



## Martha Claire Holladay Farmer

May 5, 1926 - January 9, 2022

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services for Mrs. Martha Claire Holladay Farmer, 95, who entered into rest January 9, 2022, will be conducted Wednesday, January 19th at 11 o'clock from Grace United Methodist Church. Dr. John M. Younginer, Jr. and Rev. Thomas B. Wilkes, III officiating. Private Family Interment in Westover Memorial Park. For those who are unable to attend, the Funeral Service will be livestreamed on Posey Funeral Directors Facebook page.

Mrs. Farmer was a native of Brunson, SC which her Great-great grandfather, William Edgar Brunson, Sr. founded in 1874. She was the daughter of the late William Junius and Etha Louise Brunson Holladay and the last surviving of their eight children. A resident of North Augusta for the past 73 years, she was an active member of the Grace United Methodist Church, the Stillwell Sunday School Class, and the Florrie Derrick Circle. She was honored to also have The Martha Claire Farmer Circle named in her honor. As part of her community service, Mrs. Farmer was a member of the Volunteer Board of University Hospital for 54 years with over 1,100 service hours.

Martha Claire Farmer was a driving force in the Garden Club of South Carolina, the Nationally Accredited Judges Club of South Carolina, the North Augusta Council of Garden Clubs, and the Carolina Hills Garden Club. As a young bride in 1949, she was advised by an older family friend to “Honey, get

yourself a church and a garden club!” She took this advice to heart and has devoted her considerable talent and energy in service to her community through these organizations. Joining Carolina Hills Garden Club in 1949 was the first step in her ascent in Garden Club service, culminating with her election as State President of the Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc., from 1991-1993. At that time, the Garden Club of South Carolina had nearly 10,000 members. She was a Nationally Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, and a State and National Life Member. The theme for her state presidency was in 1991 was “Land That I Love, God’s Gift and Our Responsibility”.

Under Martha Claire’s leadership, many notable achievements occurred. In 1992, GCSC in cooperation with the Department of Transportation began an I-20 beautification project planting a total of 300 large crepe myrtle trees at the ten Welcome Center sites, and a “Planting Trees” project resulted in 53,500 dogwood seedlings, redbud trees, and crepe myrtles were added to beautify landscapes through the state. Martha Claire mentored numerous aspiring gardeners and flower designers, always with grace and humor. She was truly a gracious Southern lady who wielded a powerful presence.

Martha Claire and Gordon shared a lifelong love of travel. Their travels took them all over the world. London was their favorite city, and they filled their home with antiques and treasures bought from their extensive travels. She loved spending time at the South Carolina beaches. Martha Clair spent countless hours on the beach at Hilton Head and most recently at Wild Dunes. She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, James Gordon Farmer.

Survivors include her children, Rebecca (Gary) Bernson, Daniel Island, SC, Melissa (Paul) Zimmerman and Jim Farmer, both of Augusta; seven grandchildren, Hannah Farmer, Spencer Farmer, Trey Farmer, Gabriella Farmer, Mary Claire Zimmerman, Myers Zimmerman, and Matthew (Tyler) Bernson. The family recognizes Wanda Anderson as a special friend to both

Gordon and Martha Claire and extends their love and thanks.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Stillwell Sunday School Class, the Florie Derrick Circle and the Martha Claire Farmer Circle. Pallbearers will be Trey Farmer, Spencer Farmer, Myers Zimmerman, Matthew Bernson, Dr. J. William Thurmond, III and Conrad Quiller.

The family expresses appreciation to Mrs. Farmer's caregivers for their excellent service, Margie Henderson, Lynn Sharpe, Mary Corley, Carla Wilder, Anna Miller, Tina Casey, Teoche Stroman and Mary Lanham.

Memorials may be made to Epworth Children's home, 2900 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205 which was very dear to Martha Claire, and Gordon.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday afternoon from 4 until 6.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181).

# Cemetery Details

## Westover Memorial Park

2601 Wheeler Road  
Augusta, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC 29841  
(803) 278-1181  
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## Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church  
639 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC

## Interment

JAN 19.

Private Graveside Service



# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Claire Holladay Farmer



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - January 17, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ Martha Claire Holladay Farmer

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Martha Claire Holladay Farmer

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

MK

“ *What a Beautiful Tribute to your Mother - Martha Claire and also memories you shared with her as your Grandmother and Great Grandmother with this lovely video with her Sweetheart Gordon ! As a Member of The Garden Club of SC and Master Flower Show Judge , I served with Martha Claire on many Conventions and enjoyed being with your Dad too ! Martha Claire was a beautiful mentor to me as we prepared for the 1997 National Convention in Hilton Head for over 900 from all over the world and in USA !It was a honor to have known both Martha Claire and Gordon! Now they are Dancing In Heaven together ! May God and His Angels give you Peace and Comfort ! Love in Bloom, Mary Ann Powell Kirby Spartanburg , SC*



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**Mary Ann Powell Kirby** - February 15, 2022 at 05:30 PM

MM

“ *The Arts and Heritage Center of North Augusta would like to pass on our condolences to the family of Martha Claire Farmer . She was a friend to the AHC and was always willing to help us out in many ways with information, artifacts, and items provided for our permanent exhibit and special exhibits. We will always have wonderful memories of her.*

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**Milledge Murray** - January 21, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - January 19, 2022 at 02:52 PM

TF

“ We are sending our sincere condolences to all of Martha Claire's family. Your mother and grandmother was an extraordinarily interesting and accomplished lady. We always enjoyed hearing of her travel adventures from around the world. She loved to be somewhere, didn't she? She could converse on so many topics it was always a pleasure to sit with her and converse. May her memory be eternal! . . . *The Savas Family*

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**The Savas Family** - January 17, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Tribute*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - January 17, 2022 at 11:14 AM

KA

*a true lady. She was loved and will be missed by many*

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**Kerry Adragna** - January 17, 2022 at 05:58 PM

DS

“ *Dianne Smiley lit a candle in memory of Martha Claire Holladay Farmer*



Dianne Smiley - January 16, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Claire Holladay Farmer.*



January 15, 2022 at 10:27 AM

MR

“ *How I loved your mother and I know thousands of other statewide garden club members will miss her untiring support. I, too, am a low country girl and she and I shared many happy hours together. My husband and I had the privilege of knowing your father also. What a wonderful couple they were. Sending special prayers for each of you and just a reminder to cherish your many happy memories!*

Mary B. Rivers - January 14, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Claire Holladay Farmer.*



January 14, 2022 at 11:28 AM

SP

“ So sad to hear of the passing of Martha Claire. Her death represents the passing of a generation. Peace to my cousins and all her grandchildren from her niece Susan Painter.

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**Susan Painter** - January 14, 2022 at 11:24 AM

EO

“ What a beautiful, special lady! She will be missed!

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**Ed and Sandy O'Neal** - January 13, 2022 at 03:37 PM

JL

“ A beautiful and gifted person who was blessed by God and shared blessings with many others. Honored to call her a friend over many years. May the family receive comfort and peace from our gracious Lord!

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**Joe Lusk** - January 13, 2022 at 12:47 PM