



# The Obituary

Ms. Jennie Sue Boyce Martin, 90, passed away on January 29, 2026 at VIA Health Partners, formerly Wendover Hospice, Shelby, NC. Jennie was born on November 25, 1935 in Cherokee County, SC, to the late Willie Gentry and Marie Watkins.

"Patty", a name given to her from her mother and as she was affectionately known, graduated from Green Bethel High School. She was employed in retail for a number of years, working at Hudson's, Belk's, and Wal-Mart, along with other companies. She also worked as a substitute teacher for Crest Middle and High School. She retired from Hoechst Celanese, formerly Fiber Industries.

"Patty" was a member of Green Bethel Baptist Church, where she served as Lead of the Culinary Committee before retiring. She loved cooking for others and gardening and growing pineapples. She was always outgoing, friendly, loving and caring. Her favorite pastime was traveling and her favorite most memorable trip was visiting Hawaii.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Harvey Martin; brother, Douglas Singleton; and special nephew, Jack Gentry.

She leaves her memory to cherish to her sons, Dwayne Scott Boyce of Boiling Springs, NC and John Wayne Martin (Lucy) of Gaffney, SC; grandchildren, Stephanie Shell (Michelle) of Kings Mountain, NC, Monique Martin (Brian) of Charlotte, NC, Clarissa Jones and Kwyneisha Martin, both of Shelby, NC, Shartezma Webber of Gastonia, NC, Joniyah Martin and Jiovanni Ross, both of Gaffney, SC; great grandchildren, Brielle Pankey, Christiana Sturdivant, Cyrus Waiters, and Aadyn Martin; special nephews and nieces, Douglas Singleton, Tisan Lenair, David Singleton, and Derrick Singleton; special friends, Sue Poston, Mary Shell, Helen Craig, Emily Rice, Juanita Surratt, and Fannie Williams; and a host of other relatives and friends.

