



## Wanda Richards Spivey

May 5, 2020

Wanda Gail (Richards) Spivey, of Bethea Baptist Retirement Community, Darlington, South Carolina, passed away on May 5, 2020, after a wonderful life full of Christ-like love for others including her husband, three children, seven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. She was 93.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri on November 19, 1926, to Raymond and Willie Richards, she is survived by her loving husband of 73 years, Virlin Edward Spivey, her three children, Virlin Edward (Tricia) Spivey Jr. of Washington D.C., Gail (John) Veale of Darlington, SC, and Richard (Nanette) Spivey of Florence, SC. "Mimi" was also beloved by her grandchildren Colleen (Adrian) Spivey, Christopher (Kelci) Veale, Kate (Damaso) Spivey, Sara (Brett) Hickman, Kyle (Megan) Spivey, Brent (Danielle) Spivey, Samuel (Cassy) Spivey, and great-grandchildren Daniella, Henry, Sophia, Ethan, David, Owen, Cecilia, Emilee, Reagan, Jack, and Ellis.

She is survived by her sister Willa Stearnes, of Phoenix, and was preceded in death by her brother Jack Richards and sister Jenna Lou Richards.

Wanda attended and excelled at Lindenwood College and was Secretary to Superintendent of schools in Sikeston, Missouri. She married Virlin Edward Spivey in Sikeston, Missouri on May 17, 1947 and together they raised their family and faithfully served their church and community in St. Charles, Missouri; Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Kennett, Missouri; Vincennes, Indiana, and St. Augustine, Florida, before moving to the Bethea Baptist Retirement Community in Darlington, South Carolina in 2016.

She was completely devoted to her family and her church, demonstrating a servant's heart in all that she did. A lifetime love of books, reading, and educating was extraordinarily exemplified in her over forty years of serving as library director and volunteer at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Vincennes, Indiana, and Anastasia Baptist Church in St. Augustine, FL. She founded the State of Indiana Media Library Organization, and worked tirelessly with churches to establish and develop their media libraries. She also served on the Executive Board of the Indiana State Convention of Baptists for six years, and was active in campus and women's mission ministries in her local churches.

She will be greatly missed as a cherished wife, beloved mom, adored grandmother and great grandmother ("Mimi"), and a faithful friend to all. With her virtue, faithfulness, reverence, strength, and endurance, Wanda Spivey was a great example of a godly, Proverbs 31 woman.

A memorial service in her honor will be announced at a later date. Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home is serving the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Spivey family and prayers to you all. Just thinking of your family yesterday although it's been years since we lost touch. Fond memories growing up in the neighborhood we shared back in Vincennes that have impacted me greatly!*

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**Andrew Napier** - May 12, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ *I am a friend of Nan's. Nan introduce me to Mrs. Spivey. Even in her later years she was a gracious lady with a beautiful smile. My prayers are with your family. It's so sweet to know that she is in her Eternal Life.*  
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**Kandi Smith** - May 06, 2020 at 11:56 AM