was tending to them . She will always hold a special place in my heart . I'm gonna miss her so much . Can't wait till we get to meet in heaven and go fishing together . I love you mini .

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**Katrina Fultz** - February 06 at 12:00 AM

AE

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

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Minnie Lee Edwins** - February 06 at 12:00 AM