



## Martha S. Banks

September 30, 1935 - January 9, 2026

Martha Smith Banks  
Pickens, South Carolina

Martha Smith Banks, 90, loving wife of the late Harold Glenn Banks, of Pickens, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, at the Foothills Retirement Community in Easley.

Born and raised in Pickens County, Mrs. Banks was the daughter of the late E.B. and Loe Pace Smith. She loved music, and that was shown through her years of playing piano at church and teaching piano in the community. Mrs. Banks taught GA's and Sunday School in church and delivered Meals on Wheels in Pickens County. Most important to her was her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She showed that through her years of faithful service as a charter member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church and a current member of Pickens First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Banks is survived by her children, Harold G. "Hal" Banks, Jr. (Sheila) of Pickens, June Banks Stansell (Greg) of Greenville, and Eric Banks (Kimberly) of Lexington; her grandchildren, Kelli Hajar (Isaac), Hunter Banks, Kaitlyn Banks, and Kennedy Banks; her great-grandchildren, Germán Hajar and Rowan Hajar, a sister, Sue S. Childs; and a brother, Jerry Smith (Ruth Ann).

In addition to her loving husband, Glenn and her parents, E.B. and Loe, Mrs. Banks was preceded in death by a son, Gary Allen Banks; a brother, Alvin Smith; a sister, Bobbie S. Pace; and four grandchildren, Kevin, Kayla, Justin, and Jacob Banks.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 18, 2026, in the Chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home. A private burial will take place at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either the Foothills Retirement Community, 205 Bud Nalley Dr, Easley, SC 29642; the Pickens County Meals on Wheels: <https://pcmow.org/memorial-honorarium/>; or to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: <https://www.scbaptist.org/give/>.

Mountain View Funeral Home is assisting the family.

# Previous Events

## Funeral

JAN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - Pickens Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



**Mountain View Funerals and Cremations** - January 18 at 03:19 PM

SE

*Thank you for this video. It allowed me to be a part spiritually, even though unable to physically attend.*

**Susan Epperson** - January 18 at 05:28 PM

KH

*Thank you so much for doing this! Would it be possible to get a copy emailed to us?*

**Kelli Hajar** - January 18 at 10:03 PM

JH

*Hal, sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. She lived a long wonderful life. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Janis Holcombe** - January 22 at 05:51 PM

PB

“ Pam Blackburn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha S. Banks.

**Pam Blackburn** - January 16 at 09:07 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Martha S. Banks.



January 16 at 09:07 AM



“ My sincere condolences to all who will miss Mrs. Banks. She was my piano teacher in my youth and I haven't seen her in many years, but I will never forget her. She was a very kind lady who could also command respect and that was what made her so effective in teaching music. I truly appreciate how much effort she made to train me and that she allowed me to catch a glimpse of her home/ family which were obviously very precious to her. I also appreciate that she shared her faith and encouraged me to learn sacred and secular music. A wonderful woman who blessed my life! Hal, June, and Eric, may God grant you peace and joyful memories!  
Tara Porter

Tara Porter - January 12 at 10:27 PM



“ Renee Stewart lit a candle in memory of Martha S. Banks



Renee Stewart - January 11 at 05:58 PM



Sue so sorry for your lose !You and family will be in my thoughts and prayers! 🙏🙏❤️

Renee Stewart - January 11 at 06:00 PM

RW

“ Sweet friends, Martha was truly a woman of God . She lived her life serving God. Now she has her reward of being in heaven with Him. We are praying for all of you. Love and Hugs!!  
Royce and Ellen Walsh

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**RoyceEllen Walsh** - January 11 at 10:59 AM

SW

“ June, Hal and Eric, much love to you and all the family. I deeply cherish our history and the love I received from both of your parents ( and all of you). The Peace of Our Lord be with you all. Susan Payne Walters

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**Susan Payne Walters** - January 10 at 07:19 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear about Mrs. Banks. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

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**Dean Holder** - January 10 at 06:15 PM

JJ

“ Martha was a wonderful lady. Her musical talent was truly a gift. I know she will be missed.I will remember her beautiful smile .

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**Jessie James** - January 10 at 04:13 PM

JP

Martha was a very special lady with a soft smile showing her gentleness. As a volunteer at Foothills and I played the Ukelele in Healthcare. Martha was faithful to attend each week. She will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for the family. Julia Palmer.

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**Julia Palmer** - January 10 at 05:48 PM