



Mary Jeanne Watson

June 6, 1937 - August 11, 2023

Mary Jeanne Lassiter Watson (“Mana”) passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, August 11, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Mary Jeanne was born in Fairburn, Georgia on June 6, 1937, to Shirley and Ellen Lassiter. She is preceded in death by her husband, Horace Milton “Red” Watson. She is survived by a family who adored her: daughters, Pam Watson Rentz (Patrick) and Diane Watson Sweat (Mike); grandchildren, Christopher Rentz (Rachel), Katie Rentz Hawkins (Jacob), and Corey Sweat (Sarah); great-grandchildren, Jackson Hawkins, Annabelle Hawkins, Mariella Hawkins, Landon Rentz and Noah Rentz; and sister Dell Ellenberg.

Mary Jeanne graduated from Campbell High School in 1955 where she was active, studious and well-liked - even voted among the Most Popular for her senior class. Her love of education never stopped, as she obtained her teaching degree from Oglethorpe University, and touched countless lives as a teacher at Union City and Seaborn Lee Elementary Schools. She took particular pride in helping students learn to read and write, and watching as they became successful adults – including one student who went on to become an Atlanta Braves Baseball Player. Her leadership and ability to teach carried across her life, including years as a Girl Scout troop leader, where she taught many South Fulton youth how to make her famous campfire stew and so much more. She was a dedicated member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School and sang beautifully in the choir for decades.

Mary Jeanne married her next-door neighbor and love, Red Watson, in 1957. Together they enjoyed Model "A" cars and were members of the Model "A" Restorer's Club where they traveled all over meeting new friends and sharing information about these historic, beautiful cars. The pair loved bringing their Model As to local parades, and even ascended Pike's Peak in Colorado, which is no easy feat, especially in a Model "A" car! Mountains held a special place for her, and she and Red spent many afternoons on the porch of their mountain house in Ellijay, Georgia on the lookout for black bears.

Mary Jeanne loved spending time with old friends, reading a good book, making apple jelly and tending to a campfire. Her favorite, and undoubtedly most important, passion was being there for and loving her family. Her proudest roles were those of mother, grandmother and great grandmother - she shined in them all. She loved her family dearly and couldn't wait to hear about everything everyone was doing. She made it a point to attend any event her family was a part of: dance recitals, little league games, soccer games, horse shows, track meets and more. She loved nothing more than watching her family learn and grow.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 18, 2023 from 12:00 until 2:00 PM at Parrott Funeral Home in Fairburn. A celebration of Mary Jeanne's life, officiated by Dr. Kenneth "Lou" Koon, will be held immediately following visitation at 2 o'clock in the chapel of Parrott's Funeral Home. Interment will be at Fairburn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mount Vernon Baptist Church www.mvbcfairburn.org. Those wishing may sign the online guest book at www.parrottfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairburn City Cemetery

Broad St
Fairburn, GA 30213

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 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

AUG 18. 2:00 PM.

Parrott Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mary Jeanne Watson*



Parrott Funeral Home - August 18, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jeanne Watson*



Parrott Funeral Home - August 12, 2023 at 09:31 AM

DM

del and family we are sorry for the loss of your sister..You and family are all in our prayers....Reece and Doris Irwin an d Diane

Diane Irwin Mayne - August 17, 2023 at 01:02 PM

AR

“ Finding joy in achieving something so significant to human health is amazing. There's nothing more beautiful than enjoying good health, free from diseases and infections. I am at a loss for words to express my joy. I want to extend my gratitude to Dr. Ajayi for using his herbal medicine to eliminate my genital herpes. He is truly a godsend in my life. I never thought I would be cured of my genital herpes, but thanks to real and effective protocols, I have been able to eradicate this long-term condition. I am proud to say that I am completely cured of genital herpes and I am thrilled about it. Dr. Ajayi will assist anyone suffering from the herpes virus or any other infection. If you need his help getting rid of herpes or any infectious disease or virus, please email him at ajayiherbalhome@gmail.com or call/WhatsApp him at +2348119071237. You can also visit his website by clicking the link below <https://ajayiherbalhome.weebly.com> ”

Amina Ross - July 22, 2024 at 06:38 PM

JS

“ Jane Thomas Storey lit a candle in memory of Mary Jeanne Watson ”



Jane Thomas Storey - August 18, 2023 at 11:14 AM

JS

Prayers for Mary Jeanne's family. She was such a wonderful lady and so glad I had the privilege of knowing her for many years.

Jane Thomas Storey - August 18, 2023 at 11:18 AM

CG

“ Pam and Diane...The Peacher kids were truly blessed to have grown up across the street from your family. I have so many fond memories of your mom (and dad), and spending time at your house and fishing in the lake. Keeping you both in my prayers today and in the days ahead. Carol

Carol Graf - August 18, 2023 at 10:35 AM

SD

“ So sorry Del on the loss of you Sister!
Prayers for you and all her family! 🙏🙏



Sandra Davis - August 15, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Jeanne Watson.



August 14, 2023 at 09:36 AM

CG

“ I will miss my Sweet Friend, our conversations about the Braves and reminiscing about "old" Fairburn friends. Mary Jeanne was a joy to be with, I was blessed to have shared many fun times with her. My love to Pam and Diane and all the family.

Carole Green - August 13, 2023 at 03:49 PM

EK

“ I am so happy if had the privilege of meeting Beautiful Mary Jeanne at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. We had chats about our Teaching Career with the Fulton County Board of Education. Maru Jeanne's smile was so beautiful Her soft gently voice was so sweet She was so kind.. I only wish I could have known Mary Jeanne a lot sooner on our journey of life! God Bless each of her family Members. MAY all the wonderful memoires of her stay tucked close in each of your hearts and as you think upon them may it make your Hearts Smile With Joy !! Love, Prayers and Sympathy to each of Mary Jeanne's family members.
Eleanor Koon

Eleanor Koon - August 13, 2023 at 02:01 PM

JM

“ I have so many memories of spending time at Diane's house. Her mother was always so welcoming and kindhearted. Prayers for Diane, Pam and their families.

Jan Morris - August 13, 2023 at 01:48 PM

CH

“ Diane and family,
We're deeply saddened to hear about your mom. May the memories live forever in your heart. Kim n Judi (Greenwood Street)

Cheney - August 13, 2023 at 09:35 AM

JR

“ Mrs. Easton was my 5th grade teacher, at Union City School. I think it was her first year to teach. She was so pretty, we all loved her, a wonderful teacher. I treasure those memories at Union City School, it was the best! Deepest sympathy to you all!

Judy Scarbrough Rivers - August 13, 2023 at 09:16 AM

JR

Correction Mrs. Watson

Judy Scarbrough Rivers - August 13, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jeanne Watson.*



August 12, 2023 at 05:14 PM

JH

“ *I share with Mary Jane’s family my regrets over the loss of one of my good friends in the “Class of 55”*
Jim Hudgins

james hudgins - August 12, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Parrott Funeral Home - August 12, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ Pam and Katie, Your family has been on my heart and in my prayers all week and you navigate saying goodbye to your mom/grandma. We love you.

The Spivey Family

Stephanie Spivey - August 12, 2023 at 09:23 AM

CS

“ Love you forever and always Mana...



Corey Sweat - August 11, 2023 at 08:40 PM

MF

“ Jeannie and I were ‘besties’ from 5th grade on, even roommates for a year at South Georgia Junior College. I will always cherish the many memories we shared! My Love and Prayers are with Diane, Pam and all the family! May God wrap his loving around all and give you the comfort you need! ❤️🙏

Marian Langley Fultz - August 11, 2023 at 05:46 PM

RU

I think Mary Jane was a very good friend to anybody she came in contact with. She was very special to me and I love and appreciate her very much:

Ruth - August 12, 2023 at 12:52 PM

LH

“ Love, Mike & Teresa Wood & Chris Houston purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Jeanne Watson.



Love, Mike & Teresa Wood & Chris Houston - August 11, 2023
at 05:37 PM

LH

“ Love, Mike & Teresa Wood & Chris Houston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jeanne Watson.

Love, Mike & Teresa Wood & Chris Houston - August 11, 2023 at 05:37 PM