



**Clara Port Rion**

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Born in Conway, SC on Sep. 18, 1922  
 Departed on Apr. 11, 2014 and resided in Georgetown, SC.

**Visitation:** Monday, Apr. 14, 2014  
 10:00 am - 11:00 am

**Service:** Monday, Apr. 14, 2014  
 11:00 am

**Cemetery:** Pennyroyal Memorial Gardens

### Pawleys Island:

Clara Port Rion, age 91, died peacefully surrounded by all of her children on Friday, April 11, 2014 at Waccamaw Regional Medical Center. Born in Bucksport, SC, Clara was the daughter of the late Franklin and Rebecca Cox Port.

In addition to her parents, Clara was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Weir Rion, her brothers, Joseph and Thomas Port, and her sister, Reba Williams.

"Miss Clara" was married for 45 years to her one true love Samuel Weir Rion. Coming of age during The Great Depression, the two became business partners when they opened Rion's Family Shoes in Georgetown in 1954, an iconic presence on Front Street for over thirty years. The two were also accomplished bridge partners who traveled the world on many duplicate bridge cruises. Sam and Clara were also fishing buddies who especially loved trolling for flounder and spent many days and nights on their beloved houseboat, The Sand Bar Queen, always with a large crew of family and friends.

Clara is best remembered as an outstanding cook, who would enthusiastically "throw together" a meal of homemade clam chowder and fried local shrimp for gatherings of 20 or more family and friends. Sam and Clara were frequent hosts to many neighbors, friends, and "adopted children" who fondly recall Clara's bountiful meals, card games, ping-pong, horseshoes, tennis, and swimming at their home of many years on South Island Road in Georgetown.

Clara was also a life-long gardener. She was very blessed to continue living in her Pawleys Island home, which she leaves behind surrounded by an array of gorgeous flowers, strawberries, peppers, and tomatoes she helped plant this spring.

Survivors include sons, Samuel Weir Rion, Jr. (Anna Perry) of Georgetown; Gerald Port "Jerry" Rion (Judy Cooper) of Surfside; James Allen Rion (Sara Olsen) of Raleigh, NC; and daughters Angela Bunn (Joseph) of Pawleys Island; and Julia Rion of Haddonfield, NJ; her grandchildren Katherine Rion Mikolojczwk (David), Gerald Port Rion, Jr. (Lynnette), Rob Rion Bunn (Amy), Samuel Weir Rion, III (Kim), Herbert Wilhelm Rion, Sara Emily Patterson (Stewart), Joseph Ralston Bunn, III (Becca), Margaret Hunter Rion, Zoe Helena Nahatis, and Angela Rion Nahatis; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends and relatives Monday, April 14, at 10 am at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church with the service to follow at 11 am and interment at Pennyroyal Memorial Gardens, directed by Mayer Funeral Home of Georgetown.

Sign a guest book at [www.mayerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mayerfuneralhome.com).

Memorial gifts may be made to Georgetown Presbyterian Church, 558 Black River Road, Georgetown, SC 29440 or any charity of choice.

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