



Sylvia Roper Dover

December 16, 1943 - April 5, 2025

In Loving Memory of Sylvia Roper Dover
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Sylvia Roper Dover, age 81, passed away peacefully on Saturday night, April 5, 2025, in her home, surrounded by her beloved family. A woman of enduring faith, deep love, and steadfast devotion, Sylvia lived a life that was a true reflection of grace and purpose.

Born December 16, 1943, in Pickens County, South Carolina, Sylvia was the firstborn of the late Jake T. Roper and Opal Gilstrap Roper Bryant. She was also preceded in death by her stepfather, Wilton Bryant; her brother, Allen Roper; brother-in-law, Ray York; and a nephew, Matthew Roper.

Sylvia is survived by her devoted husband of 63 years and 8 months, Robert Edward Dover. Together, they built a loving home and raised six children:
Scott Dover (Caroline) of Piedmont,
DeeDee Wilson (Harry) of Powdersville,
Steve Dover (Joy) of Liberty,
Brad Dover (April) of Liberty,
Kim Coster (Mike) of Travelers Rest, and
Kevin Dover (Alecia) of Liberty.

She is also survived by 15 grandchildren—Patrick (Clare), Rebecca, Taylor (Yiliu), Chandler, Ethan, Austin, Adreanna, Scott, Jesse (Megan), Seth, Emma, Daniel (Mackenzie), Kelli (Tavonta), Kaitlyn (Robbie), and Bryant—and 15 great-grandchildren: Anderson, Carter, Nora, Rohan, Roma, Ashwin, Sachin, Suri, Maddie, Harmony, Peyton, Waylon, Riggins, Taytum, and Teagan.

Sylvia is also lovingly remembered by her sisters, Linda York (Ray), and Debbie Roach (Steve); brothers, Jerry Roper (Myrna), Tim Roper (J.J), Dale Roper (Missy), Mark Roper; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

For over two decades, Sylvia worked for the School District of Pickens County, where she drove a school bus for special needs children. Her care and compassion for the students she transported was unwavering. She often said she hoped she made a positive difference in each of their lives—and there is no doubt that she did.

A faithful and active member of East Pickens Baptist Church, Sylvia was especially passionate about ministering to the shut-ins through the CIA (Christians In Action) ministry. She found great joy in sharing the love of Christ through visits, prayer, and encouragement.

Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her large and close-knit family. She was famous for baking birthday cakes and cookies for each child and grandchild, and for making every Christmas a cherished and meaningful celebration. Her fondest memory was every Christmas with her family around the altar she built and everyone placing their rock on the floor and stating what God had done for them in the past year and what they are thankful for. That family altar now sits at the base of her flagpole, a permanent symbol of her faith and her legacy.

Sylvia also found peace in reading—especially her Bible—cooking for her grandkids and great-grandkids and creating memories at their beach house and on Florida beach trips. She and Robert also found deep fulfillment in serving as foster parents, opening their home and hearts to children in need.

A celebration of Sylvia's life will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 2:00 PM at East Pickens Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at East Pickens Baptist Church from 5:30 PM until 8:00 PM.

Flowers are accepted, and memorial donations in Sylvia's honor may be made to East Pickens Baptist Church or to Bon Secours Hospice by Compassus. The family extends a heartfelt thank you to Sylvia's dedicated caregiver, Lola Rowland, and the entire hospice team for their compassionate care and support.

Sylvia's life was a radiant testimony of love, faith, and family. She touched the hearts of many and leaves behind a legacy that will continue to shine through generations. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Dover family.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park

2410 Gentry Memorial Hwy
Pickens, SC 29671

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

East Pickens Baptist Church
2244 Gentry Memorial Hwy
Pickens, SC 29671
<https://www.eastpickens.org/>

Celebration of Life Service

APR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

East Pickens Baptist Church
2244 Gentry Memorial Hwy
Pickens, SC 29671
<https://www.eastpickens.org/>

Burial

APR 15 (ET)

Hillcrest Memorial Park
2410 Gentry Memorial Hwy
Pickens, SC 29671

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Keith, Kim, Skyler, Ashton & Camden purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.



Keith, Kim, Skyler, Ashton & Camden - April 15, 2025 at 06:06 AM

KC

“ Keith, Kim, Skyler, Ashton & Camden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Roper Dover.

Keith, Kim, Skyler, Ashton & Camden - April 15, 2025 at 06:06 AM

RM

“ Randy & Cathy Hawkins CJ, Addie & Mitch purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.



Randy & Cathy Hawkins CJ, Addie & Mitch - April 14, 2025 at 09:30 AM

TF

“ The Grady Cartee family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.



The Grady Cartee family - April 12, 2025 at 02:57 PM

Mo

“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - April 12, 2025 at 01:41 PM

KR

“ *Kyle and Paula Rampey purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.*



Kyle and Paula Rampey - April 12, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.*



April 11, 2025 at 06:50 AM

RF

“ Reeves family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.



Reeves family - April 10, 2025 at 12:23 PM

JW

“ Dover Family,
I am heartbroken to hear of the passing of Sue. I have fond memories of her during my childhood and growing up with the Dover kids. She is healed and in the best place, heaven, with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Much love and prayers, Brian, Jane, and Lydia Whitmore
(Jane Hendricks)

Jane Whitmore - April 10, 2025 at 09:17 AM

LR

Dear family,

I only knew Sylvia for too Short months, but during that time she and her family were so good to me and treated me like family. she was such a witness for Christ in her daily life. She will be greatly missed. My life is enriched for having known her. My love and prayers will be with the family in the near future.

Lola Rowland - April 13, 2025 at 08:29 PM

MS

“ Dover Family,
So sorry to hear of the passing of our beloved Sylvia. May the Lord be your strength in the days ahead!
Martha Masters Seaborn

Martha Seaborn - April 10, 2025 at 08:28 AM

FF

“ from your City of Liberty family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Roper Dover.

from your City of Liberty family. - April 09, 2025 at 09:36 AM

FF

“ from your City of Liberty family. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.



from your City of Liberty family. - April 09, 2025 at 09:36 AM

BF

“ Robert and Family, so sorry to hear the passing of Sylvia! I treasure the memories we shared as a family particularly at our family reunions! Although time and distance of families never dampened the memories and love we shared! I am sure Faith and Sylvia will have a great reunion in Heaven! May the many family memories provide strength during this time!
Prayers for Robert and the entire family will continue in the days ahead!

Bob Couch and Family - April 08, 2025 at 10:59 PM

AC

Such a beautiful lady inside and out, Her family adored Her! That says it all. Just proud to have known Her! Prayers for all the family.

Anne Clark - April 09, 2025 at 10:43 PM

JG

“ I have so many precious memories of being at Robert and Sylvia's house as a child. She was always so sweet to all the kids who would come visit. We would swim at the pool, and she would join right in with us. She will be greatly missed by all. Sending love and prayers to all.

Jennifer Gilstrap - April 08, 2025 at 08:32 PM

BE

“ Robert and family I am so sorry for your loss. I have a lot of fond memories of Sylvia as we were in school together. She was so special and I know she will be missed by your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time, but take comfort in knowing where she is now and no more suffering. Sincerely, Brenda Edwards

BRENDA EDWARDS - April 08, 2025 at 07:39 PM

DB

“ Dan and Kim Ball. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Roper Dover.

Dan and Kim Ball. - April 08, 2025 at 06:04 PM

DB

“ Dan and Kim Ball. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.



Dan and Kim Ball. - April 08, 2025 at 06:04 PM

SN

“ *Sylvia was my 2nd cousin. I've always thought a lot of her, she was my Mary Kay lady for years. She came out and taught my house full of teens how to put on makeup one time years ago. My parents, Don and Betty Dickard, told many stories of how much fun they had when they were all teens as well. She will be missed.*



Sandra Nabors - April 08, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.*



April 08, 2025 at 03:24 PM

LG

“ *Love, your grandkids purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.*



Love, your grandkids - April 08, 2025 at 02:51 PM

RS

“ *So sorry to hear. She was a sweet Christian lady. Got real acquainted with her and Robert at BiLo for 40 years. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers.* 🙏❤️🙏

Renee Stewart - April 08, 2025 at 02:46 PM

CA

“ When my husband and I first visited East Pickens Church many years ago, Sylvia was one of first people to warmly greet and welcome us. She is one of the most precious people I have ever known! Carole & Steve Murphy

Carole - April 08, 2025 at 02:46 PM

MF

“ Martin Harbin and Family. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.



Martin Harbin and Family. - April 08, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sylvia Roper Dover.

April 08, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.



April 08, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvia Roper Dover.*



April 08, 2025 at 12:38 PM



“ *My love and prayers go out to all of the family. I have so many good memories of growing up with her from 12 years old. We were more like sisters and we were together just about every weekend. Either at my house or hers. I miss her so much but looking forward to that big reunion in heaven. I loved her and I love this precious family. All of you have some good memories hold on to them. God bless you all.*

Barbara Trotter - April 08, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family throughout this difficult time. Missy and Lee Edens*



missy edens - April 08, 2025 at 11:56 AM

CD

“ *To know her was to love her. Sylvia was my bus driver for a little while. In that time, we got to know her and love her as well as neighbors across the woods. Love for her family was unconditional. God bless you all and find the love and comfort in our Lord Jesus Christ. Love you all*



Chana Lusk Davis - April 08, 2025 at 11:54 AM

KM

“ *Karen M lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Roper Dover*



karen M - April 08, 2025 at 11:50 AM

KM

My heartfelt sympathy to Robert and the entire Dover and Roper families. May God's grace give you comfort and strength in the coming days. My memories of Sylvia are treasures for which I am thankful.

karen M - April 08, 2025 at 12:00 PM