



Rose Varn Dukes

December 29, 1928 - September 12, 2015

Columbia

Rose Mary Varn Dukes, 86, of Columbia, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the Agape Hospice House.

Born in Branchville on December 29, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Fletcher Otis Varn and the late Elizabeth "Bessie" Knight Varn. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, a retired teacher, a graduate of Columbia College and a member of Union United Methodist Church and their Mattie Mathias Circle in Irmo.

Rose is predeceased by her husband, Jerry T. Dukes, and brothers, Glenn Lee "Polly" Varn, Otis Varn and William "Bill" Varn.

She is survived by her four children, Thomas E. "Eddie" Dukes of Lexington, David V. Dukes and his wife Wendy of Norcross, GA, Mark S. Dukes of Irmo, and Elizabeth "Betsy" D. Brown of Anderson, four grandchildren, Elizabeth and her husband Chris Miller, Christopher Dukes, Garrett and Grayson Brown, and two great-grandchildren Owen and Emery Miller; a brother, Dr. Lucius P.

Varn of Orangeburg, sister-in-law, Kathleen "Kass" Varn of Manning, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service and burial will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 11:00 am at the Ott Cemetery in Branchville, South Carolina. Ott Funeral Home of Branchville, SC, is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to The Epworth Children's Home, 2900 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205 or online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Eddie, David, Mark and Betsy:
Please know that I and my family are thinking of you and your families during your time of loss. Please accept our condolences and understand that even though distances separate us, the loss is felt here as well.

Michael W. Dukes - September 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ David, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Mrs. Rose was such a sweet lady. It has been a long time since you lived in Branchville, but I remember those days well. Hope life has treated you well. Again sorry for your loss.

Susan Zeigler Foster - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM