



## Sissy M. Drew

August 12, 1941 - August 3, 2025

Sissy Drew passed away on Sunday, August 3, 2025. Every Sunday, for eighty-three years, she was told about a mansion that had been prepared for her. Today, she stepped across the threshold and entered The Church Triumphant.

Sissy was born in 1941 in Clarendon County. Her parents, Jerome Nelson and Martha Rawlinson McLeod named her “Florence” but from an early age she was simply, “Sissy”. Her formative years were spent in Manning, South Carolina. She graduated from Manning High School in 1959. She then made a move to Darlington where she would spend the rest of her life.

Sissy was a simple, complex person. Her life was built around the Lord, her family, her beloved nursing profession, and her friends.

If you knew her you could sense the spirit of the Lord just by being in her presence. Her Christian faith was real, and it was solid. She never embarked on anything without prayerful consideration. It was through her extraordinary faith that her church thrived, especially the children’s programs. Three generations of Central’s children have made their way through the nursery, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, graduated from high school, college, and been married, all while Sissy Drew quietly stood back and smiled. She never would take credit for the greatness of the many successes that came

from “her kids”. She said it was the Lord at work, but we all know who his partner was.

Sissy’s family was blended. She and her first husband, Gene Weatherford, had three children: her twins, Donna and Debi, and Freddie. Later in life after Gene passed away, she married Wheeler Drew. That union gave her three more children as a bonus, Mindy, Cindy, and Mikki. Mindy, the beautiful little three-year-old, was said to have sealed the deal for Sissy! Sunday morning at 8:02, she saw, for the first time in a long time, Donna, Debi, Gene, Wheeler. Oh, what a day, a glorious day, it was!

Sissy graduated from McLeod Infirmary School of Nursing in 1962. From that day forward she would be one of the best nurses ever produced. She had a genuine love for her patients, and they loved her. People would come from surrounding towns to have surgery at Wilson’s just so Sissy could “tend to them”. Her reputation preceded her. There was never a surgery she was involved with where she didn’t pray for her patient before, and after. It was appreciated by the sick but nothing out of the ordinary for Sissy. It’s who she was. She remained in her operating room capacity as long as Doctor Wilson had the hospital and stayed until her retirement working for McLeod Health. Sissy had many friends. Men, women, young, and old. She loved them all. She loved going on mission trips, singing in the choir, eating out, playing cards, going to the beach, making cookies, and spending her day trying to make yours better.

She had a full and rich life that was well lived. She was a bright, ray of sunshine to everyone who crossed her path. The world is a better place because Sissy Drew was in it. She worked hard and she provided well. She took a little and made a lot.

She was a living example of what we should all strived to be. Her likeness can be seen in her children, her children’s children., and all who knew and loved

her.

She did what she did. She did it well, and she was a good and faithful servant.

Surviving are son, Freddie Gene Weatherford and wife, Laura; her daughters, Mindy Drew Poston, Cindy Shively, and Mikki Barrett; her grandchildren, Misty, Elizabeth, Madison, William, Robbie, and Lonnie; her great grandchildren, Evan, Audrey, Lucas, Andrew, Phillip, Liam and Waylon; her brothers, Robert S. McLeod and wife, Beth and Frank R. McLeod and wife, Beth, sister-in-law, Billie B. McLeod; and Laura's brother, Woody Dunn (who loved the Braves as much as Sissy!) She is predeceased by her brother, Jerry McLeod, and her sister, Martha Ann Branham.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 3 PM at Central Baptist Church. Burial directed by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home will follow in Grove Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends beginning at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Central Baptist Church.

The folks at Kistler's, who were the recipient of her many acts of kindness, will see to every detail of her service.

Memorials are suggested to Central Baptist Church, 512 Spring Street, Darlington, SC 29532.

Sign the online guest book at [www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com](http://www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (Est)

Central Baptist Church  
512 Spring St  
Darlington, SC 29532  
(843) 393-8581

## Celebration of Life

AUG 6. 3:00 PM (Est)

Central Baptist Church  
512 Spring St  
Darlington, SC 29532  
(843) 393-8581

## Burial

AUG 6 (ET)

Grove Hill Cemetery  
405 S Warley Street  
Darlington, SC 29532

# Tribute Wall



“ Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sissy M. Drew



Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - August 05, 2025 at 03:08 PM

AT

“ My thoughts and prayers for your family. Sissy was a kind and caring soul and an asset to McLeod Darlington, she always had a smile on her face. I was grateful to have worked with her. ❤️



Amy Trussell - August 10, 2025 at 03:21 PM

DB

“ Daniel Boykin lit a candle in memory of Sissy M. Drew



Daniel Boykin - August 06, 2025 at 07:01 PM

AM

“ *In remembrance of a sweet soul who has passed from time to eternity. Sending up prayers for the entire family.*



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**A. McRavin** - August 06, 2025 at 11:24 AM

WC

“ *Wanda Capps lit a candle in memory of Sissy M. Drew*



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**wanda capps** - August 05, 2025 at 05:54 PM

CD

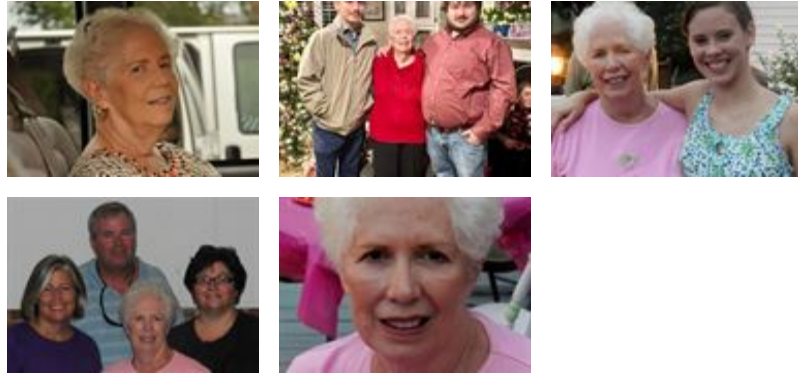
“ *To Family & Friends of Florence Sissy Drew, we were so sorry to learn of your loss. May GOD Grant You Grace. we have know her for a long time, & she has ALWAYS been thoughtful & kind to us. GODBLESS*

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**Carolyn & ed davis** - August 05, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ 84 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home** - August 05, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ *Ruth Dixon Csmpbell lit a candle in memory of Sissy M. Drew*



**Ruth Dixon Csmpbell** - August 05, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sissy M. Drew.*



August 05, 2025 at 12:18 PM

KH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Sissy's passing. She was such a sweet lady, always calm and caring about others. She had a wonderful laugh and she was such a delight to know. She really did touch a lot of lives, all for the better.

Ken and Vicki Hatchell - August 05, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sissy M. Drew.



August 05, 2025 at 07:02 AM

Mandy Mac

“ Our deepest condolences to Mrs. Drew's family and friends.  
Mandy, Henry, and Griffin McLeod.



Mandy Mac - August 04, 2025 at 11:56 PM

SH

“ Sheila Howle lit a candle in memory of Sissy M. Drew



Sheila Howle - August 04, 2025 at 10:31 PM

HW

“ Gene & Laura, Robert & Beth, Frank & Beth,

*Our deepest condolences for each of you. "Aunt Sissy" was without a doubt one of the sweetest, loving and Godly woman I have ever known. She loved and was loved by so many. I know she will be missed. Rest in sweet peace.*

*Sonny & Hulaine Windham*

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**Hulaine Windham** - August 04, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JS

“ Judy Scurry lit a candle in memory of Sissy M. Drew



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**Judy Scurry** - August 04, 2025 at 08:04 PM

WM

“ With unending love, Mikki and Madison purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sissy M. Drew.



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**With unending love, Mikki and Madison** - August 04, 2025 at 06:06 PM

ES

“ *Emily Sanderson lit a candle in memory of Sissy M. Drew*



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**Emily Sanderson** - August 04, 2025 at 05:03 PM

TD

“ *TERESA FLOYD DICKERSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Sissy M. Drew*



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**TERESA FLOYD DICKERSON** - August 04, 2025 at 03:57 PM

JK

“ *I've known Sissy for a lot of years and I never knew her to be anyway but the precious Godly woman that she was. She loved, she served and she had such a heart for Jesus and telling others about Him. She not only talked it, she walked it. She will be greatly missed but she's healed, whole and in the presence of Jesus. Love and prayers for Freddie, Laura, Mindy and family during this difficult time.*

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**Judy G Kirven** - August 04, 2025 at 02:09 PM

SM

“ *Sissy was such a sweet sweet lady. A true christian lady. I will miss her sweet face and smiles.*



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**Sandra Moody** - August 04, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ *Carla Anderson lit a candle in memory of Sissy M. Drew*



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**Carla Anderson** - August 04, 2025 at 12:20 PM

LS

“ *Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Sissy M. Drew*



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**Lavonde Smith** - August 04, 2025 at 10:02 AM

JE

“ *Sissy will surely be missed! Always sweet and quick to share a hug! She was no doubt greeted by Jesus with "well done, my good and faithful servant". My condolences to Freddy, Laura and family.*

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**Jessie** - August 04, 2025 at 07:42 AM

GE

“ *Thoughts and prayers during this sad time Gene and Elaine Hubbard*



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**Gene** - August 03, 2025 at 08:59 PM

CH

“ *My heart breaks for Sissy's family. She was a special friend. We will all miss her. Thank you, Freddie and Laura, for bring her to church and out to lunch so we could see her and visit. You all are in our thoughts and prayer.*

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**Cindy Hanniford** - August 03, 2025 at 08:27 PM

CL

“ *Connie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Sissy M. Drew*



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**Connie Lewis** - August 03, 2025 at 07:14 PM

PB

“ *Pat Bazen lit a candle in memory of Sissy M. Drew*



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**Pat Bazen** - August 03, 2025 at 04:08 PM