



## Eppie Pridgen Smith

January 12, 1941 - November 9, 2021

Eppie Pridgen Smith “Miss Eppie”, age 80, passed away on November 9th, 2021. She was born the daughter of William Albert and Leila Belle Pridgen of South Carolina.

A little country girl from the beginning, Eppie was born and raised in Horry County, South Carolina on her dad’s farm. She helped out on the farm as did her siblings. She graduated from Floyd’s High School and followed the “reading, writing, and road to Richmond” country saying by joining her siblings in moving to Richmond, Virginia. She was a switch board operator at C & P Phone Company. While on a bus ride she met and in time would marry her late ex-husband. They moved back to South Carolina until the mid 70’s, then returned to Virginia. She made her home here, as she finished raising her six children and lived the last 47 priceless years.

Best known as “Miss Eppie”, she proudly returned to the work force by becoming the dishwasher at Fisherman’s Warf. Later working for McDonald’s, Tony & Georges Restaurant, 7-Eleven, Rennie’s and lastly Spencer’s where she would retire. Some knew her as an amateur historian of West Point. She was beloved everywhere. She warmed people with her kindness, joy, and gentle soul.

“I never wanted a diamond ring, a fur coat, or a trip to New York,” she would

say proudly. Her joy lay elsewhere. Her greatest joy was her family. She delighted in attending family gatherings and babysitting her grand and great grandchildren. Other passions were sightseeing the world, viewing the night sky, beholding the change in fall colors, observing people, and watching airplanes taking off and landing. Her leisure activities included watching her favorite sports (anything Clemson Tigers), pecan hunting, fishing, and crabbing. She enjoyed reading, listening to classic country music, jig-saw puzzles, word searches, playing and winning at rummy, and (of course) hot coffee with homemade pound cake! She was an accomplished seamstress often making clothes for family. Her cooking and canning will be missed.

It is fitting that her spirit animal was the turtle. Eppie remains a symbol of perseverance, steadfastness, protection, retreat, healing, and transformation. She will forever be an angel.

She had a generous heart, giving to various charities including St. Jude, March of Dimes, Disabled American Veterans, Wounded Warriors Project and 4-PAWS.

She was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Leila Belle Pridgen; sisters, Esther Odom and Euletta (June) Roberts; brother Ernest Pridgen; and son-in-law James Barrett.

She is survived by her six children: Lisa Majors (David), Susan Marshall (Mike), Albert Smith, Joseph Smith (Miriam), Mary Sumner (Joseph Andrew) and Patrick Smith.

Grandchildren: Christian Nicole, April (James), Michael, Amanda, Ashley, Gabriel and Xavier.

Great grandchildren: Destiny, Phoenix, Joey and Hailey.

Siblings: Ethel Pope (Ernie) and Edith Tiller.

And many cousins, nieces and nephews.

It is hard to express the depth of loss we each feel for her. Her love was unmeasurable. Just as her baby girl told her “she is our everything”.

The family of Eppie Smith would like to thank everyone involved in her care for their kindness, dedication, and efforts.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Susan Marshall lit a candle in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith*



susan marshall - January 12 at 02:45 PM

SM

*My heart will never heal till I see you and Ashley again  
I miss you so*

susan marshall - January 12 at 02:48 PM

LI

“ 🦋🦋🐢🐢🐢☐☐🌸🌻🌻☀️🍁🍂❄️

*MISS YOU SO MUCH MAMA.*



lisa - September 17, 2024 at 05:38 PM

DA

“ *Daughter lit a candle in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith*



Daughter - November 09, 2023 at 06:55 AM

DA

“ *Daughter sent a virtual gift in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith*



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**Daughter** - November 08, 2022 at 10:59 AM

DA

“ *Eppie Cecil Pridgen is one of the most beautiful angels that have walked this earth. The world is a better place because of her. She embodied great strength and remained humble, loving, and generous. What many do not know about her rare soul is she grew and blossomed throughout her life in joyful times, trying times, and even in the face of her passage to the spirit world. Eppie was a gift; an angel of flesh and bone. She lives on.*

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**Daughter** - November 08, 2022 at 10:57 AM

LI

“ *Lisa sent a virtual gift in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith*



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**lisa** - April 19, 2022 at 12:10 PM

LI

“ *I miss mama*



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**Lisa** - March 13, 2022 at 04:24 PM

DA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Daughter** - February 09, 2022 at 10:39 AM

DA

*Joy*

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**Daughter** - February 09, 2022 at 10:40 AM

DA

*She didn't pose for very often, but she loved baseball.*

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**Daughter** - February 09, 2022 at 10:42 AM

LI

“ *I miss you Mama. I miss your voice, your wisdom. Your laughter. It's hard going through each day missing you and David. But I know you two are in a most wonderful place now. I just wish my tears would wash away my sadness because you wanted us to be happy for you. I try not to be sad but so many things spark a memory that leads to tears because you're not here. In time maybe missing you won't hurt so much. I love you Ma.*



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**Lisa** - January 24, 2022 at 08:50 PM

SK

“ Susan Kelley lit a candle in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith



susan kelley - December 04, 2021 at 12:40 PM

SK

*miss you so very much*

susan kelley - December 04, 2021 at 12:41 PM

AM

“ Ashley Marshall sent a virtual gift in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith



Ashley Marshall - November 28, 2021 at 09:01 PM

AM

“ Ashley Marshall lit a candle in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith



Ashley Marshall - November 28, 2021 at 09:00 PM

CC

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Miss Eppie worked for me at Rennie’s and without her I don’t think the business would have survived. Miss Eppie knew the customers well and always knew how to serve them to their liking. More importantly Miss Eppie was like a mom to me and if I had listened to her wisdom I may have avoided a heartbreaking situation. I so enjoyed seeing her again years later at Spencer’s , though it was brief as she was retiring to move on with her next adventure. Miss Eppie will forever be in my heart and so many others.



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**Carol Carter** - November 20, 2021 at 10:18 PM

DA

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**Daughter** - November 18, 2021 at 02:01 PM

CM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Christian Marshall** - November 18, 2021 at 01:36 PM

CM

“ Christian Marshall lit a candle in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith



Christian Marshall - November 18, 2021 at 01:26 PM

SM

“ Susan Marshall lit a candle in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith



Susan Marshall - November 18, 2021 at 11:32 AM

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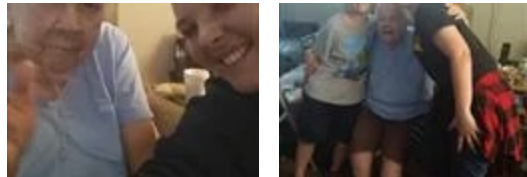
“ April Marshall lit a candle in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith



April Marshall - November 17, 2021 at 08:01 PM

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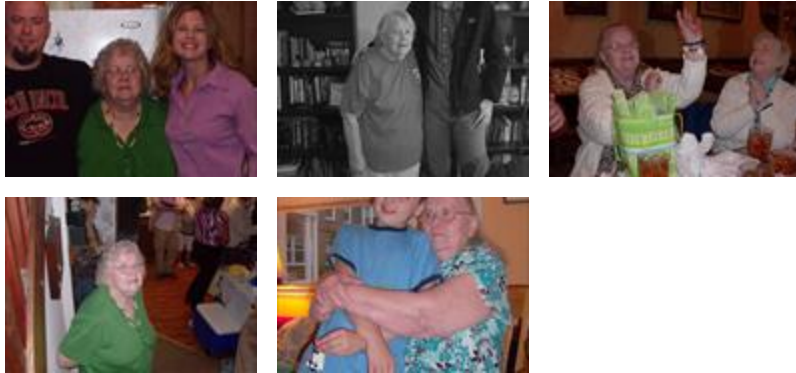
“ Grandma ❤️❤️



April Marshall - November 17, 2021 at 02:31 PM

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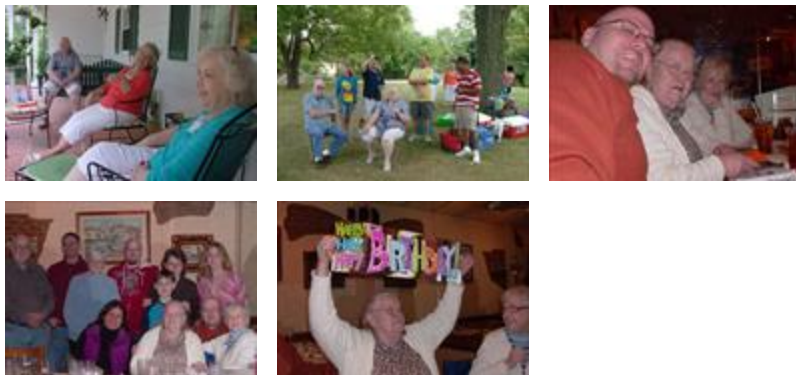
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Daughter - November 17, 2021 at 09:46 AM

DA

“ 10 files added to the album Memories Album



Daughter - November 17, 2021 at 09:43 AM

CM

“ I will miss you but I will never ever ever forget you I love u

Crystal malechek - November 16, 2021 at 10:28 PM

DA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Daughter - November 16, 2021 at 09:49 PM

DA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Daughter - November 16, 2021 at 09:44 PM

LI

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa - November 16, 2021 at 04:25 PM

DA

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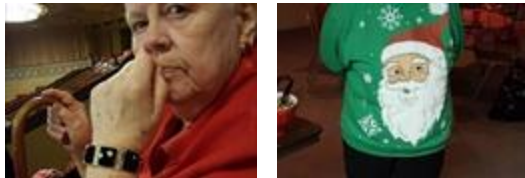


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**Daughter** - November 16, 2021 at 02:03 PM

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**Daughter** - November 16, 2021 at 01:57 PM

SM

“ Susan Marshall sent a virtual gift in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith



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**Susan Marshall** - November 16, 2021 at 01:09 PM

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**Susan Marshall** - November 16, 2021 at 01:06 PM

LI

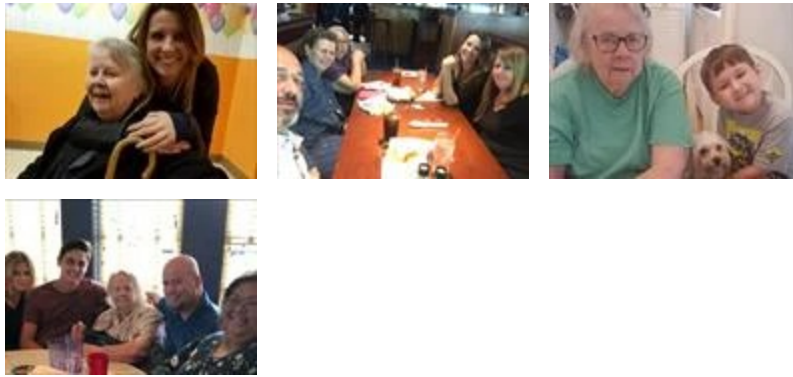
“ *Lisa lit a candle in memory of Eppie Pridgen Smith*



Lisa - November 16, 2021 at 01:04 PM

SM

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Susan Marshall - November 16, 2021 at 12:55 PM

SM

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Susan Marshall - November 16, 2021 at 12:48 PM

SM

*Always in my heart*

Susan Marshall - November 16, 2021 at 12:51 PM

Faith  
Silva

“ Joey, Bert and everybody, I am truly so sorry to hear this. Your mom was awesome! Hugs, love and healing prayers for you all.

Faith Silva - November 16, 2021 at 12:23 PM

DA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Daughter - November 16, 2021 at 11:40 AM

WM

“ You will be missed Aunt Eppie!! I have many fond childhood memories of her and my cousins. Lisa, Susan, Bert, Joe, Mary, and Patrick let me know if there is anything that I can do for you all!

Wayne Malechek - November 15, 2021 at 04:14 PM

LC

*Sending prayers and hugs your way. Miss Eppie was A very sweet lady*

**lisa Crowe** - November 28, 2021 at 11:17 AM