



## Ruth Huffman Swearingen

May 19, 1923 - March 18, 2009

Lyman, SC – Ruth Huffman Petty Swearingen, 85, died Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at Open Arms Hospice House in Simpsonville. Mrs. Swearingen was the wife of the late Joseph W. Swearingen, and she was the daughter of the late Mervin and Edna Childers Huffman.

Beginning at the early age of 14 Mrs. Swearingen preached in her first worship service and consequently became the pastor of her church. She wrote and sold songs to entertainers including Pat Boone, and was the author of 3 books. At one time she was self-employed as a salesperson for Beltone Hearing Aids.

Survivors include two daughters, Darlene Sullivan of Lyman and Patricia Isley and her husband Roy of Startex, SC; a step-son, Bill Swearingen of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Zethel Goodman and Pearl Howl both of Michigan; two brothers, Roland Huffman of Gastonia, NC and Steve Huffman of Blacksburg, SC; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Mrs. Swearingen was predeceased by a son, John Henry Petty.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., today, Thursday, March 19, at Living Waters

Funeral Home and Crematory. Funeral services will be 2:00 Friday, March 20 also at Living Waters officiated by Rev. Faye Penland, Rev. John Petty, and Rev. Jimmy Petty. Entombment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens of Greer.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Marion Nassar of Gentiva Hospice for her untiring care of their mother. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gentiva Hospice, 430 Roper Mountain Rd., Suite E2, Greenville, SC 29615.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.livingwatersfh.com](http://www.livingwatersfh.com)  
Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory  
Lyman, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ I loved Aunt Ruth. I will miss her very much. I know she is with her Mom & Dad And all her family that has gone before.  
I love you all and my prayers are with you.  
Love Ya  
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“ Life is no brief candle for me.It's a sort of splendid torch which i have got hold of for the moment,and i want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to the future.

George Bernard Shaw

Rest in peace Grams,you are loved ..  
Love you very much and will see you in the world with no death,no pain and no suffering.Live on Grams ,in my heart !  
I am honored i met you.  
XOXO  
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