



Reba Whetstone Brown

May 3, 1924 - September 5, 2019

Reba Whetstone Brown of Fairburn passed away on September 5, 2019. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Clarise Furtick and Margie Rourk; brothers, Culphton Lee Whetstone, Milford Whetstone and Delyn Whetstone and grandson, Jason Council. Mrs. Brown is survived by her daughter, Beverly Ettinger and husband Tom of LaCrescenta, CA; sons, Larry Brown and wife Melanie of Holts Summit, MO; Alvin Brown and wife Gloria of Forest Park, GA; 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 11 o'clock at the chapel of Parrott Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests those who wish may contribute to First Baptist Church of Fairburn Georgia or a favorite charity. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory.

Reba Whetstone Brown was a Christian woman who believed in helping others. Raised on her parents' farm in South Carolina during the Great Depression, she learned the value of hard work, survival, productivity, and compassion. She became a good student, was very literate, and loved reading. She also wrote eloquently and precisely. She was a secretary to her congressman in Washington DC immediately after her degree from Business college in Columbia, SC, then became a secretary and customer relations

representative at the Charleston Port of Embarkation. Soon she met and married her sweetheart Virgil Brown, a WWII Navy veteran from Fayetteville, Georgia, then a welder in the Navy Yard, and they soon moved to College Park, Georgia after starting a family. She was a loving wife and mother of three. In midlife she worked in the Fulton County system at the Atlanta Courthouse and was renowned for her customer service in several departments including marriage licensing, commitments, probate, and legal. Many people would ask for her specifically. The lawyers loved her work for she had a keen ability to write eloquently and she was excellent with the complex prose and formats needed for legal documents. She retired from Fulton County to follow her goals including Christian fellowship, helping others in every way she could, spending time with her children and grandchildren in several states, and to be with her siblings to support them in several of life's crises. She often traveled to her children and grandchildren whether by car or air. She was a great driver and navigator. She was a long time member of the Fairburn Baptist Church and a good singer with "perfect pitch" even in her final months on earth. Many stories exist of her Godly deeds, unselfish giving nature, plus her keen wit and bright personality, with many friends and acquaintances. She assisted with several Billy Graham crusades. Reba Whetstone Brown was a wonderful blessing to many, and her life was a shining example especially as a Mom, Grandma, friend, and Christian.

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 W. Broad Street
Fairburn, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Reba Whetstone Brown*



Parrott Funeral Home - September 10, 2019 at 10:25 AM

DC

A beautiful tribute to your very special mom. I knew her when she went to the Senior center and used to talk to her. She was a nice lady! did not know of her passing until today and saw on Parrotts site. You are all in my prayers. Doris Christensen

Doris Christensen - September 14, 2019 at 12:46 PM

JE

Larry, I am so sorry for your loss. Wish I could have been there for you but other obligations prevented my visit/attendance.

I love the photos posted here. She reminds me of my Mother.

Your classmate, Janice Eidson Erwin

Janice Erwin - September 17, 2019 at 07:08 AM

SF

“ Larry, Al and Beverly, Your beautiful mom had such a positive impact on my life and for that I will always be grateful. She was my Sunday School teacher when my family first moved to Fairburn. She sensed that I was very unhappy about this move that took me away from all my friends and extended family that I had known for the first twelve years of my life. In her quiet but strong way she let me know that everything was going to be ok. She provided a much needed anchor for me and I will never forget this kindness. Ms. Reba was a shining example of a true Christian. I am so honored that I was able to reconnect with her over the past few years and tell her how much I appreciated her and all that she had done for me. Although I miss her earthly presence, I know Heaven has gained a beautiful angel!
Sandra Sims Farris

Sandra Sims Farris - September 18, 2019 at 12:09 PM

LB

Thank you for this wonderful remembrance and tribute for our Mom.

Larry W Brown - September 18, 2019 at 02:32 PM

AB

Thank you Sandra, and I'm glad you made some recent visits with Mom also during her more difficult times.

ALVIN V BROWN - September 19, 2019 at 12:53 AM

LB

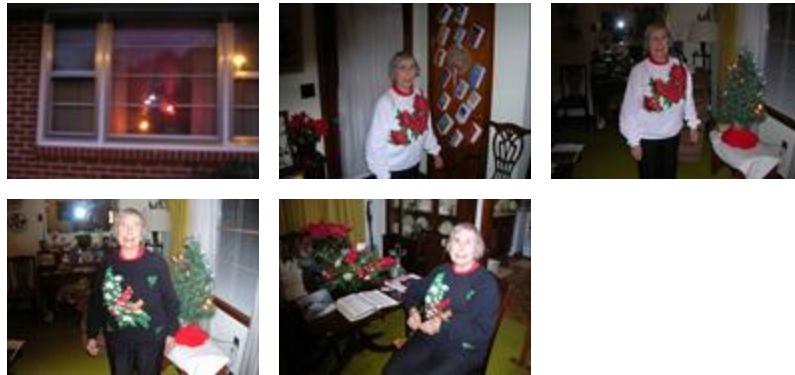
“ Thanks to all who shared memories of Mom, and also those of you who came to the funeral service. It was a beautiful celebration of her life and tribute to her with words, music, and scripture plus sharing our grief in missing her on earth and our joy for her ascension.



Larry Brown - September 16, 2019 at 11:53 PM

AB

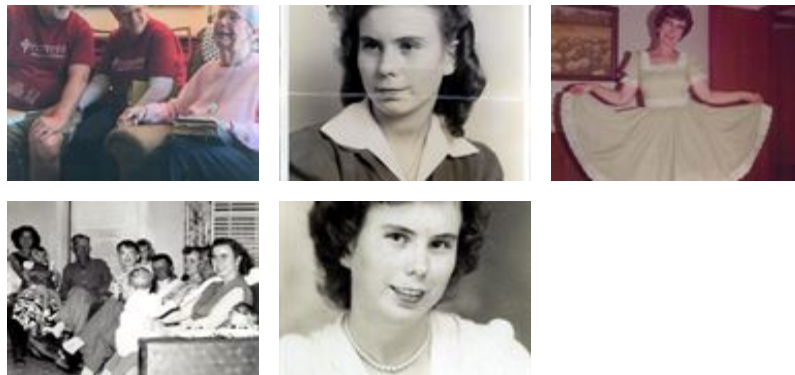
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ALVIN V BROWN - September 14, 2019 at 01:44 AM



“ 26 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Parrott Funeral Home - September 10, 2019 at 10:12 AM

JH

“ *So sorry for the the loss of this dear , sweet lady. Heaven has received a beautiful soul. Judy Ruppensburg Hopkins, Class of '65.*

Judy R. Hopkins - September 10, 2019 at 07:08 AM

AB

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



ALVIN BROWN - September 10, 2019 at 03:44 AM

SF

“ *Sandra Sims Farris & Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Reba Whetstone Brown.*



Sandra Sims Farris & Family - September 09, 2019 at 11:27 PM

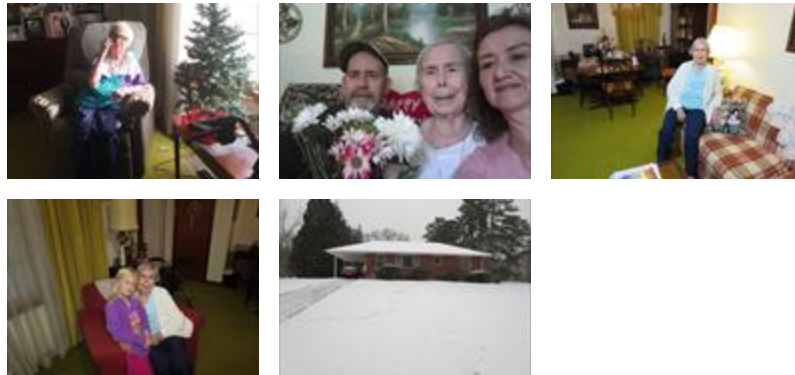
SF

“ *Hi Larry. I've shared some thoughts before, but here's one that pops out at me. One day when we were in high school, I came over to your house to just yak and listen to records. I think we were listening to the Beach Boys and the Beatles. Then you broke out your guitar and did some tunes. Your mom tolerated it for quite awhile until she said--gently--y'all don't make too much noise in there, OK? It was a very gentle way of saying with a smile, "Don't you have some place you need to be?" God be with you, my friend.*

Steve Frank - September 09, 2019 at 05:30 PM

AB

“ 9 files added to the album Life Tributes



ALVIN BROWN - September 09, 2019 at 04:45 PM

AB

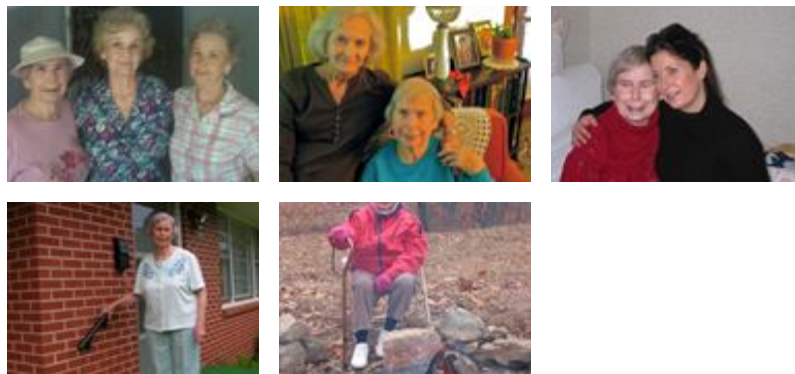
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



ALVIN V BROWN - September 09, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Life Tributes



Parrott Funeral Home - September 09, 2019 at 11:23 AM

DG

“ *My thoughts are with you, Larry*

danny gragg - September 09, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reba Whetstone Brown.*



September 09, 2019 at 07:05 AM

LB

“ *Larry W Brown purchased the Always Adored Casket Spray for the family of Reba Whetstone Brown.*



Larry W Brown - September 09, 2019 at 01:05 AM

LS

“ Larry and the entire family of Reba Whetstone Brown,



How very sorry Linnie and I were to hear of Reba's passing. I only wish we could have had a Whetstone Family Reunion when she was able to attend. I believe she would have thoroughly enjoyed it. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you grieve the passing of this dear lady and readjust to a world without her. Remember to share memories and stories of Reba with each other, your children and your grandchildren. By doing so, I believe a part of Reba will always be with you.

Love and God Bless You All,

Linnie and Brenda Sutcliffe

Linnie & Brenda Sutcliffe - September 08, 2019 at 06:12 PM

LA

She also loved you dearly Cousin Brenda & Linnie

Larry - September 09, 2019 at 01:28 AM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Reba Whetstone Brown.



September 07, 2019 at 05:34 PM

DG

“ *My dear beautiful Grandma Reba was and always will be very special to me. I will always cherish our times we spent together. I will miss her very much but I know that she is in a much better place now where she is relieved and will be eternally happy.*

Daryn Brown. Grandson - September 07, 2019 at 04:22 PM

LA

Thank you Son. See you tomorrow. Love, Dad

Larry - September 09, 2019 at 01:25 AM

 Adrien Neely

“ *Reba was probably the best friend my mother (Doris Neely) ever had. They lived very near each other in Fairburn and Reba often gave moma ride to wherever she needed to go. My mother never learned to drive and was very grateful for Reba's help and friendship over the 20+ years they were neighbors. All I can say is, Thank God for kind, unselfish folks like Reba Brown. May her children and grandchildren be eternally blessed.*
- Adrien Neely

Adrien Neely - September 07, 2019 at 11:56 AM

LA

Thank you Adrien. We were both blessed with wonderful parents. I remember your sweet Mom well! Mom seemed to be "born to help" and put others first, often denying her own needs even from childhood I heard in those hardscrabble years in the country. Thank you for the precious accolade to her. Hope to visit your Chapel soon.

Larry - September 09, 2019 at 01:25 AM

JR

“ *The obituary was a beautiful tribute to your mother. Treasure those wonder memories.*

Judy Scarbrough Rivers - September 07, 2019 at 11:14 AM

LA

Thank you dear classmate.

Larry - September 09, 2019 at 01:29 AM

VG

“ Beverly,

I was sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have fond memories of going to your house after school when we were students at MP Word. Your mother was always kind. I remember also going downtown with you when your mother worked at the courthouse. She let us read some of the Wills while we waited for her to get off work, long ago, but I still remember! I hope to be able to come to the service on Wed. I haven't seen you in decades, but still have good memories of elementary and high school days with you. Sorry for your loss.

Vickie Green

Vickie Green - September 06, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Reba Whetstone Brown.*



September 06, 2019 at 08:57 PM