



## Myrtle Hayes Beachum

May 23, 2024

Myrtle Marie Hayes-Welch Beachum was born in Burnsville, North Carolina, and raised in Wadesboro, North Carolina, on the Smith Family Farm. She is preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, M. Herman Beachum. Her younger siblings, Peggy Beck, Henry Welch Jr., Kay Perry, and Ted H. Welch, survived her. Her only child is daughter Harriet Beachum Sadler. Her grandchildren are Denise McKinney Mann & Michael McKinney. Great-grandchildren Autumn Hall Johnson, John Hall, Jr., Lauren McKinney Pinkney, & Taylor Wymer, and 6 great-great-grandchildren Major Lindsey, Messiah Lindsey, Kyla Haughinberry, Alina Pinkney, Weatherly Johnson, & Maverick Lindsey. On July 20, 1996, Myrtle gained son-in-law George Sadler along with 8 more grandchildren, Tammy, Angie, George Jr., Annalisa, Cathy, Daniel, Laura, & Lindsay. They eventually gave her 13 more great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren whom Myrtle fully embraced as her own. Myrtle passed peacefully of old age at home, surrounded by family, on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024, just five months shy of her 97th birthday.

Myrtle was born shortly before the great depression, and this undoubtedly gave her the tenacity, strength, and determination that everyone who knew her would describe. She was married to her husband, Martin H. Beachum, known as Herman, on July 15th, 1947, shortly after he returned from service in WWII. They shared 67 wonderful years together. Together, they were an unstoppable force and achieved the life they always dreamed of, filled with

family and travels. They had only one child, daughter Harriet, 2 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, whom they were blessed to have while they still had full health. They were able to have a hand in raising those children as well. Myrtle loved all her family immeasurably and remained close to every member her entire life. She made many sacrifices throughout her life to be able to be there for all her family members when they needed a shoulder or a hand. She took great care to be there and create special memories with each of her family members, whether they were immediate family, extended family, stepfamily, or in-laws.

You would never catch Myrtle without being put together and wearing lipstick, even if she was cutting her grass. She was an accomplished and avid gardener winning yard of the month for her beautiful pink azalea bushes so many times she was featured in the *Virginian Pilot* with a full page spread. Her love of gardening was a lifelong affair; she would climb a ladder to clean her gutters and cut her own grass well into her 90s. In fact, after she recovered from her stroke and was wheelchair-bound, she would still go into her yard pulling weeds. She was also a skilled seamstress, making many things, from dresses to quilts, curtains, and even rugs. She truly mastered every task she set her mind to, so much so that she could turn actual trash into beautiful treasures that others would envy. Myrtle was able to pass her skills on to 4 different generations and left a lasting impression on all those whose lives she touched.

"Myrtle was the embodiment of the spirit of resilience! A matriarch who inspired us with her unbreakable will and unwavering grit, showcasing the tenacity of her generation. Her legacy as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend will endure for generations to come! She will be missed immeasurably and will always live on in our hearts!"

~Written by her beloved Great-Granddaughter Autumn Marie

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024, at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Graveside - Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd.  
Chesapeake, VA 23321

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens  
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Chesapeake, VA 23321

# Tribute Wall

HS

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Harriet Beachum Sadler - June 05, 2024 at 06:31 PM

HS

“ Harriet Beachum Sadler lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Hayes Beachum



Harriet Beachum Sadler - June 05, 2024 at 06:29 PM

MH

“ Myrtle was my neighbor in the early 60's and never forgot me. She was friends with my mother. She and Herman came to Richmond a couple of times and then came with Harriet and her husband. She never forgot a friend and after mother died I would call and we would chat. She called me after her stroke to let me know why she wasn't answering my voice messages. She was a sweet good person and when I was little showed me her love and I'm now 71 and will never forget. Rest beautiful lady.

Meg Hodges - May 31, 2024 at 08:51 PM

LJ

“ *My Sweet Nana!! You love so big! Heart of Gold! Now I know you are in Heaven it give me peace! 🦋 You are and always will be my Beautiful Butterfly!! We love and miss you so much it hurts. But I know you are still with us My Beautiful sweet Butterfly!! Into we meet again!! Kisses Sweet Nana!!*



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**laura johnston** - May 30, 2024 at 10:52 PM

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“ *The Johnston family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Myrtle Hayes Beachum.*



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**The Johnston family** - May 30, 2024 at 10:42 PM

AJ

“ 61 files added to the tribute wall



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**Autumn M Johnson** - May 30, 2024 at 06:39 PM

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“ 21 files added to the tribute wall



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**Autumn M Johnson** - May 30, 2024 at 06:28 PM