



Charlotte W. Brayton

December 19, 1939 - January 22, 2022

Charlotte Brayton passed to her heavenly reward in the early hours of Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. She was 82. Gentle and generous, Charlotte was the light of her family's life and the epitome of a Southern lady. She had a zesty sense of humor and an infectious, ebullient laugh. Her sweet voice, kind demeanor, and joyful spirit will be dearly missed and deeply mourned, even as we celebrate her resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Charlotte Ann Williams was born on December 19, 1939 at Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta to Hugh Whitfield Williams and the former Lala Elizabeth Delamater. She spent her girlhood in Red Oak, where her father was postmaster, and graduated from Campbell High School in Fairburn, where she was a majorette. She enrolled at Georgia State University and pledged Alpha Phi, but romance soon called.

On August 7, 1959 at Red Oak Methodist Church, Charlotte married the love of her life, Thomas Brayton, who survives her after more than 62 years together. They set up house in East Point, where they lived for 36 years before moving to Sharpsburg. She is also survived by daughter Beth Widener (David); son Keith Brayton (Mikey); grandsons Andrew Widener, Nicholas Widener (Leslie), Charles Brayton, and Luke Brayton; sister Betty Taylor; nieces Carolyn Kramlich (James Sennett), Nancy Muncher (David), and Brenda Joiner (Dan); and a host of grand-nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; brother Hugh Williams Jr.; and sister Jean Walz.

Charlotte was a family stalwart, devotedly caring for her husband, raising her children, and doting on her grandsons. She was her loved ones' most ardent supporter and unflinching advocate. She always offered mellifluous words of comfort and assurance, but she never shied away from giving a dose of truth when it was needed—especially when it came to teaching her children how to be a good friend and human to others.

Charlotte had many hobbies, from gardening and birdwatching to puzzles and games to meandering along Georgia's scenic byways with Thomas. There was always a historic cemetery, rural barbecue stand, or quaint chapel to visit. She loved all God's creatures, especially cats, adopting many cuddly companions over the years and fully expecting to be reunited with them in heaven. She also pursued a lifelong passion for music, serving as pianist and organist at several churches as well as teaching Sunday school and vacation Bible school. At the time of her passing, she was a member of Sharpsburg First Church of the Nazarene and Daughters of the American Revolution. A service celebrating Charlotte's life and homegoing will be held at Parrott Funeral Home in Fairburn on Wednesday, January 26 at 1:00 p.m. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to Atlanta Mission or the Gideon's International.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Rd.
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory
8355 Senoia Road
Fairburn, GA 30213
(770) 964-4800
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<https://www.parrottfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 26. 1:00 PM.

Parrott Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Charlotte W. Brayton*



Parrott Funeral Home - January 26, 2022 at 11:49 AM

GM

“ *I knew Charlotte in the 1950s at Eastern Grammer School and Campbell High. We went to church with her at Welcome All Baptist. I recall going to the Red Oak Post office to watch Mr. Williams hang the mail bag up for the train to hook the bag passing by. Great times at Red Oak.*

Grady MULLIS - July 03, 2022 at 10:10 PM

CL

“ *Charlotte had such a warm, genteel spirit! She will be greatly missed by all who knew her! Love and prayers for the family!*
Cynthia Livingston

Cynthia Livingston - January 26, 2022 at 07:58 AM

TB

“ My sincerest condolences to the entire Brayton family, and to Mrs. Brayton’s extended family and friends. There was never any doubt that she absolutely loved her children, Mr. Brayton, and her grandchildren (and not always in that order). Her legacy is secure in the family she raised, and the love she shared with them has been evident from the first time I ever met Keith. What a life! She will be missed.

Tim Barge - January 25, 2022 at 09:23 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlotte W. Brayton.



January 25, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charlotte W. Brayton.



January 25, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charlotte W. Brayton.



January 24, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlotte W. Brayton.*



January 24, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ *Dear Widener Family, We are sending many prayers, love, and strength to you all in this difficult time. You all are such an amazing family, I can only imagine what a great woman Charlotte was. Sending prayers, Claire Gaxiola & Family*



Claire Gaxiola - January 24, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Dear Sweet Family,
Charlotte will be missed in so many places including our General Daniel Newnan DAR Chapter. She was such a blessing with an encouraging word and the sweetest smile. She leaves a legacy of love in each of you. The Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace.
Blessings, Brenda & David Jessel*

brenda jessel - January 23, 2022 at 09:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charlotte W. Brayton.*



January 23, 2022 at 08:09 PM



“ *Charlotte always shared a smile and was a beautiful example of a true Southern lady!!! Tom, you are in my prayers.*

Donna Williams - January 23, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ *Charlotte was such a kind soul, that kept me on my toes! She treated me as one of her own. I am thankful to have had the chance to grow up next to her and Thomas. Walking to the lake won't be the same without hearing a peculiar "meow" coming from behind the fence in her back yard. I will miss you Charlotte.*

Kat Muncher - January 23, 2022 at 11:30 AM



Aunt Charlotte was a southern lady that loved her family and she always made me feel special! I will miss her so much. Uncle Thomas sending prayers too you and our family!! 🙏❤️

Wanda Taylor - January 23, 2022 at 01:25 PM



It was always delightful to see Charlotte at our DAR meetings. She had such a sweet demeanor and kind voice. I loved chatting with her and have missed seeing her at our recent meetings. My heart breaks for the whole family.

Pat McBurnett

Pat McBurnett - January 23, 2022 at 08:29 PM

DH

“ *Charlotte was a lovely, sweet lady. She will be missed!*

Dianne Hunter - January 23, 2022 at 08:58 AM

JW

“ *She was a lovely Southern lady and will be missed by all who knew her.*

Johnnie Mae Welch - January 23, 2022 at 08:27 AM

KH

“ *Charlotte was a caring and giving friend! I loved her and she will be greatly missed!*

Kathy Hines - January 22, 2022 at 09:26 PM