



Mrs. Bernice Lunsford Hawke

June 9, 1934 - April 23, 2023

Bernice Lunsford Hawke's faith became sight on Sunday, April 23, 2023, when she was welcomed into the arms of Jesus, her Lord and Savior. She lived a full life of 88 years; one year for every key on her piano.

Bernice was the daughter of Charles Eugene Lunsford and Neva Sanders Lunsford. She was born on June 9, 1934 and grew up in Leary, GA. She attended Florida State University, where she majored in Music and was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. Her love for music was a constant throughout her life. She could often be found playing the piano at Leary Methodist Church or singing in the choir. Her love of music filled her home as well and her family will treasure the memories of time spent around the piano with her.

Bernice married Sherwood Hawke on September 19, 1953 and, for 57 years, they built a beautiful life together, devoted to each other and their family. Bernice was active in the community, serving on the Board of the Calhoun County Hospital Authority and numerous committees within the Methodist Church. Bernice was an avid reader, who enjoyed a good book. She loved to laugh and share a good story with family and friends.

Bernice's most treasured role was that of mother and grandmother. Her sacrificial love and care for her children and grandchildren was unmatched.

She graciously welcomed any opportunity to serve, encourage, and create lifelong memories with those she loved.

Bernice was a dedicated wife, loving mother, cherished grandmother, and faithful friend, who will be dearly missed. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her sister, Anita Crook, and her 3 children, Michael Sherwood Hawke (Denise), Donna Hawke White (David), and Mark Lunsford Hawke (Stephanie); adored by her 5 grandchildren, Katie Tucker (John), David White, Jr (Hannah), Jennifer Hawke, Taylor Hawke, and Paige Merritt (Austin); and 5 great-grandchildren, Lydia and Martin Tucker and Rebecca, Emily, and Sarah Kate White.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Leary United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held at 1:00 PM, prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Bernice Hawke.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Leary United Methodist Church
39467 Mercer Ave
Leary, GA 39862
(229) 792-6158

Funeral Service

APR **29**. 2:00 PM.

Leary United Methodist Church
Leary, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice Lunsford Hawke.



April 27, 2023 at 06:39 PM



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April 27, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice Lunsford Hawke.



April 27, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bernice Lunsford Hawke.



April 27, 2023 at 08:28 AM

CC

“ Charles and Susan Cowart purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Bernice Lunsford Hawke.



Charles and Susan Cowart - April 26, 2023 at 01:38 PM



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April 26, 2023 at 11:14 AM

JB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Mark, Stephanie and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. May her memory always be a blessing to all. She was a sweet and beautiful lady.



Janie and Bruce Bitterman - April 26, 2023 at 10:32 AM

JT

“ Mark and family, I am so sorry to hear about your Mama. My prayer for you is the same I pray for everyone that has had a loved one pass. It is that God will give the peace that surpasses all understanding and guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Julie Taylor - April 25, 2023 at 10:10 PM

JS

“ I am Bernice’s first cousin. We grew up about twenty miles apart in the country. I am six years younger than Bernice. I spent time with her and her family in the 50’s and one thing I remember is Bernice and Anita loved to tickle me. Bernice was 10-12 years old and I was 4-6. In later years, after I entered the Air Force I went home almost every weekend to visit my parents in Arlington. No trip was complete if I didn’t visit Bernice and Sherwood. I visited them often throughout the years when I was home. I could write a book of memories from our years, a lot of family reunions and visits from her and her family. Sadly, I will miss the funeral as I will be in Washington DC on a Veterans Honor flight that very day. My prayers and condolences to the family during this time.

Joe Sanders - April 25, 2023 at 06:49 PM

RS

I remember her but didn't see much of her. She was always cheerful when I did see her. She is in a better place now.

Roy & Donna Sanders - April 25, 2023 at 08:15 PM

MH

Such a sweet, beautiful lady. My sympathy and prayers to the family.

Mary Alice Hilton - April 25, 2023 at 09:19 PM