



Dixie Watson Fausett

July 7, 1932 - January 8, 2015

Atlanta native DIXIE WATSON FAUSETT was born at home on July 7, 1932, to Mary Lee Staton and Millard C. Watson. She was an exemplary daughter and daughter-in-law, a loving wife, a devoted mother, grandmother and mother-in-law, as well as a dedicated elementary schoolteacher. She passed away January 8, at the age of 82. Always avowing her dream to become a teacher, she graduated from Brown High School in Atlanta's West End in 1950. Then, under the tutelage of Roy W. Davis, a family friend and Assistant Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools who referred to her as "the daughter I never had," she enrolled in Mercer University at Macon. There she majored in Elementary Education and minored in Music, performing the lead in a couple of operettas, and from which she graduated in 1954. That same year she married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Dan Fausett, who survives her. While at Mercer she was president of Kappa Delta Epsilon professional education sorority, elected to Alpha Psi Omega national honorary dramatic fraternity, vice-president of Future Teachers of America, a member of the BSU Greater Council, the Mercer Players, the Mercer Glee Club and representative to the Women's Student Government. Professionally, she was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and as a proud alumna of Mercer, she was a long-time member of the President's Club. Early in her career she taught various elementary grades at Venetian Hills and Continental Colony schools in the Atlanta system before finally retiring from Woodward Academy after nineteen years' service at that private institution.

Raised and married in the former West End Baptist Church, she was asked to sing in the adult choir as a young teenager and taught junior-aged girls in Sunday School. Later, at the former Beecher Hills Baptist Church, she directed children's choirs, sang in the adult choir and taught intermediate girls in Sunday School. She and her husband are currently members of the Southwest Christian Church where until recently she sang in the adult choir. During their retirement, she and Dan traveled extensively, visiting some thirty-five countries including such exotic places as Egypt, Turkey and Russia.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by daughter, Dr. Mary Diane Fausett, and son, Jonathan Daniel Fausett (Pam), and grandsons, Ryan, Andrew and Benjamin. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Southwest Christian Care, 7225 Lester Road, Union City, GA 30291, whose hospice staff served her so compassionately at the end of her life.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 12, 2015 at 11 o'clock at Southwest Christian Church with Minister Craig Kingston and Minister Alan Stith officiating. Interment to follow at Westview Cemetery. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. The family will receive friends Sunday evening from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, 770-964-4800.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ Dear Dan, Jon & Diane:

Looking back over how long I have known you all - youth group & singles at SWCC to present, in all those years I really cannot remember seeing Dixie without that trademark smile. She was always such a cheerful, encouraging positive person, a blessing to family, friends and students. You all are in my prayers.

Ken Waller

Ken Waller - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Dan, Diane, and Jonathan and family,

I was saddened to learn of Dixie's passing. She was such a special part of my teaching career and also my son's teacher. I have such good memories of our times together at SWCC. But it is a blessing that she is now singing in the heavenly choir.

Love and sympathy to all,

Nancy

Nancy Boston - January 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *My heart breaks for you and your family Diane. Know that you are loved.*

Paige

Paige Harris - January 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Thinking of you during this difficult time. May God be with your family.*

Cindy Hill - January 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during the loss of your loved one. Cherish her beautiful memories and hold them close to your heart as they will see you through along with the friends who are praying for you. Love To All, Eloise Cheely and Family*

Tammy Howle - January 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Dear family , please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers ! I remember Dixie and Dan well. On behalf of the Eastling family, I*

Am sending your entire family our sympathy . Be comforted by our great God. Be blessed

Joy Eastling - January 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ I have not had the honor to meet Mrs. Fausett but I have had the privilege of working with her son Jonathan and her grandson, Ryan while working for the Georgia Tech Police Department. The excellent ethics that Mrs. Fausett undoubtedly passed to her family is displayed in the characteristics of her family and will, I have no doubt, be sorely missed. My sincere condolences on behalf of the Taylor family.

Gean Taylor - January 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ To The Fausett We The Staff Of Southwest Christian Care Would Like To Offer Our Condolence As You Go Thur This Difficult Time. We Will Keep You Lifted Up In Prayer.

Southwest Christian Care - January 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dan, so sorry to hear of the passing of your life time soulmate and partner. You and I have talked many times about how our lives were similar. I certainly know what you are going through and can tell you that it will get easier as time passes if you try to remember and focus on the many good times you and Dixie shared. God Bless my friend.

Allen Poole - January 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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1 Dot Brannon - January 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dan and family*

So sorry to hear today of Dixie's passing. My mom and I are so sorry, but know that she is joyously singing in the Heavenly Choir. We are so glad we had the opportunity to visit with you both in December and will fondly remember those moments as well as the friendship that spanned a lifetime.

May God grant you the comfort and strength that passes all human understanding as you celebrate a life well lived.

We will see you on Monday.

With love from the Witham family

Mark Witham, Frances Witham and family - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *I have such fond memories of Mrs. Fausett, in her Wooward classroom across the hall from my mother, in the choir at Southwest Christian Church. She was a dear and treasured friend to my mom and our family. She will be sorely missed. I pray for peace for Mr. Fausett, their children and grandchildren.*

Love,

Julianne Kepley

Julianne Spratlin Kepley - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of a wonderful, gifted and beautiful lady . I pray then in this time of loss, you feel God's love much more and that you find comfort in the presence of the Lord ! May your hearts be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together that you shared!

May the dear Lord's face shine upon you now and forever!

RIP Mrs. Dixie Fausett

Sandy Whitehouse - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Diane,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear mother. I know that your heart is breaking and you will always miss her. My prayers are with you and the rest of your family as you face the days ahead. I hope that the sweet memories of your mother will bring you comfort and peace. All my love to you...

Amy Pertain - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Diane,

I'm thinking about you and your family during this time. I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Prayers go out to you.

Meredith Bartow - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Diane, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Connie Cahill - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Mrs. Fausett lived a very productive life. Always having plenty to do. She will be greatly missed. Just knowing the God hates death and views it as an enemy 1 Corinthians 15:26 brings us comfort. He has "yearning" to conquer that enemy, to undo death by means of the resurrection. He longs to bring back those who are in his memory and to see them live on earth again*

The Henderson Family - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Dan, praying for you and family*

Danny Shelton - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Dixie's passing. While we won't be able to attend the funeral, we will be praying that God will grant you much comfort and grace.*

Gary (Aunt Hazel's son) and wife, Sherry

Gary & Sherry Hendrix - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Diane,

I am SO sorry to hear of your Mother's passing! I know just how hard it is to lose a parent. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Keep those precious memories close in the days ahead! Sending you love and cyber hugs!

Kathy Hutson - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM