



## Dolly Jackson Ballard

September 1, 1918 - December 16, 2013

### Biography

Dolly Jackson Ballard was born the fourth of five children September 11, 1918

on her Daddy's birthday. On December 16, 2013 after a rich and full life, she entered her eternal heavenly home in Christ Jesus. Truly "heaven grows sweeter each day" as she joined her Lord, the love of her life, Brooke, two sons and countless other family. Dolly was loved, admired and appreciated for her many gifts which included the amazing strength of her generation as Christian Americans. Her contagious smile, enhanced by her smiling green eyes and flawless complexion, blessed all those she encountered. Her beauty initiated her nickname afforded to her by her adoring Daddy who called her his little doll; Dolly became her legal name. Dolly was a musician serving the Lord continually at Orchard Knob Baptist Church for over 50 years. God gifted Dolly with the ability to express God's love with feeling in her music that ministered to those open to the Holy Spirit. She prepared the congregation through worship and praise to receive God's Word. She entertained visitors to her home as a gifted musician. Her lifelong hobby was collecting antiques; she delighted in Vanna's dresses on "Wheel of Fortune," lived life on her terms, and was the precocious epitome of a Christian Southern Lady. The husband of her youth was Arthur Brooke Ballard, Sr. who died February 2, 2011 after over 70 years of committed marriage to the bride of his youth. A WWII Army Veteran, who lived to please God, love his wife and family, help others, work hard, and share Jesus. They cut down trees and built a home together where they lived and raised 4 children for over 60 years in Christian fellowship with family, the community, and Orchard Knob Baptist Church. In 2005 they moved to Fayetteville and joined The Rock Baptist Church. Dolly was preceded in death by her husband Brooke, Arthur Brooke Ballard, Jr. and William Richard Ballard. Dolly is survived by her daughter, Jeannie Sue Ballard Wright of Fayetteville; her son, Mark Otis Ballard and his wife, Joy, of Peachtree City; 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. A funeral service will be held Sunday, December 22, 2013 at 2 o'clock in the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Rev. Lendell Ainsworth officiating. Interment will follow at The Rock Baptist Church Cemetery. Those wishing may send an online condolence at [www.parrottfuneralhom.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhom.com). The family will receive friends one hour prior to the

service at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory in Fairburn, 770-964-4800.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory  
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# Tribute Wall

LY

“ I am Homer & Martha Youngblood's youngest son & I remember visiting your mother & father as a child. My Momma loved your Momma & I'm sure they are getting to catch-up on a lot. My sincere condolences & may God be with your families at this time of loss.

Lee Youngblood - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I grew up in Orchard Knob Baptist Church listening to Dolly play the organ and the piano. She set a very high standard for me for all church pianists. She was always smiling and loved everyone and everyone loved her. Great memories of a great lady.

Pam Tuggle - December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family in your loss and Heaven's gain. I have very fond childhood memories of Dolly's joyful smile greeting folks as she played the organ at Orchard Knob Baptist Church.

Liz Blanton Weber - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Mrs. Ballard was a special lady and for as long as I knew her, she always treated me like family.

Linda Bradford Webster - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. What an amazing biography and a testimony of her faith. May the Lord comfort you all in your loss.

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**Lynn Taylor** - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We are praying for your family/Mrs Simpson spoke often and highly of your mother.

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**Danny/Annette Shelton** - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ What a blessing to have such a wonderful Grandmother and Great Grandmother in our lives. We love and miss her but know that she is with her Lord!

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**Bill, Barbara, T.J., Lucy and Sarah** - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM