



Mrs Claudette Hesse Bennett

October 3, 1936 - September 9, 2020

Claudette Hesse Bennett, 83, of Clemson, SC, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2020 after a stroke. She was born on October 3, 1936 in Palmer, Alaska and was preceded in death by parents Claude and Helen Hesse. She was married for 58 years to John Bennett, who died 4 days before her. She is survived by daughters Barbara Bennett and Kelli (Dave) Suggs and brothers Jim (Kappy) Hesse, Jerry (Mary) Hesse, and Lou (Judy) Hesse and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

From an early age Claudette cared deeply for children and found her life's calling as a first-grade teacher. She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and later her Master's degree from Clemson University. She taught first grade at Margaret Morrison Elementary from 1976 - 1997 and touched the lives of many area students with her keen wit and caring approach to learning. She was a talented cook and baker and was renowned for cooking many different kinds of cookies to give as Christmas gifts. She served many years as a Girl Scout troop leader, Sunday School and vacation Bible School teacher and was active in the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church where she was a Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Member.

A small service for both Claudette and husband John is planned in Clemson on September 11, 2020 with interment in Tennessee later this year. Memorials may be made to Thornwell Home for Children or Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs Claudette Hesse Bennett*

October 23, 2023 at 05:07 AM



“ *I so remember Mrs Bennett the Girl Scout Troop leader! It is with regret I realize that being children, we didn't know the extraordinary person this lady was. I am so sorry for the loss of your dear parents; The family will be in my thoughts-*

Lucinds Shealy Quick - September 19, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ *I did not know either of your parents Barbara, but they made you and so they were very obviously fine people! Glad you got to be with them the last couple of months. I wish you only good things and time and peace to heal. Kat xoxo*

Katharine Yonge - September 18, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ *Barbara and Kelli...your parents were special to many folks in Clemson. They will be fondly remembered. Your Mom was Heather's first grade teacher and she was a good one. My heart aches for you. Peace. Deanie Shonka*

Deanie Shonka - September 12, 2020 at 12:55 PM