



## Mrs. Barbara "Bunny" Walters Coombs

April 17, 1938 - January 1, 2019

Barbara "Bunny" Walters Coombs, 80, of Valdosta, formerly of Albany, died January 1, 2019. Her funeral service will be at 11 AM on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Barbara Susan Dechman born April 17, 1938 in Columbia SC, nicknamed Bunny as she was born on Easter Sunday.

She was the last of 4 girls in the family of 5. Her parents were Thomas Alexander Dechman Sr. and Mary Richard Averitt.

She graduated High School in Atlanta at Grady High School in 1956 and went to Emory University in the fall of 1956 where she met Gus Walters and they were married November 1956. Bunny and Gus lived the first 10 years of the marriage in Scottsdale Ar. before moving to Albany Ga. until Gus's passing in 1986. She and Gus had 3 children: Gus Walters III, Tori Walters & Kristine Walters Parsons. She remarried and is survived by her current husband of 28 years John S. Coombs.

She is also survived by all 3 of her children, 11 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and her sister Carole Dechman Fullington.

She was an active member of Covenant Presbyterian church. A Host / sponsor of the Nike High School girl's civic club for over 10 years. She had a personnel Agency for 5 years in Albany - She worked for the American Heart

Association for over 30 years in the state of Georgia.

She ran for the State Senate in 1987. She was a Daughter of the American Revolution - DAR. She was an avid reader and worked at Barnes and Nobles for several years before retiring, and was a huge genealogy buff working at it passionately for 25 years and loved connecting families.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-6600

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Barbara "Bunny" Walters Coombs*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Barbara "Bunny" Walters Coombs*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *So very thankful to receive the notice of the passing of "Bunny". Carol , Teeny and I spent many an hour doing fun things together! Teeny and I LOVED going to Aunt Mary's and Uncle Tom's to visit. They were such precious people. My daughter, Karen found this notice when looking for something else and sent it to me. I have wondered if Carole still lives in DeRidder. Adrienne Averitt Raborn*

**Adrienne Averitt Raborn** - August 30, 2022 at 12:01 AM

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“ *Tori, Kristine and "Little Gus." What a lovely picture of your Dear Mother. I DID LOVE HER....We travelled together---we laughed together---we cried many tears together---we "fussed at each other" together----but "through it all"----we were Always in each others hearts. I did love your DAD too. HE WAS A TERRIFIC PERSON!*

*I will see "Bunny" and BIG GUS in Heaven-----and I want to see you three Adorable "children" up there also!!!*

*Love You,----- Call me if you want to. 229 777-6387*

*Marsha Carol Watson Gandy  
Sylvester, Georgia*

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**Marsha Carol Watson Gandy** - January 04, 2019 at 04:51 AM

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“ *Gus, Beth and all the Walters' family:  
My sincere sympathy to all of you in the death of Bunny. I have many, many fond memories of Bunny and bLog Gus, and am just sad to learn of her passing.  
Please know that many thoughts and prayers go out to each of you as you walk through this tough time ahead. May you celebrate the sweet memories of your lives together.  
Love to each of you.*

*Patsy Martin*

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**Patsy Martin** - January 02, 2019 at 02:24 PM