



Florine Smith Craig

July 27, 1943 - April 7, 2026

Florine Smith Craig, 82, of Greenville, passed from her earthly home to her Heavenly home on April 7, 2026, to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She was the widow of Thomas Ellis Craig, with whom she shared 48 sweet years of marriage. She was Momma to two children, Ron and Kimberly, and Mimi to five grandchildren, Luke, Isaac, Levi, Eden, and Brooklyn.

There is so much in her name of “Momma” that words are inadequate to describe how fully she lived out that role. She was determined to do what was best for her children – even when it was hard, even when the path was uncharted, and even when it stretched her far beyond her comfort zone. If needed, she could be feisty. She once jumped – seemingly flat-footed – a six-foot fence to protect one of her children. To her, it was only a small obstacle.

She set her children’s priorities in order. When it was time to leave for church, it was in their best interest to be ready and in the car before her. After school, homework came first. In the home, she taught her children how to manage a budget with the firm belief that “if you do not have it to spend, you don’t spend it.” She taught her children to be caretakers of what they were blessed with – even if it meant leaving plastic covers on household items to extend their longevity. She instilled cleanliness and orderliness. She taught the importance of character over vanity, often saying “pretty ways make pretty girls.” She

displayed contentment. She did not have a spirit of jealousy, nor did she measure what she had against what others had. She taught the joy of simple activities and quiet moments, finding delight in tending to flowers, cross-stitching, playing games, and working puzzles. She taught friendliness and the importance of being a good neighbor, organizing lunch outings for the neighborhood ladies and leading benevolent activities. By example, she showed her children how to love, respect, and honor their spouse. Above all, she taught her children how to worship: in prayer, in giving; and in service.

She gave her children many wonderful intangible gifts, one of the most cherished being the gift – and privilege – of caring for her as she aged.

Florine was a faithful church member from the time she was saved until her health no longer allowed her attendance. She found joy in serving as a Sunday School teacher and a member of Ladies for Missions, where she enthusiastically prepared care packages and gifts for missionary families. Most of all, she loved singing in the choir. She often joked that she made the “noise” described in Psalm 100:1, “Make a joyful noise unto The Lord...”. Her “noise” was always joyful and delivered with a brilliant smile. As her health declined, she became a shut-in member of Victory Baptist Church of Easley.

Over time, Florine became known to many as “Flo”. She would tell people that remembering her name was easy, saying “You just have to go with the Flo.” That remains her heart’s desire even now – that all of her family, friends, and acquaintances would “go with the Flo” and join her in Heaven someday through faith in Jesus Christ.

Florine is survived by her son Ron Craig and his wife Joy, of Pittsboro, NC, and by her daughter Kimberly Proctor and her husband Robert, of Easley. Unlike clichéd relationships between in-laws, Florine sincerely loved Joy and Robert. They both called her “Mom” and provided wonderful support as her

care needs grew. She is also survived by her five grandchildren Luke Proctor, Isaac Proctor, Levi Proctor, Eden Proctor, and Brooklyn Craig, all of whom took on responsibilities beyond their years to help care for their Mimi. In addition, she is survived by her brother Lester Smith and his wife Mary Ann, of Piedmont, and her sister-in-law Lynda Smith, of Belton.

In addition to her husband, she is predeceased by her parents Furman and Pearl Smith; sister Evelyn Smith; brother Leslie Smith; brother Ledford Smith; sister Betty Price; and brother-in-law Dennis Price.

Florine was consistently and constantly surrounded by her children and grandchildren as they demonstrated their love. In that same manner, they will gather around her again as her body is laid to rest. You are invited to join them for a graveside service on Friday, April 10th at 3 pm at Graceland Cemetery West, 4814 White Horse Road, Greenville.

Momma, it is so fitting that you went Home on the seventh day of the month. Seven has always been my favorite number. In Scripture, it symbolizes completion and perfection. In my eyes, you were already perfect. Oh – but now! Your race is complete and you are absolutely perfect! I love you. Thank you, Momma. - Kimberly

"Lovingly submitted by the family"

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery West

4814 White Horse Road
Greenville, SC, SC 29611

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“*Florine was a constant in life from childhood to present day. She was a cherished part of my childhood, and an even greater presence in my adulthood. Though petite in stature, she carried a big personality that was warm, vibrant, and impossible to forget. You could never walk away from a conversation with Florine without a smile on your face or laughter in your heart.*



Some of my most treasured memories go back to our days at Zion Hill, where she showed such kindness and care to my Nanny. Sunday nights were special not just for the services, but for most nights when a group of us would gather for dinner at a local restaurant sharing stories, and spending time together. Florine was a little butterfly that would flutter around the large table making sure she spoke to everyone.

Her biggest impact on my life was that she is the mother of my best friend, Kim (aka Kimberly). Through Kim, our lives became even more intertwined. I can still remember asking Florine and sweet Ellis if Kim could come spend time with us after Todd and I were married.

Florine's legacy is one of deep faith, joy, and unwavering love for her family and friends. That legacy shines brightly in Kim, who so selflessly cared for both her father and her mother while raising her own family and pursuing her career. It is a testament to the strength and example Florine set.

Her memory will not fade. It will live on in the laughter she inspired, the faith she embodied, and the future generations she helped shape through her friends, her grandchildren, and one day, her great-grandchildren. I am so grateful to have known her, to have loved her, and to carry a piece of her spirit with me always.

I love you Kim, Luke, Levi, Isaac, and Eden. She will always be with

you and you provided her care, love and support in the last several years. Most importantly you showed dignity to a lady who deserved it more than most.

Pamela Lewis - April 09 at 11:45 PM

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“ *Your sweet mom was always so kind. I have wonderful memories of her growing up in the neighborhood. She was a dear friend to my mother and I’m thankful for that fellowship they shared. Lifting you all in prayer.*

Pamela Gteen Black - April 08 at 05:48 PM