
Mary Askins

Mary J. Askins

April 23, 1924-October 14, 2015

Myrtle Beach, SC

Mary Evangeline Johnson Askins, 91, departed this life Wednesday, Oct. 14, at home in bed looking over her beloved garden and surrounded by her family. A celebration of Mary's life will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Ocean View Baptist Church of which she and her late husband Marion were longtime members. Burial will be held at 3:30 PM at Magnolia Cemetery in Hartsville, SC. The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at McMillan Small Funeral Home of Myrtle Beach. Mary was born April 23, 1924, the daughter of Daisy Louise Lane Johnson and Robert Bryant Johnson, Sr. of Hartsville, South Carolina. Orphaned at the age of 10, Mary and her sister Jackie and brother Robert were cared for throughout their childhood by their aunts, the late Annie Johnson and Sallie Johnson. Mary found her family once again, however, when she married Marion Askins of Hartsville on August 13, 1950. They had three children to whom they dedicated their lives, Timothy Marion, Mary Angela and Robert Franklin. Her heart never quite recovered after Marion's death in 2003 after 52 years of marriage.

Mary, who loved to garden alongside her husband, had the knack for being able to bring any plant or flower to life. She also worked for a number of years as a financial secretary for Ocean View Baptist Church, at The Gay Dolphin in Myrtle Beach and alongside her husband Marion in several business ventures. She was a dedicated volunteer for many years in the church's kitchen and for the Helping Hands Ministry in Myrtle Beach. Mary, who was predeceased by brothers Robert B. and Charles Colin Johnson and sister, Jacqueline Johnson Wilkes, is survived by her children, Tim (Karen) Askins of Mt. Pleasant; Angela (Ged) Tiller of Georgetown; and Bob (Allison) Askins of Columbia; 5 grandchildren, Melanie Schimming, KD and Dyer Askins, all of Mt. Pleasant; and Andrew and Abby Askins of Columbia; two great grandchildren, Emma Kate and Madeleine Schimming of Mt. Pleasant; special cousin Annie Jane Langston of Summerville and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a contribution to The Community Soup Kitchen 732-8th Ave. N, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 or [your favorite charity](#) . An online guestbook is available at www.msfn.net.

**Funeral Home**

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