



Judy Holbrooks

June 19, 1941 - July 4, 2024

Judith H. “Judy” Holbrooks, 83, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 4th. She

was the fourth of five children born on June 19, 1941, in Florence, SC to Raymond F.

and Gertrude C. Hatchell. She grew up in Florence and graduated from McClenaghan High School in 1959.

Judy’s employment in downtown Florence began only a few years before she met

Benny Holbrooks at the lunch counter of the local drug store. He told her on their first

date that he intended to marry her, and they wed on January 6, 1963.

She was a lifelong member of Immanuel Baptist Church. She served her church

diligently as a nursery coordinator, Sunday school teacher, and Vacation Bible School

organizer, as well as creating special church programs and events.

Ever the doting mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she never missed a

practice, program, or performance. Affectionally known as “Mimi” to her four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, she delighted in spoiling and spending

time with them. Her family was her greatest joy, and she adored her extended family

and friends as well. Judy treasured those closest to her.

Judy was the best at creating special family gatherings. No one hosted a more successful Thanksgiving dinner, bridal or baby shower, church event, or family reunion.

She elevated family birthday parties to new heights; every child in attendance received

a gift. Her Christmas celebrations were legendary. From decorations to desserts and

everything in between, Christmas at Mimi & Benny's house was the best day of the

year. She was famous for her pound cakes, often causing bidding wars in anticipation

of church bake sales. She loved to cook; it was her gift. Her family will cherish and

carry on that tradition for years to come.

She is survived by her daughter, Paige Holbrooks, her son, Charles Benny "Chip"

Holbrooks & wife Roxane; grandchildren, Rachel (Bishop) Sawyer, Devon Grier (Brian

Shirley), Alyssa Holbrooks, and Charles Benny "Chase" Holbrooks III; great-grandchildren, Brayden, Benton, Blakely, Ella, Bristol, Hudson, and Elaina, brothers;

Larry B. Hatchell (Ann), and Stephen I. Hatchell.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Charles Benny

Holbrooks, siblings, Raymond F. Hatchell and Barbara Jean Woodberry.

A private burial will take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Due to an electrical issue at

Immanuel Baptist Church, a memorial will be held at Calvary Baptist Church

at 1:00

pm, Saturday, July 13, with visitation to follow. Memorials in her honor may be made to

a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
915 Cherokee Rd
Florence, SC 29501
(843) 662-0418

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Rusty & Dawn Porter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Holbrooks.

Rusty & Dawn Porter - July 15, 2024 at 09:46 PM

RP

“ Rusty & Dawn Porter purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Judy Holbrooks.



Rusty & Dawn Porter - July 15, 2024 at 09:46 PM

BR

“ Thoughts & prayers with Holbrooks family & friends. Russell & Brenda (Cox) Rosier

Brenda Cox Rosier - July 12, 2024 at 09:09 AM

KA

“ Kristi Anderson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Judy Holbrooks.



Kristi Anderson - July 11, 2024 at 09:26 AM

RW

“ Loved Judy and Benny! Grew up in Immanuel and moved away in the 80's. Always stayed in touch with my dear friends. Praying for you, family, and know we will all be together!

Ron Watford - July 10, 2024 at 10:12 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Holbrooks.



July 10, 2024 at 09:32 AM

JM

“ Jerri Moseley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judy Holbrooks.

Jerri Moseley - July 09, 2024 at 09:35 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Holbrooks.



July 09, 2024 at 09:35 AM

HO

“ Hogan lit a candle in memory of Judy Holbrooks



Hogan - July 08, 2024 at 07:11 AM

BT

“ Bobby & Diane Thompson lit a candle in memory of Judy Holbrooks



Bobby & Diane Thompson - July 06, 2024 at 10:05 PM

KS

“ Karen Scott lit a candle in memory of Judy Holbrooks



Karen Scott - July 05, 2024 at 05:04 PM