



Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner

December 7, 1931 - September 1, 2024

Mrs. Virginia Anne Gardner, age 92, passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2024 at her longtime home in Putney, Georgia. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Thursday, September 5, from 6:00 until 7:30pm and again on Friday morning at First Baptist Church of Putney at 10:00am. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday at First Baptist Church of Putney at 11:00am with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery.

A native of Jones County, Anne was the ninth of ten children born to the late Virgil and Annie Wiggins Mercer. She was first and foremost a child of the King and a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Putney where she served in various roles including singing in the choir, Happy Hearts Seniors, and teaching first and second grade Sunday School for more than thirty years. A prayer warrior, she touched many lives with her smile and testimony. Mrs. Gardner was a retired programmer with the Civil Service on the Marine Corps Logistics Base.

In addition to her parents, Anne was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Elijah M. Ellis, III; by her brothers Fred "Buddy" Mercer and David Mercer of Albany; sisters: Annie Ruth Mercer of Gray, Thelma Palmer of Pelham, Gladys Strange, Inez Barron, and Francis Adams all of Albany, and Betty Bryant of Americus.

Survivors include her husband of 28 years, Dr. H. Allan Gardner of Putney, two sons: Harvey (Marianne) Ellis of Jackson, GA and Mike (Angie) Ellis of Juliette, GA; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, her "baby" brother

Mack Mercer of Albany, GA and a whole lot of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Gardner is also survived by her sister-in-law Mary Gardner and her three bonus children: Stuart (Zoe) Gardner, Kellie (Adam) Strange, and Jennie Gardner and their families. The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for all the prayer and support that has been shown over the past year. Sincere appreciation is extended to Dr. Bernard Scoggins, Albany Hospice and the care givers who lovingly attended to Anne, especially Beth Wells who saw to her every need. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to First Baptist Church of Putney.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **5**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

SEP **6**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Putney
1125 Antioch Road
Albany, GA 31705

Tribute Wall



“ My condolences go out to her husband & family. Mrs. Anne was a sweetheart.

Felecia Thomas - September 18, 2024 at 07:18 PM

AS

“ Aleida S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner.

Aleida S. - September 05, 2024 at 09:18 AM

BT

“ Barbara Tillman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner.



Barbara Tillman - September 05, 2024 at 12:10 AM

BT

“ Barbara Tillman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner.

Barbara Tillman - September 05, 2024 at 12:10 AM

DM

“ Doug and Heidi Miller purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner.



Doug and Heidi Miller - September 04, 2024 at 10:25 PM

GD

“ Gary D. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner.



Gary D. - September 04, 2024 at 08:00 PM

GD

“ Gary D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner.

Gary D. - September 04, 2024 at 08:00 PM

SW

“ Anne and I have known each other 70+ years. She was a dear friend and encourager to me and I've thought of her often and prayed for her in the last months. Anne was as beautiful as anybody I've ever known, she had physical beauty but she also was a beautiful child of God! Her caring heart and words made sure that her beauty extended into her actions, whatever she did. I'm so thankful to have known her so many years and been blessed by her friendship! I loved Anne and I'd like to be able to comfort her family the same way she has always comforted me and other people. May the Lord God comfort her family and supply peace in her passing as she has joined her Lord and Savior in the place He has prepared for her.

With sympathy and prayers, Stella Simpson Wilson

Stella S Wilson - September 04, 2024 at 11:20 AM

CH

“ Danny and I are sorry to hear the passing of Miss Anne. We all know she's in a better place. The Lord has received a special Angel. I know y'all will be lost without her. So sorry we aren't able to be there but our hearts and prayers are with you always. We love the two of you dearly. 🙏 Cheryl & Danny Howell

Cheryl Howell - September 04, 2024 at 07:58 AM

DA

“ Darlene A. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner.



Darlene A. - September 04, 2024 at 01:21 AM

DA

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Darlene A. - September 04, 2024 at 01:21 AM

LB

“ I know Harvey and Mike cannot replace the mother who, is in heaven. Harvey and his mother's "banter" On a day in about 1969 provided me with a great story I have repeated over 10,000 times. In attempt to give Harvey a sense of proper priorities in his life, Harvey was told "MONEY IS NOT EVERYTHING" BY HIS MOTHER. Harvey replied - "BUT, IT BEATS WHATEVER IS IN SECOND PLACE". To say the least his good Christian mother was not pleased with his comment.

Lee Bishop

lee Bishop - September 03, 2024 at 09:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner.



September 03, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner.*



September 03, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ *Connie Watson Turner lit a candle in memory of Anne Mercer Ellis Gardner*

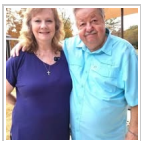


Connie Watson Turner - September 03, 2024 at 12:22 PM



Mrs. Anne was the true example of a beautiful Southern Christian Lady, Mom, Wife and beloved friend. She and her husband, Mr. Ellis and Dr. Gardner were such special friends to my Mom and Dad for many years. Her memory will live forever in my heart!

Connie Watson Turner - September 03, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *sweetest lady on earth. so sorry.*

gwen Wilson - September 03, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ *Mrs. Anne was a very sweet lady. I remember her leading us during a bible summer camp her and Doc hosted out of their home. She will be missed*

Leha Berry - September 02, 2024 at 08:25 PM

AE

“ *Mrs. Anne was an amazing loving and caring person. I loved when we would have our conversations at church and have Jesus camp during the summer at her house for the kiddos. You will always be missed by so many people and will always be in the hearts of so many!*

Amanda Earley - September 02, 2024 at 08:16 PM