



Edith Van Cise Knowles Obituary

June 13, 1913 - April 2, 2007

Edith Van Cise Knowles, of Albany died Monday, April 2, 2007 at her residence. Her funeral service will be held at 11 AM Saturday at First United Methodist Church with interment to follow in Riverside Cemetery. Dr. Donald M. Kea and Rev. Mike McAfee will officiate. Edith Van Cise Knowles was born in Summit, NJ on June 13, 1913 to Winifred Fritz Van Cise and William Marsh Van Cise. The family moved to Albany, GA on July 15, 1919. Mrs. Knowles graduated from Albany High School in June of 1929. She married Rev. Benjamin R.W. Knowles, Sr. on February 7, 1933. Mrs. Knowles was a member of the First United Methodist Church for 80 years teaching Sunday School for 35 years and holding numerous offices, and organizing mission activities. She worked as a floral designer for 30 years at Albany Floral Company and Pace Florist. Mrs. Knowles taught crafts at SOWEGA Council on Aging for 25 years and was on the Steering committee for establishing Albany Outreach Center God's Action and Helpline and volunteered at the Red Cross and the Albany Museum of Art. She held various positions of responsibility for USO International from 1955-1989. Mrs. Knowles was the Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 30, and was a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer program at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. She joined Gold Star Wives International in 1947 and held local and regional positions, serving as National President from 1972 until 1974. Edith believed in a life of service "There are so many people who need someone who cares about them." Edith was awarded the National Commendation "Retired Senior

Volunteer Program" by President Ronald Reagan in 1985 Sertoma Club "Service to Mankind Award" in 1976, and the Albany Exchange Club "Book of Golden Deeds" award in 1984. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son "Bing" BRW Knowles, II, a daughter Peggy Ann Knowles and brother, "Billy" W. M. Van Cise, Jr. Mrs. Knowles is survived by 2 children, Van Cise Knowles, MD and his wife Wesley, and Grace K. Renard and her husband Robert, all residing in Albany, GA; five grandchildren, Spring Bingham and her husband John of Rockville, MD., "Wes" BRW Knowles, III, Amy Kilpatrick and her husband Rick of Augusta, GA, Ken Knowles and his wife Tracy of Marietta, GA, David Knowles and his wife Kara of Albany; nine great-grandchildren; three sisters, Margaret "Peggy" Shoemaker, Ruth Sapp and Janet Holiday and her husband Charles all of Albany; and special thanks to her faithful, loving caregivers, Gracie Cheatham, Dora Stevens, Marge Parker, Dorothy Wallace, and Ada Redding. Memorial gifts can be made to the First Methodist Church of Albany, P.O. Box 448, Albany, GA 31702, or to your favorite charity. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors Friday from 5 PM until 7 PM.

Tribute Wall



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“ *I just learned about your Mother and wanted to let you know my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Helen Freeman - April 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were so sorry to read of the death of your Mother. She is in a better place now free of pain and suffering. I know she will be terribly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.*

Alice & Clet Penny - April 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *First United Methodist church Albany has lost some true leaders in our church this week. Mrs. Knowles led alot of us as we grew up in the church. Many a Sunday night she and the Littleton's fed and mentored us. I won't ever forget it and I thank her family for what she did for us all.*

Stilll have our wedding invitation painted on the wall.

I will miss her sitting near us in church. It was always good to look over and see her there.

Judy Deriso

Judy Deriso - April 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Gracie, I was thinking of you the other day----and wondered where you might be----never knowing I would hear so soon---I am deeply sorry to learn of your mother's death----my sympathy goes to you and your family---it has been many years since I have seen you---we were in 4th grade together---that was a long time ago but I still remember.*

Earline Hayslip Reeves - April 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dr Knowles, David and Family*
I am very sorrow for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

John Rodman Sr and Limbcare staff - April 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Edith Knowles was such a talented, giving person. One small example of her talent has graced a wall for 47 years in my home from GA to Key West, to AL, to CO, to NJ, to Italy and back to GA. This example is my wedding invitation that Edith painted 1st U.M.C. behind the words, framed it and gave it to me as my wedding present from her. I cherish the youthful memories of her standing in the hall waiting for us to join her for Sunday School, camp trips and so much more!
My sympathy and prayers are with all of you.
Carol Roberts Bowden

Carol Roberts Bowden - April 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ we are all saddened by your loss. mrs. knowels was a good friend of my grandmothers. she always sat behind my grandmother louise mull for many years. we will miss her. sincerely, kellimull tennison and family

kelli mull tennison - April 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I remember Mrs. Knowles smiling face serving spaghetti on Sunday night before MYF. What a kind and sweet lady.

Lynn Crisler Shura - April 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Grace, Van and family, Your Mom was such a special person. I remember that since I eloped my first time around and didn't get an invitation painted by Edith & I always said that is why that marriage didn't work out. Leonard and I were so pleased that she painted one for us! ...and we are still together! I have fond memories of her teaching me at FUMC. And Grace, I will never be able to thank you enough for your kindness toward my mother in her final months.

Margaret Greene Brannan - April 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Edith was a great teacher and friend to all who had her as a teacher. Her family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

Margaret Vick Weimer - April 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ May I offer my sincere condolences during your time of need. our lives have been blessed with the love and company of a great soul. Her time with us has now come to an end for the Lord has chosen to bless her with a place in His kingdom. Her time on this earth has been joyous and rewarding to many. She has left a notable mark that shall not be soon forgotten. Let us thank the Lord for the time He has given us to share in the life of our beloved friend. We shall treasure all the great times that we have shared with her and keep the memories deep in our hearts as we move on and welcome the future blessing of our great Lord and Savior.

Lorenzo J. Lockett - April 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Edith was the only Grandma I had in my adult life and what a wonderful woman and Grandmother she was! Edith was an inspiration in love and compassion for all people. I cherish the memories of Edith's visits and the laughter and joy that it brought to our lives. Our loss on earth is God's gain in heaven.

Jana Knowles - April 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ This grande lady will never be forgotten. She made such an impression on me growing up in First Methodist. Thank you for your faithful service.

Sharon Spies - April 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Van, Wesley, Grace, grandchildren:
We're sad to learn of Edith's death. Even though she struggled in these last months and years, she will leave a legacy that will be such a high mark for us all to strive for. Her dedication to all she believed in....her wonderful commitment to FUMC, to the youth when she was always available as a camp counselor....and they adored her so....just know that her life was a true inspiration to me and I will never forget Edith Van Cise Knowles. Our prayers are with you all.

Lots of love, Patsy and Russell

Patsy Martin - April 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Mrs. Knowles and her mother were both wonderful role models and a great, positive influence on my life. May God bless and keep you in your grief. The world was richly blessed by Mrs. Knowles's life and such unselfish giving to others.

Becky Gammage Dupree - April 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I knew Edith Knowles because I was a member of FUMC. Our families were friends. Hrt mother, my art teacher, proved to be a big influence on my life and my profession. I send my sympathy to Edith's family.

Talph E. Calgoun - April 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ May fond memories be a comfort to you always. Your Mother was a wonderful lady and loved by all.
With deepest sympathy for you.
DeAnne Carson
Panama City Beach, Fl.

DeAnne Carson - April 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Grace and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Our love and sincere sympathy to you all.
Love,
Jim and Jeanine and Tyler Renard

jeanine and james renard - April 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I was so sorry to hear of your Mother's death. She was such a part of my childhood, as was her mother. My prayers are with you and yours.
Judy

Judy Pryor Hoxie - April 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dear Van and Grace ~ what wonderful memories come to mind of your mother and her complete devotion to the "youth" of Albany FUMC. And she was so proud of both of you!

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your extended families during your time of loss.

Certainly all of us, in this time of loss, have so much to celebrate about her loving and giving life!!!

To her life!
Tom and Beverly Smith Herrington

Tommy and Beverly Smith Herrington - April 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ I have some great memories of working with Edith and George and Virginia Littleton in the youth department at First Methodist. She truly put her faith into action. You are in my thoughts, prayers, and love. Ann V

Ann Peacock Voss - April 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM