



Pearl Bates Pugh

July 14, 2021

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Born in Atlanta, Georgia on March 28, 1930, Mama entered the gates of heaven on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. She is survived by her daughters, Jan Pugh Rochester (Richard), Karen Pugh Walker (John), and Amy Pugh Jordan (Jim); grandchildren, Carrie Rochester Tucker (Brendan), Jonathan Rochester, James Walker (Samantha), and Laura Jordan McCarty (Mark); great-grandchildren Audriana Walker, Henry Walker, Miller McCarty, Stockton McCarty, and Eliza Tucker; sisters, Brenda Bates, Elaine Bates Free, and Kay Bates; sister-in-law Terry Richards Pugh; and a host of beloved nieces and nephews, cousins, friends, and fellow Christians. Amongst these are virtual family members, the Garners — Jane, Jim (Bubba), Steve (Lefty), Philip, and Nancy.

The first of seven [surviving] children born to John and Ruby Bates, Mama graduated from West Fulton High School in 1947, and married her beloved James Gartrell Pugh in 1948. They celebrated 58 years of marriage during which Mama served as a faithful homemaker until Daddy was called home in 2006.

Though “shut-in,” as is said, during recent years, Mama remained a faithful member of Mt. Harmony Baptist Church. Heartfelt thanks to all those who would call [when she could hear], send cards, or drop by to visit Mama during these “shut-in” years. And special but inadequate thanks to her baby sister, Kay, who gave selflessly of her time and energy to Mama.

Mama was an excellent seamstress, a perfectionist crocheter, and a very good cook, whose iced tea and chocolate pound cakes were widely praised [and enjoyed]. During recent years of declining health, Mama rebounded in amazing fashion from a series of dreadful maladies, and made the most of her situation despite her frustrating deafness. She very much loved her family and, along with Daddy, would “get up in the middle of the night” if they thought their children were in need of anything.

Our hearts abound with wonderful memories of a loving home, in a neighborhood with

close friends and lots of family. Mama was the quiet support and caterer during the years that the youth choir would spend countless summer evenings cramped in our living room, playing 'killer,' singing, laughing, and otherwise staying out of trouble. There was one night we all recall, when everyone [that lived in the house] had drifted off to bed before a roomful of teenagers had left!

We will take joy and comfort in these memories — happy, sad, and everything in between — and in the certain knowledge that there will be a glad reunion day in that city not made with hands.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, July 18th, 2:00 PM at Davis-Struempf Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Keith Bates officiating. Interment will follow the service at Mt. Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 PM before the service.

Jonathan Rochester, James Walker, Mark McCarty, Coleman Pugh, Ethan Pugh, and Grant Orr will serve as pallbearers.

Flowers are kindly accepted, however, in lieu of flowers, donations in Pearl's name may be made to Calvary Children's Home, 1430 Lost Mountain Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127.

Cemetery

Mt. Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery

561 Veterans Memorial Hwy
Mableton, GA, 30126

Events

JUL Visitation 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Davis-Struempf Funeral Home
1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US,
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JUL Funeral Services 02:00PM

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Davis-Struempf Chapel
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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - July 16, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ Pearl and James were a big part of my youth experience at Mount Harmony. What a wonderful family they are. I will always remember them with joy. Love to all, Kerry Joe Ayres.

Kerry Ayres - July 22, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ Dear Jan, Karen, and Amy—

I am heartsick that I did not know about Pearl's joyful passing to Heaven and was unable to share in the celebration of her life with you, family, and friends last Sunday.

Your family was such an important part of my life at Mt. Harmony Church. Pearl and James were two of my most loved and respected people. Pearl was such a wonderful and kind lady, and I have the best memories of her beautiful smile, laughter, and deep deep faith. I was one of those youth choir teen members who was welcomed so graciously into your home during those group evenings. What fun we had! Fantastic memories of love, laughter, music, and strong Christian fellowship in your home. I was so blessed to be included.

Your Mama was a special lady and I know she has a special place in Heaven.

Hugs and prayers to you and your families.

With Love,
Ann Marie Daniel Winters

A D Winters - July 20, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ Brenda Vollrath is following this tribute.

Brenda Vollrath - July 18, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pearl Bates Pugh.



July 16, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Pearl Bates Pugh.



July 16, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ Ellen Jordan purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Pearl Bates Pugh.



Ellen Jordan - July 16, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ Dear Jan, Karen and Amy, Your parents were very special and loved very much. I know that they are celebrating in Heaven with family and friends. Remembering you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Don & Pat Walden



Don Walden - July 15, 2021 at 05:02 PM