



Mrs. Merlene Eaves Whitman

June 30, 1930 - October 16, 2019

Funeral services for Merlene Eaves Whitman, age 89, of Anniston, AL, will be on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 2:00pm in the Toby Miller Chapel at Miller Funeral Home with Rev. Buddy Nelson officiating the service. Burial will follow at Forestlawn Gardens. The family will receive friends on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 1:00pm until the service time at 2:00pm.

Mrs Whitman passed away on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at her residence.

Mrs. Whitman is survived by daughters; Donna Grubbs (Gerald) and Debbie Pirkle (Donald), Sister; Betty Phillips, Grandchildren; Kelley Pirkle, Melissa Grubbs, Todd Pirkle and Jeffrey Grubbs (Meghan). Great-Grandchildren Gage Sprayberry, Garrett Sprayberry and Georgia Pirkle and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Gerald Grubbs, Donald Pirkle, Todd Pirkle, Jeffrey Grubbs, Gage Sprayberry, Garrett Sprayberry.

Mrs. Whitman is preceded in death by Husband; Donald Lee Whitman, Parents; William and Cora Eaves, Brother; Rufus H. Eaves, Sisters; Rachel League and Shirley Hicks.

Mrs. Whitman was a native of Tallapoosa, GA, and a resident of Oxford, AL. She was a life long member of Lakeview Baptist Church where she enjoyed being involved in a variety of church activities. She served as a role model for others by putting God first in her life. She also loved her children unconditionally. She was happiest when spending time with her family and helping others. She enjoyed traveling especially frequent trips to the beach or to experience new places. You could usually find her in the kitchen cooking, baking, or preserving her garden harvest. Mrs. Whitman was a hair stylist for more than 30 years. Her kindness, friendship, generosity and wit will be greatly missed by the many who knew and loved her.

Special thanks to Encompass Health and the many caregivers who loved and cared for her.

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Cemetery Details

Forestlawn Memorial Gardens

730 Golden Springs Rd
Anniston, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home
50 Hamric Drive East
Oxford, AL 36203
millerfuneralcal@gmail.com

Service

OCT 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Your mom was such a sweet lady! I remember so well her fixing my hair many times for special occasions! We also had some great times together with your mom!!! Not easy losing your mom, but we have comfort in knowing we will see them again one day!!! Would be there if I could, but will be out of town until Sunday. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers!!!

Judy Besser - October 19, 2019 at 09:39 AM

DG

Thank you, Judy!

Donna Grubbs - November 11, 2019 at 06:13 PM

MW

“ Debbie, Donna & family,

Aunt Merlene was such a precious lady, I have such fond memories of her. I hate we won't be with you for the funeral however, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love you all!

~Melissa, Bryan, Lane & Colt Wilson

Melissa Wilson - October 18, 2019 at 03:29 PM

TN

There are no words to adequately express my thoughts. Her beauty, strength, humor, wisdom, faithfulness and integrity stand out in my mind in my attempts. She leaves us all with a legacy of goodness that inspires me and warms my heart. My father was blessed with wonderful sisters and for those of us in the next generation, diamonds for moms and aunts!

Teresa Nelson - October 18, 2019 at 04:54 PM

JM

Ms Merlene and my mom were friends for a long time. Even though Mom and Dad came to live here in Prattville after Dad's stroke, Merlene and mom continued their friendship by phone up until mom's death. She was so kind and supportive to mom, often when she needed it most.

Janice Rich Mcdonald - October 19, 2019 at 10:21 AM

DG

Thank you for your kind comforting words. Mother made the world a better place. No words for how much we will miss her!

Donna Grubbs - November 11, 2019 at 06:20 PM

DH

“ Although I live 3,000 miles away from my dear Aunt Merlene, my father (her brother) made sure we visited on a regular basis when I was growing up. I grew to love her dearly as she was the voice of logic and she never seemed to get rattled about anything. She was gentle, loving, a devout Christian, and she had a terrific wit about her. She loved her family and was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, and grandmother. We kept in touch on a regular basis with many phone calls back and forth until she was no longer able to communicate by phone. I will miss her. I love my cousins, Debbie and Donna, and I extend to them my deepest sympathy. Your mother was one of a kind and the world was a better place with her in it.

Donna Eaves Hoover

Donna Hoover - October 18, 2019 at 12:57 PM

DG

Thank you, Donna, for sharing such beautiful thoughts and comments about Mother. Without a doubt, she was a difference maker. Thank you for being an important part of her life. She loved you dearly.

Donna Grubbs - November 11, 2019 at 06:26 PM

GC

“ Donna and Debbie, so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I am praying for comfort and peace for you and your family. Gloria Cook



Gloria Cook - October 18, 2019 at 10:57 AM

DG

Thank you, Gloria.

Donna Grubbs - November 11, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ Claudetta Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Merlene Eaves Whitman



Claudetta Morgan - October 18, 2019 at 01:15 AM

CC

“ Donna, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Eric and Cathy Cospers.

cathy cosper - October 17, 2019 at 11:27 PM

DG

Thank you, Cathy and Eric.

Donna Grubbs - November 11, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Merlene Eaves Whitman



October 17, 2019 at 07:42 PM