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May Belle Headley, age 77, of Pickens, South Carolina, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family on March 1, 2026. Born on June 5, 1948, in White Plains, Alabama, she was the beloved daughter of Bert Vernace Johnson and Doris Frances Griscom Johnson.

May was an avid reader who could often be found with a book in hand, always eager to learn something new or escape into a good story. Her love for animals was boundless, and she cared deeply for creatures of all kinds.

She was a proud member of the Fort Prince George Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, where she honored her heritage and formed meaningful friendships.

May's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her children: Reba Kruse (Derrick), Teresa Efant (Rodney Pearce), and Jonathan Headley (Stephanie). She was a loving grandmother to Sophia and Ronin Kruse; and Samson, Azelie, Stella Marie, and Bernadette Headley. She is also survived by her siblings: Lee Johnson (Diana), David Johnson, Frank Johnson, and Naomi

Johnson; along with her nieces, Tara and Kristi, and nephews, Erik and Sean.

May will be remembered for her outgoing nature, she never met a stranger, and her sense of humor. Her legacy lives on in the kindness she shared so freely.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a conservation agency of your choice in honor of May's lifelong love for animals and the natural world.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ *May had a happy spirit, she would bring laughter and joy to every event. As the Assistant Director of Skits, she kept us on our toes (literally) and told us how we could do it better or funnier (and she was right). However, she often failed at keeping us on key when we sang, but I don't think that was all her fault.*

May often spoke of her family, her children and grandchildren, and told us of their accomplishments. Her accomplishment was raising such enterprising children and being such a good cheerleader to lead them onward to help them achieve their goals and accomplishments.

May was intelligent, funny, and compassionate -- and she brought us moments of pure delight, as well as happiness. I will never forget her smile and the joy she brought with her everywhere.

Lynda Abegg

Lynda Abegg - March 07 at 09:41 AM

MC

“ *MARLEE L CAREY lit a candle in memory of May Belle Johnson Headley*



MARLEE L CAREY - March 03 at 02:10 PM

JH

“ *May always encouraged me, never failed to tell me I was doing a good job. She immediately befriended my mom when she joined DAR. Listening to them chatter and giggle like teenagers was such a joy!*

Joyce Hansel - March 02 at 04:31 PM

KJ

May had such a kind spirit about her. She welcomed everyone she met and made them feel important. She will truly be missed by her family and friends.

Kathy Johnson - March 03 at 01:14 PM

MH

May will be greatly missed by members of the DAR Fort Prince George chapter. She was always such a positive person and did her part in every way possible

Marianne Holland

Marianne Holland - March 03 at 02:43 PM

ER

May was an absolute joy! She was one of the reasons I decide to join the Fort Prince George Chapter. Gone but never forgotten.

Erica - March 03 at 06:00 PM