

Olivia Taylor Allen, 89, of Fountain Inn, S.C., died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006.

She was born March 16, 1916, in Atlanta to Jerry Hampton and Olivia Fewell Taylor. She graduated from North Avenue Presbyterian School in Atlanta. She attended Wesleyan University and Emory University and graduated from Florida State College for Women in 1937.

She was a resident of Atlanta and Roswell before moving to Greenville, S.C., in 1993.

She was a longtime member of North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, where she was a member of the choir for many years. She also was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville and Wiley Presbyterian Church. She traveled the world and spent many years at her family's summer home on Lake Rabun.

She was preceded in death by: her second husband, Leslie A. "Dean" Allen; her first husband, Charles Sims Ward Jr.; and two brothers, Jerry H. Taylor Jr. and Thomas Fewell Taylor.

Survivors include: three daughters and a son-in-law, Jere W. and Ray Byington of Mauldin, S.C., Olivia Patricia Ward of Beijing and Kathryn Ward of Oxford; a son, Charles S. Ward III, of Annapolis, Md.; five grandchildren, Marie H. Hills and husband George of Loveland, Ohio, Charles Sidney Hatcher Jr. and wife Amy Conway of Solomons, Md., Shannon Van Sant of Bangor, Maine, Whitney S. Strickland and husband Shane of Monroe and Morgan Olivia Snipes of Atlanta; two great-grandchildren, Aimee Hills of Loveland, Ohio, and Kathryn Hills and husband Ryan Cole of Loveland, Ohio; two sisters, Nell Taylor Baker of Hawkinsville and Jane Taylor Patton of Lexington, Va.; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mackey Mortuary in Greenville, S.C., with the Rev. Gareth Scott officiating. The family will receive friends after the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels, 15 Oregon St., Greenville, SC 29605 or to the charity of one's choice.

Mackey Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

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