

*Remembering
Dolores W. Gambrell
September 21, 1948 ~ January 13, 2022*

I've taken the liberty to adapt the lyrics to Vince Gill's song,
Go Rest High on that Mountain to honor you, Dolores Gambrell.

We know at times your life had challenges.
You didn't let many know that pain.
But, you weren't afraid to face those hard times,
You were no stranger to any of those rains.
So, Dolores, Go rest high on that mountain
Your earthly work down here is done.
We know that you went to heaven singing and a-shoutin'
As you were looking for the Father and the Son.

We cried so hard that Thursday that you left us.
Today we gather to grieve our loss.
We know the angels celebrated
When they heard you answer God's sweet call.
So, Dolores, Go rest high on that mountain
Your earthly work down here is done.
You've found the Father and the Son.

We love you. We will miss you. We will see you again.

*Our Tribute
Friends of the South Congaree Pine Ridge Library
January 23, 2022*



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Sunday, January 23, 2022
Springdale Baptist Church*

Dolores, Today we celebrate you! While we miss you greatly and are sad you are no longer with us here. Your SCPR Friends want to honor you by telling everyone here about the Dolores we knew and how we feel about the impact she had on us.

Thank you for the Memories

Memories of a friendship that will have to last us a lifetime.

Memories of your unselfish giving and giving and giving.

Memories of your efforts for a better life for those you love—your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Memories of building a stronger community through literacy and learning at the Library.

Memories of book and bake sales to finance Friends' programs and events.

Memories of planning programs and events.

Memories of meetings and discussions.

Memories of planting and weeding our beautiful reading garden that you and Andy built.

Memories of sharing and caring and making us all feel special.

Memories of laughing and crying and celebrating fun times.

Memories of organizing and showcasing our Branch and its staff.

Memories of Summer Reading programs, all the work we did and all the fun we had.

Memories of the excitement in the eyes of the children when they saw Santa.

Memories of the excitement of planning and celebrating Branch birthdays.

Memories of making life better for your neighbors and our community.

Memories of giving more than you ever took away.

Memories of our first Mother's Day Tea, all the fancy table settings, the hats and corsages and the fancy tea sandwiches.

Memories of awards and recognitions—when you received the 2019 Friends of South Carolina Libraries Individual Award.

Memories of how excited you were when we announced the South Congaree Pine Ridge Friends Andy and Dolores Gambrell Volunteer of the Year Award.

Memories of your expression when we announced the Volunteer Award and named you and Andy as the first recipients. That award will hold much more special meaning to us all now.

Memories of making a lasting impression on all you met. Everyone everywhere knew you were special.

Memories from Friends who will miss your smiling face, your gentle spirit, your tenacity and your love for the South Congaree Pine Ridge Library and Friends group.

We will always remember you.

We will never forget the impact you've had on our community.

You loved Andy. Everyone always talked about how special you two were together—that you were made for each other.

You loved your children, your grandchildren, and your great grands. That's evident by how hard you fought to care for their well-being and by how they loved the library through you.

You always talked about the times you spent on the phone talking with your sisters and brothers and all the fun things you all did together.

You invested yourself into your Blue Ridge Terrace neighborhood by leading and guiding events and activities and keeping everyone informed about local happenings.

From this day forward, every time I see a greeting card, I will think of you and the placemats you loved to create from those old cards. Your ministry to share those placemats brought hours of joy to others.

But most of all, we, the South Congaree Pine Ridge Friends feel honored that you loved us, that you and Andy took time many years ago to develop the vision for a library and to bring the Library and the Friends group to our community.

We promise you that we will keep moving forward and continue your dream by building more memories.



