



Bertha Jane Bayne

December 25, 1939 - December 7, 2025

Greer, SC – Bertha Jane Bayne, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2025. She was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mattie Lou Kemp Simmons and the loving wife of the late Arthur Lewis Bayne.

Bertha was a devoted woman of faith and tireless strength. She was known for her warm spirit, unwavering work ethic, and a steadfast devotion to Jesus that guided her throughout her life. She found joy in the simple and meaningful things like staying up late with her beloved word searches, watching Jimmy Swaggart's worship services, and filling her home with praise music and family. She read her Bible daily and lived as a true prayer warrior, lifting up others with a quiet but powerful faith. Bertha was a hardworking woman all her life. She served in many roles throughout the community, including Greenville County School District, Brindall's, and ultimately Walmart, where she retired after 15 years of dedicated service. She was known for her toughness, her reliability, and her remarkable ability to face life without complaint. She loved her church, loved her family deeply, and cherished her friends with a sincere and loyal heart. Her strength, kindness, and faith will continue to inspire all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Martha Elkins (Anthony "Tony"); her granddaughter, Brooke Elkins; great grandson, Cade Ledford; and her brother, Johnny Simmons.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by a son, James Harlan Bayne.

In honor of Bertha's Birthday on December 25, 2025, the family requests that everyone wear Christmas attire.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 910 Batesville Road, Greer SC 29651.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM at Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Services will begin at 2:00 PM with interment immediately following at Graceland East Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Graceland East Memorial Park

2206 Woodruff Road
Simpsonville, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Ebenezer United Methodist Church
174 Ebenezer Road
Greer, SC 29651

Celebration of Life

DEC 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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174 Ebenezer Road
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Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences to you, Martha, and all of your family. I never knew your mom, but remember the love and care you gave her for so many years. May you all find peace in knowing she rests gently in the arms of our loving God. Cheryl Ruhe*

cheryl ruhe - December 11, 2025 at 06:56 PM

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“ *My mother and Bertha were first cousins and they were very close. Bertha was a wonderful kind lady and will be dearly missed. Prayers and condolences to her beloved family.*

Elaine Grant - December 11, 2025 at 04:19 PM

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I've known Bertha since 1980. That's when Martha started playing piano and Organ for Stephenson Memorial UMC. I have never known a more loving woman than Bertha. Jesus hold her close until we see her again in heaven.

Doug Edwards - December 11, 2025 at 05:26 PM