



# Sylvia Christine Rhoden

March 5, 2010

Sylvia Christine Rhoden

December 9th, 1953-March 5, 2010

Pre-Deceased by:

Parents: Rev. C.M. and Bessie Mae Rhoden

Brothers: Ray Rhoden and James Rhoden

Sister: JoAn Rhoden

Survived By:

Sisters:

Bonnie Rhoden, Mableton

Margie and Donald Lee, Calhoun

Sarah Rhoden, Douglasville, GA

Ruth and Davey Williams, Newport, NJ

Brother:

Tim and Sarah McKinley, Cartersville, GA

Nieces:

Melanie and Steve Saffo, Douglasville, GA

Cindy Rhoden, Douglasville, GA

Melissa and Michael Joyce, Mayslanding, NJ

Bethany Moore and Bonnie Williams, Newport, NJ

Nephews:

Ray Lee, Hiram, GA

Richard and Stephanie Lee, Calhoun, GA

Neal and Angie Rhoden, Kennasaw, GA

Levi McKinley, Cartersville, Ga

Caleb Williams, Newport, NJ

Great Nephew:

Nicholas Saffo

Great Nieces:

Amberly and Aleigha Saffo, Douglasville, GA

Deanna Lee, Calhoun, GA

Abby, Mattie and Hannah Rhoden, Kennasaw, GA

Ms. Rhoden graduated from O'Keefe High School in 1972 and attending Lee College from 1972-1974. She worked for Richway Corporation for many years before attending Kennesaw College graduating Cum Laude with a B.S. in Education. At the time of her passing, she was a retired school teacher and a travel agent for Abracadabra Travel. Steeped in a strong Church of God heritage, Sylvia was a founding member of a Christian Singing group known as The Children of Light organized in 1972 while attending Lee. Her anointed voice was known across the country having sung in countless Campmeetings as well as the Church of God General Assembly.

She was a lover of people and never met a stranger. Sylvia was a fantastic cook and often volunteered at her church coordinating dinners and soup kitchens. She was a member of Marietta Church of God. However; for the past 3 years, she has lead worship for Without Walls of Cartersville where her brother was the pastor.

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Davis-Struempf Funeral Home

1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US, 30106

**MAR** **Service** 02:00PM

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Marietta Church of God

1083 Allgood Road, Marietta, GA, US, 30062

# Comments

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“ Bonnie, Duke and I (Sherry Brogdon) are holding you up in prayer as you walk through this time. You and Sylvia have been like heroes to me as I listened to you sing, wishing I could sing like you! We attended the Austell Church of God together for a while when Hulet Smith was pastor. I got to sing with you and Sylvia one time during alter service and to me that was like being on stage with Elvis! :) I felt so priveleged to be able to get to know you two a little more during that time. I always enjoyed hearing the two of you sing at campmeeting and church as I always felt His annointing flowing through you. Sylvia will truly be missed by all who shared her world. Her singing, her personality, her love and compassion brought glory to God. Now she is most assuredly praising the One who walked with her and carried her through the years! Bonnie, be strong and hold on to the One who has always been faithful and never let you down! We love you,  
Duke and Sherry Brogdon

**Sherry Brogdon** - March 13, 2010 at 12:28 PM

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“ I taught with Sylvia at Bryant Elementay. She became a mentor and dear friend to me. My husband and I went on a cruise with her a while back (How could we not?). She was too good to stay here on earth, so God called her home. She will leave an emty space here that cannot be filled. My prayers are with you Bonnie. God Bless.

**Christina Bechter** - March 11, 2010 at 03:29 PM

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“ Sylvia (Yeeyah), I love you so much. I don't know what we are going to do without you. There is such a huge crater in my heart since Jesus took you home. Levi continues to cry himself to sleep at night because he misses you so much, but with Jesus' help, we will get through this. Thank you for your love that you have given us and for adopting us as your children. I can't imagine my life without you, Bonnie, and JoAn. Thank you for making our lives so much richer and meaningful. We will see you soon. I promise with my WHOLE HEART! I love you Yeeyah!!

**Sarah McKinley** - March 10, 2010 at 10:07 AM

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“ I only knew Sylvia from talking to her over the phone about cruises, but I can tell by her personality that she would have been a very valuable friend. My condolences to the family and friends.

**Tamara Huggins** - March 09, 2010 at 08:59 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Sylvia's passing. I (Angelia) had just spoken with her that Monday evening before we got the news a few days later. She was a sweet and kind person to me every time we spoke. May the Lord give you the strength and peace you need during such a difficult time. May you be blessed is my prayer. The Russells

**Tommy & Angelia Russell** - March 09, 2010 at 08:51 PM

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“ Sylvia thanks for the years working together at Abracadabra and Cruisemagic, I will miss you. My condolences to the family.  
Rita French

**Rita French** - March 09, 2010 at 07:49 PM

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“ We're going to miss you much! I know you would not come back for anything.

**Kevin Walekr** - March 09, 2010 at 05:18 PM

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“ Sylvia,

I just talked to you Tuesday, and you were hard at work after returning from vacation. You were always great to work with, and you will be missed!

Jerri Crabtree  
Cruisemagic

**Jerri Crabtree** - March 09, 2010 at 12:14 PM

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“ Sylvia, I love you and always will.....no one could move me like you could. I feel like this is a cruel joke.....I dont know what Bonnie and I are going to do with out you.....who's gonna make us tomato gravy and biscuits.....and your infamous Chicken and Dressing.....Who's gonna sing us thru our hard times.....there's no one like you..and never will be.....I was so honored when you called me and asked me to play for COL to sing at the Trion Church of God.....over 25 yrs ago.....youve made a mark on my life that could never be erased.....Im not sure what me and Bonnie are gonna do.....please ask the Lord to help us.....cause I know you are in His presence.....I love you forever.....

**cary studdard** - March 07, 2010 at 03:15 AM

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“ Bonnie, Bobby and I extend our condolences to you and your family. Sylvia was a precious Christian lady and friend. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bobby & Sandy Duncan

**Sandra Duncan** - March 06, 2010 at 09:01 PM

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“ I went to school with Sylvia t Home Park and O'keefe.I remember her as a sweet girl,with a beautiful voice.

**Teresa Carson** - March 06, 2010 at 08:24 PM

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“ Bonnie, I am so sorry to learn of Sylvia's passing. My heart only longs to be where I know she is. I weep and rejoice with the family at this time of your loss.  
In Jesus,  
Irene Jackson

**Irene Jackson** - March 06, 2010 at 02:12 PM

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“ I went to O'Keefe High with Sylvia she was always a wonderful person and a beautiful singing voice.  
Have not seen in years but always remember her  
being so special . i know she is singing right now with the Angels cause she was  
always one anyway here on earth. My prayers go out to her Family she will be  
greatly missed.

**Cynthia Dutton Hancock** - March 06, 2010 at 10:51 AM

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“ We will miss her. Sometimes a passing can't be explained. What a reunion in glory!

**Ron Branham** - March 06, 2010 at 10:42 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sorry I can't be there. I love you all.

**Leigh Prosser-Pitts** - March 05, 2010 at 10:42 PM