



Helen Potts Jeter

February 7, 1926 - March 16, 2020

Helen Potts Jeter, 94, of Cheraw, South Carolina, died peacefully March 16, 2020 at Wesley Woods in Newnan, Georgia. Helen was born February 7, 1926 in Newnan, Georgia to Zack Lawrence and Jennie Lee Goggans Potts. She graduated from Newnan High School and Georgia State College for Women with a BA degree in English. She taught high school English literature, grammar, and the art of writing a gracious thank you note. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional society of women educators. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church and in 2008 was awarded Honorary Life Member of the Presbyterian Women's organization. Helen was a beloved wife, mother, and Mimi. She lived a rich and full life and will be missed by her family and friends.

Helen Jeter is preceded in death by her husband, James Phillips Jeter; sister, Hazel Potts Webb; and brothers, Richard Lawrence Potts and James E.

"Pete" Potts. She is survived by her children: Thomas Randolph Jeter (Gail) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Jennifer Jeter Bozard (Dan) of Marietta, GA, and James Jeffrey Jeter (Leslie) of Moreland, GA; grandchildren: Erin Bozard Gossett, William Thomas Jeter (Ashley), Daniel Phillips Bozard (Leigh), Molly Jeter Netzler (Peter), Benjamin Bostick Jeter (Emilie), Laura Katherine Jeter, and Barron Phillips Jeter; and great grandchildren: Ford, Ansley, Grayson, Peyton, William, Anderson, Ellie, Eva, Lawton, Henry, and Mary Neyle.

A private family graveside service will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that donations be made to First Presbyterian Church,

300 Market Street, Cheraw, SC 29520. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall

TN

“ *Teresa Norris-Darby lit a candle in memory of Helen Potts Jeter*



Teresa Norris-Darby - March 21, 2020 at 09:44 PM

TE

“ *Dear Jeff,*

With our deepest sympathy and condolences on the loss of your mother. Our payers, thoughts and hearts go to you and your family.



Love from you RB family xox

Tess - March 19, 2020 at 05:01 PM

BM

“ *Please know that all of you have been in my thoughts and prayers. I enjoyed Helen’s friendship as teachers, church members, flower gardeners, and grandmothers bragging about our children and grandchildren. We’ve been apart the last few years, but the bond of friendship did not. fade.*
Most sincerely, B.J. Moore

B. J. Moore - March 19, 2020 at 11:27 AM

FF

“ We are praying for all of you during this difficult time.
Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - March 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM

LK

“ Tom, Jenny, Jeff, and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mom was a very special lady, and she will be missed by all. As a teacher, she instilled in me a love for English that I use to this day in tutoring children. She was a good friend to my mother; we loved her humor and personality. Keeping you in my heartfelt thoughts and prayers.
Lisa Ballard Kennedy

Lisa Kennedy - March 18, 2020 at 09:53 AM

EM

“ Tom, Jenny, and Jeff, Glenn and I are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother! She was such a fine Southern Lady, that taught so many of us the love of literature...and I can write a thank you note thanks to her! She later in life became my friend as well as my teacher. Blessings to your family!



Emily Marsh - March 18, 2020 at 08:02 AM

LC

“ Mrs. Jeter was one of my favorite teachers. I loved her class and how she encouraged my love of reading. Thoughts and prayers to her family.



Lori Taylor Cauthen - March 18, 2020 at 07:44 AM

RP

“ I remember her love for teaching. She always sat the same area in during church service. She will truly be missed. May God bless her soul.



richard pierce - March 18, 2020 at 06:07 AM

CA

“ Absolutely one of the best to ever teach. She taught from the depth of her heart. I will forever remember what she instilled in me. I still cringe when I use a pre-printed thank you note instead of handwriting my own.



Camalah Ashe-Bittle - March 18, 2020 at 04:30 AM

RP

“ Rosa Lee Millsaps Privette lit a candle in memory of Helen Potts Jeter



Rosa Lee Millsaps Privette - March 18, 2020 at 01:45 AM

PD

“ Mrs Jeter was the best teacher ever! I loved her smile/smirk. She has a tough bunch at Cheraw High. I ran into her yrs ago in a parking lot. Gave her a big hug. I was visiting my parents and she was grocery shopping after returning home from a trip. I’m sure she had no idea who I was but we had a nice chat just the same!
Pamela (Griffith)Daily, Class of 71



Pame Daily - March 17, 2020 at 11:56 PM

LE

Sounds like me

Lekish - August 11, 2021 at 12:49 AM

JB

“ My love of poetry came from Mrs Jeter’s class. What a wonderful teacher and a kind person. I’m so grateful to have had her as a teacher!

Jame Oliver Biumi - March 17, 2020 at 10:52 PM

BH

“ Please accept my deepest condolences, and you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Jeter was one of my most inspirational teachers.



Barbaara Hall - March 17, 2020 at 09:51 PM

TG

“ Jeff, Jennie, and Thomas – I’m so sad to hear of your mom’s passing. She has been such a wonderful friend to my mom for many years and I always enjoyed our visits in Cheraw. She will be missed and thought of often.

Terry Ingram Gaillard - March 17, 2020 at 09:49 PM

SS

“ Mrs. Jeter played a vital role to the students of Cheraw. Her years as an English teacher at Cheraw High School prepared many students for life after high school. She was an excellent educator and friend to the community.
Sandra Sowell



Sandra Sowell - March 17, 2020 at 09:04 PM

SC

Mrs. Jeter was a wonderful teacher. She was bright, engaging, and funny. She inspired many students.

Sharon Byrd Cayer - March 17, 2020 at 09:26 PM

JW

“ Mrs. Jeter was gracious Southern lady. She will be missed
Jean Petros Watson

Jean Petros Watson - March 17, 2020 at 09:01 PM

SW

“ Mrs. Jeter was one of my favorite teachers at Cheraw High. I enjoyed reading more because of her. My condolences to her family.



Sherry Leviner Webster - March 17, 2020 at 08:52 PM

SP

“ Helen Jeter I have always respected you and admired your influence on me throughout my life. Godspeed Good Teacher...your impact exceeds your years.

Susan Pleasant - March 17, 2020 at 08:43 PM

KS

“ I also had your mom as my English teacher. She was a very sweet and kind lady. I thought the world of her. Jennie, I remember working with you at Robert Smalls one summer many, many, many years ago. 🙏 I may have even still been in high school. I am thinking of you all. I know you will miss her so much! ❤️



Kay Burch Spears.

My mom was Sara Burch who taught with your mom and considered her a good friend.

Kay Burch Spears - March 17, 2020 at 07:29 PM

KR

“ *She was my English teacher at Cheraw High School in the late 60’s. She was a wonderful teacher! A true southern elegant kind lady. Prayers for your family.*

Kathleen Tanner Roberts - March 17, 2020 at 06:59 PM

KR

Kathleen Tanner was my maiden name.

Kathleen Tanner Roberts - March 17, 2020 at 07:01 PM

DB

“ *A grand lady!* ❤️😭🙏

Donna M. Bilby - March 17, 2020 at 06:47 PM

MO

“ *So sorry to hear. May God grant you peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

Miss C. Gail Atkinson, OP - March 17, 2020 at 06:46 PM

PE

“ *Jenny, I am thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. We all grew up in Cheraw during an idyllic time. Your mom gave many Cheraw High graduates the true gift of a wonderful background in English. She was a true Southern Lady!*
Pam (Fentress) Evans

Pam Evans - March 17, 2020 at 06:43 PM

JW

“ Tom and Jenny I saw your mother’s notice on FB and it brought back many memories of my days in Cheraw. Sorry for your loss and your mom’s was a life well lived. Although my family moved to VA in the summer of ‘66 I have good memories of the entire Jeter family. Tom from the golf team Jenny from hanging out and your mom from school. Hope you all are well.
Jimmy Williams CHS Class of ‘68

Jimmy Williams - March 17, 2020 at 06:03 PM

DW

“ Mrs Jeter was a dear lady who touched lots of hearts! A wonderful role model. Always loved hearing about her family. A genuine person. Always loved getting her cards at Christmas! Will never forget her!

Dawn Wallace - March 17, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ Such a precious, precious neighbor. Such a precious family. Mom and I loved Miss Helen and only wish we had met her much sooner than we did. Prayers for peace and comfort for her family.

Susan Walraven - March 17, 2020 at 01:55 AM

RP

Helen was a special friend we love her very much and miss her greatly Billie and Bobby Polson

Robert Polson - March 17, 2020 at 05:12 PM

SL

I wish every student could have great teachers like I had at Cheraw High. Mrs. Jeter was one of those teachers. She is one of the inspirations that led me to also teach English. Blessings to her family.

Susan Pace Lane - March 17, 2020 at 05:47 PM

JO

Mrs. Jeter was one of my favorite teachers at Cheraw High School. Never a dull moment in her classroom! She made some of us sit near her desk like me so I'd stay out of trouble! She instilled in me the gift of writing a thank you note for which I am grateful ! 😊 Learning was fun with her! What a sweetheart of a teacher!❤️ Our thoughts and prayers to her family. With love, Jenny and Jimmy Outen and Patsy L. Rushing

Jenny Rushing Outen - March 17, 2020 at 07:10 PM

BM

Like many I saw this posting on FB. Mrs. Jeter was my teacher at Cheraw High School and also my twin brother the late (Brady Davis) worked for her and boy did he love Mrs. Jeter. We as a family have always admired her and thought of her as family. She will be missed dearly. Peace and blessings. The Davis family on High Street.

Brenda McKay - March 17, 2020 at 08:20 PM

BS

Such a sweet and wonderful Lady!

billy smith - March 17, 2020 at 09:34 PM

DB

She was a special Southern lady. I enjoyed her class and her worked hard for her approval! She will be missed.

Debbie Bacot Boan - March 17, 2020 at 10:10 PM

GW

Helen took great pride in her family and was enormously proud of each of you. She loved you all beyond all else. Although you're sad at this time, you can take solace in knowing that her's was a life well lived. I worked with her for many years at Cheraw High School and know her to be a "Master Teacher". The students and faculty regarded her highly. We were in the same book club and shared a love of reading good books. She was a special friend who will be missed.

Gailya K. Wilson - March 18, 2020 at 09:45 AM