



## Stella Diane Myers Dukes

January 12, 1946 - March 26, 2026

Stella Diane Myers Dukes, 80, of Branchville, South Carolina, passed away peacefully at her home on March 26, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Born on January 12, 1946, she was the daughter of the late John Lewis Judson Myers and Stella Mae Zeigler Myers.

Diane was a proud graduate of Branchville High School, Class of 1964, and a lifelong member of Mount Tabor Baptist Church of Branchville. She was deeply involved in her church and cherished her church family. Diane dedicated many years of service to Farmers and Merchants Bank, where she retired after a long and rewarding career.

She was married to her high school sweetheart, the late Raymond Nelson Dukes of Branchville, South Carolina, and together they shared 35 wonderful years of marriage. Diane found her greatest joy in her family and treasured every moment spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed life's simple pleasures, including sewing, working in her yard, cooking for her family, and spending time in her country home. Diane also loved animals, dining out, attending camp meetings, and making memories at the beach. She especially cherished time spent with her siblings and loved ones.

Diane is survived by her children: Shelia (John) Riser of Bowman; Raymond (Tabitha) Dukes of Branchville; and Hollie (Brian) Dowdy of Edisto Island. She was a proud grandmother to Judson (Emily) Riser and their son, Jack; Roxanne (Trey) Welch and their children, Isla and Marshall; Tanner (Eden)

Dukes and their children, Avery and Addie; PeytonDukes; Landon Dukes; Nelson Dowdy; and Ava Dowdy.

She is also survived by her siblings: Gail; Linda (E.T.); and Bertie (Roger), along with many nieces,nephews, and extended family members.

Diane will be remembered for her warm heart, her strong faith, and her unwavering devotion to herfamily. Her legacy of love and kindness will live on in all who knew and loved her.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to her dedicated caregivers-Ann, Cathryn,Georgetta, Paula, Pam, and Rose-for the compassionate care they provided.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00a.m. at Mount Tabor Baptist Church in Branchville, South Carolina. A funeral service will follow at 11:00a.m. in the church sanctuary, with burial immediately following in the church cemetery.

Memorials can be made to: Mount Tabor Cemetery, 1183 Flatwoods Road, Reevesville, SC 29471.

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *Colleen Newsome Jolly lit a candle in memory of Stella Diane Myers Dukes*



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**Colleen Newsome Jolly** - March 28 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Our hearts and prayers are with you. She was a sweet lady and that will live on through the wonderful family she raised. We wish we could pay our respects in person but Bobby is recovering from back surgery. We are there in spirit 🙏❤️*

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**Wendy Green** - March 28 at 12:00 AM

AD

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

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Stella Diane Myers Dukes** - March 27 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *Sheila and Family  
Bubba and Family  
Holly and Family*

*And to all the sisters and their families:*

*My heart goes out to each of you in the loss of your Mom and sister.. I know! It is a grief that is so hard to explain. It will take time to realize she is actually gone but the memories will make you WANT to carry on. She was a sweet, kind, and loving person . A trait not everyone has. You all are so blessed to have had her as your Mom and a sister. She did a wonderful job raising all of you and always know and keep that in your heart as yours grow up and become adults as some already have...it is the grands and great grands you have to instill Diane's love and caring into. May God comfort each of you in the days weeks months ahead . Just know it WILL get better but you WILL have moments and that is ok. Just cherish her memory forever in you hearts. She is at rest and is peacefully enjoying all the family whi have gone on before...especially your Dad. They are together again!! Rejoicing and enjoying each others love!! Just know we are praying for you and love all of you! God bless..our love and prayers. Hazel and John*

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**Hazel Looper** - March 27 at 12:00 AM