



Bernice Patton Bryan

January 18, 1931 - February 26, 2025

Bernice Patton Bryan passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. Bernice was born on January 18, 1931 in Alabaster, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Monroe Patton and Lottie Mae Patton and her husband of 69 years, Donald Lee Bryan. She is survived by her daughter Sharon McKay (husband, Terry McKay) and son Donald Bryan, Jr. Granddaughter, Kelly Walker (husband, Chad Walker) and Grandson John McKay (wife, Kristi Sheppard McKay) and 8 great grandchildren. Emilee, Matthew, Bennett and Elizabeth Walker and Griffen, Kendall, Parker and Davis McKay.

The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern (1503 Dawson Road, Albany, GA 31707) on Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 1:00-2:00pm.

Bernice graduated from high school in Birmingham, Alabama where she met and married her high school sweetheart, Donald on May 14, 1948. Hormel Meat Packers moved them to Albany in 1954. Hormel provided them an opportunity to live in several interesting places including Montgomery, Alabama, Boston, Massachusetts, and Virginia Beach, Virginia. They moved back to Albany in 1985. Bernice owned DoJo's Pizza Hut, was a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service, worked at Smith and Welton in Virginia Beach and worked with her daughter at The Apple Tree in Albany.

Bernice and her husband were charter members of Covenant Presbyterian Church and she was a member of Porterfield United Methodist Church. She was very creative enjoying ceramics, refinishing furniture, flower arranging and made the best pecan pie ever! She was even named Woman of the Year for the Albany Woman's Club.

Interment will follow visitation at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham, Alabama.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a donation to Gentiva Hospice, Americus, GA or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
Birmingham, AL 35211

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice Patton Bryan.*



March 07, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ *To the McKay family, just to let you know my thoughts are with you . Though I no longer am in Albany wanted to send prayers for God's peace at this time.*

With many good memories, Nell Blaylock

Nell Blaylock - March 05, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice Patton Bryan.*



March 04, 2025 at 12:23 PM

EA

“ In this difficult time of loss, we extend our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the Bryan and McKay families. May God's peace and comfort envelop you, providing solace and strength as you navigate through this challenging period. The Exchange Club of Albany stands in solidarity with you, holding you in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that you find moments of peace amidst the sorrow and that the love of those around you offers you support and warmth. Please know that you are not alone; we are here for you, sharing in your grief and honoring the cherished memories of your loved ones.

Exchange Club of Albany - March 03, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bernice Patton Bryan.



March 03, 2025 at 09:23 AM

HD

“ We are sorry for your loss of your sweet Mom. I really enjoyed knowing her in the UMC circle for many years. such a gracious lady, Love to all your family from Jan and Harry Dorsey

harry and jan dorsey - March 01, 2025 at 05:43 PM

DB

“ Sharon, Donnie, & Family .. thoughts & prayers for a beautiful lady. Debbie Greene Blanchard



Deb B - February 28, 2025 at 06:47 PM

AH

“ Sharon and Family, I am so sorry to learn of this sad news. Your mother was a sweet and caring lady, and supported you throughout your life. My prayers are for you all during these difficult days. Arleeta Henry (Coach Ferrell - AHS)

Arleeta Henry - February 28, 2025 at 02:54 PM

WP

“ What a precious lady. Just hold tight to all those precious memories. My love to all of you. 🙏❤️🙏

Walda Pitts - February 28, 2025 at 02:32 PM

NR

“ Thinking of the Bryan and McKay families.

Nancy Reimer - February 27, 2025 at 09:40 PM