



Nira Jean Horton

January 19, 1930 - January 10, 2023

Branchville

Nira Jean "Pete" Horton, widow of Ross Horton, died January 10, 2023 at The Oaks of Orangeburg. "Pete" was born January 19, 1930 in Springfield, SC to Edwin T. and Callie B Smith. Upon her parents' death, "Pete" was adopted by her aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Boylston, and moved to Branchville at age 4.

"Pete" graduated from Branchville High School, Winthrop University, and Western Carolina University. She taught at Branchville High for thirty years, and then at Bowman Academy, Orangeburg Christian Academy, and Andrew Jackson Academy. She was a member of Branchville Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School and played the organ for over fifty years.

"Pete" is survived by a son, Steve (Julie), of Moncks Corner, granddaughter Maggie (Jeff) of Summerville, and grandson Thomas (Emily) of Atlanta, as well as sister-in-law Sylvia Smith and two nephews, Terry and Bryan. "Pete" was predeceased by her brother, Dr. Edwin T. Smith.

A graveside service will be held at 3:30 PM on Saturday, January 14th at Ott Cemetery in Branchville. Friends and family may gather after at the Fellowship Hall of Branchville Baptist Church.

Online condolences can be made at www.otffh.com

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Jean Waugh lit a candle in memory of Nira
Jean Horton



Jean Waugh - January 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We have lost a wonderful lady! She was my business teacher and
was responsible for teaching me the skills I had to pursue a
successful career. I loved her so much .
RIP Mrs. Horton

Jean Waugh - January 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Ms. Pete taught me bookkeeping in highschool. She was a good
teacher. You couldn't get anything over her. She had a good heart.

Nancy Hendricks - January 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ While I worked at the Oaks I got to know Ms Pete and she was the
most kind and caring woman I have ever met. Quite a sense of
humor too. Loved her.

Jennifer Caughman

Jennifer Caughman - January 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AP

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Pete - January 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM