



Evelyn Butler Clifton

November 18, 1932 - December 2, 2021

Mrs. Evelyn Butler Clifton passed away peacefully at The Phoenix at Albany on Thursday, December 2, 2021. A service of remembrance will be held on Monday, December 6 at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Albany with Reverend Jim Morrow officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service in the church sanctuary. Interment will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery.

A native Albanian, Evelyn was born on November 18, 1932, in the house on Flint Avenue where her father was raised. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Charles Lamar Clifton, Sr., her parents, Mary Powell Butler and Hooks Newton Butler, and an infant sibling, James Harvey Butler.

Survivors include her children, Dr. Charles Lamar "Chip" Clifton, Jr (Bonnie) of Amelia Island, FL; Cary Clifton Stoudenmire (Phillip) of Albany; and Dodwell Butler Clifton (Mary Beth Skandalakis) of LaGrange, GA. Grandchildren: Dr. Charles Jacob "Charlie" Stoudenmire (Laura Leigh) and John Butler Stoudenmire of Albany; Charles Lamar "Clay" Clifton, III of Atlanta, and William Ferrell "Will" Clifton of New York, NY. Great-grandchildren: Avery and Margaret Stoudenmire of Albany.

Mrs. Clifton was an honor graduate of Albany High School, Class of 1950. After receiving two academic scholarships, she received her Associate of Arts Degree from Mercer University where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi

Sorority. She then received a business degree from Morton Business College, with additional courses at the University of Florida and Darton College. She took tax training courses for 22 years with certificates from the Internal Revenue Service and the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Through the years, Evelyn had a variety of careers. Civil Service jobs included Turner Air Force Base, U.S. Department of Agriculture (ASCS), Safety Officer's Secretary at Marine Corps Supply Center, and Taxpayer Service Representative at IRS. At the University of Florida, she was secretary to the Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, Coach Bob Woodruff. She was a "stay at home mom" when her children were young, returning to the workplace with the Georgia Heart Association as they went off to college. Finally, she was a Tax Assistant at Draffin and Tucker, CPAs for 18 years. Throughout the years, she was always at her husband's side during his years of Chamber of Commerce work and community service.

During their 12 years in Columbia, SC, Evelyn and Lamar were members of Kilbourne Park Baptist Church, where she was an active member and Bible leader of the WMU, a Sunday School teacher in several departments, Brownie and Girl Scout leader, as well as Board Member of the Congaree Area Girl Scout Council, and a Division Co-Chairman of United Way of Richland County, SC. Moving back home to Albany in 1970, she returned to First United Methodist Church where she and Lamar were married in 1953. At FUMC, she was a member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class, UMW member, and served on the Administrative Council, the Hospitality Committee, the Grief Group, and various other committees. Bible studies were a favorite activity.

Evelyn was a member of the Charity League of Albany, during which time she served as a Pink Lady, Debutante Advisor, League Letter Editor, created a Mini Museum at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, and co-wrote the "History of the Charity League" for its 50th anniversary. While serving on the Board of

the Thronateeska Heritage Museum and as its membership chairman, the museum relocated from the historic Smith House to the old railroad depot. During this time, Evelyn researched and co-authored the historical brochure, "Shades of Albany." At Phoebe Putney Hospital, she served on the steering committee for the publication of "A History from the Heart," the history of Phoebe and the medical community. She loved her twice a week YMCA exercise group and her many friends.

For many years, Evelyn shared the hobby of genealogical research with her mother. They traveled extensively, and she authored three family history books. She was a member of several county regional, and state genealogy societies. She served as a Registrar and Regent of Thronateeska Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for which she co-wrote and published the book "Revolutionary Ancestors of Thronateeska Chapter, NSDAR Members – Past and Present" to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the chapter's founding. She was also a member of the Albany Town Committee of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia, the Pilgrim Edward Doty Society, and the Mayflower Society.

Despite these many activities, Evelyn's priorities were always family, church, and home. She and Lamar enjoyed grandparenting, gardening, and traveling with family and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Phoenix at Albany and Evelyn's special caregiver, Kwajalein Guest, for all of their care and compassion.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Albany, 307 Flint Avenue, Albany, GA, 31701 (www.firstmethodistalbany.com) or to a favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall

MP

“ I just wanted to let y'all know how much I enjoyed being her Sunday School teacher while she was at Evergreen Assisted Living. She was always trying to get everybody to come out to class! She grew up in the same neighborhood as my Mom, Ann King and they were together for these last 3 weeks at the Phoenix! Mama sends her condolences as well. She will be missed but we know that she is in a much better place now!!

Marcia Porter - December 10, 2021 at 02:52 PM

DP

“ Prayers to the family. I always looked forward to chats with Evelyn when I saw her while I was visiting my mother-in-law while they were both at Evergreen. She was always sharply dressed and such a true southern lady. She had a twinkle in her eye and a sharp mind. Quite a legacy!

Dimi Pace - December 08, 2021 at 12:31 PM

KA

“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton



Karen - December 07, 2021 at 11:57 AM

KR

I'm so very sorry My sweet Dodd, i love you & your in my thoughts & prayers...
Karen

Karen Rivera - December 07, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JB

“ *Juli Bruner lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton*



Juli Bruner - December 06, 2021 at 09:28 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Bush lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton*



Brenda Bush - December 06, 2021 at 08:31 AM

EC

“ *Evelyn was a one of a kind lady who was also kind. She loved with heart and action. Evelyn and I shared a background of Albany history and she was so much fun to work with. Compassion was as much a part of her as that sweet smile. You almost instantly felt she was a confidant and friend who seasoned her approval for others. We toured Albany stopping to discuss various places. Although we were working on a project, it was a wonderful time. When she mentioned Lamar or her children her eyes twinkled. There was no question who and what her heart embraced. Sympathy to those she loved and who will miss her amazing knowledge and generous sweetness.*

Elizabeth Champion - December 05, 2021 at 05:43 PM

DH

“ Deepest sympathy and love to Cary, Chip, Dodd and the entire Clifton family. Evelyn was a lovely lady full of life and light. She adored her husband and family and that was apparent in her attentive nature. I'm sure her kids and grands have countless stories about her that will be shared for years. She will long be remembered !

Debbie Hambley - December 05, 2021 at 01:32 PM

FF

“ Fran Falcione lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton



Fran Falcione - December 05, 2021 at 06:05 AM



“ Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton



Elena Taylor - December 04, 2021 at 08:22 PM

JB

“ Janie And Bruce Bitterman lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton



Janie and Bruce Bitterman - December 04, 2021 at 06:56 PM

JB

“ Evelyn was a delightful lady who lit up a room when she came in. Always friendly, always a beautiful smile on her face! I enjoyed playing “ Words with Friends “ with her on the computer. She would always call and give me hints to avoid the advertisements. I’m so glad I got to visit with Evelyn on her 89th Birthday at the Phoenix! She looked beautiful and had that pretty smile on her face! Evelyn will be missed by all, and May her memory be a blessing to all.
Much love, Janie and Bruce

Janie Bitterman - December 04, 2021 at 06:50 PM

EJ

“ Evelyn and I had the most wonderful friendship which began in fourth grade with piano lessons, and has continued all of these many years. I will miss her. With love to the family. Eloise Inman Jackson

Eloise Inman Jackson - December 04, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ So glad she was able to enjoy the blanket I delivered the week after Easter 2021-Wed to the Facility.



Elena Taylor - December 04, 2021 at 01:02 PM

KP

“ Kathy Prisant lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton



Kathy Prisant - December 04, 2021 at 12:20 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evelyn Butler Clifton.*



December 03, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ *Heaven's gained an angel with Evelyn's passing. She earned her resilient wings with relentless dedication to family and community. The epitome of grace, Evelyn personified an intelligent, accomplished woman with a backbone of steel and heart of gold. She listened to what people had to say, paid attention, and went out of her way to make us feel welcomed any time we visited.*

Of all of her qualities, the most endearing was her ability to laugh at the drop of a hankie. With constantly wit flowing from Lamar, laughter was a central theme to any visit to the beautiful home created by such a loving couple.

Chip, Carrie, and Butler my heart goes out to you at a time when your grief must be mixed with celebration of your Mom's remarkable life. David, Jameson and I join together in sending our profound sympathy to you, your families, and the friends she held most dear.

Kindest regards,

Ginny

Virginia Clifton Dougherty - December 03, 2021 at 06:36 PM

PL

“ We met on the fifth grade in Albany. There was only a few weeks different in our age. She was the perfect lovely young lady and very pretty. Lamar was a dear friend of mine also. These years have passed so quickly , but the memories remain .It is painful to know she has gone on but I am so glad that today she has a new body able to run, able todo the things that became impossible these last years. And Mas will be so happy!



Pat Landes - December 03, 2021 at 05:46 PM

PL

“ Pat Landes lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton



pat landes - December 03, 2021 at 05:36 PM

DS

“ Evelyn was a dear friend, a model of a Christian woman and she loved her family dearly. Lamar was the one who won her heart as she was extremely popular with the boys at Mercer. I loved her devotedly.

Deen Day Sanders

Deen Day Sanders - December 03, 2021 at 04:41 PM

VD

“ *Virginia Clifton Dougherty lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton*



Virginia Clifton Dougherty - December 03, 2021 at 03:01 PM

WL

“ *Wakenia Leonard lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton*



Wakenia Leonard - December 03, 2021 at 02:11 PM

TP

“ *Betty and I are so sorry to learn of Evelyn's passing. She always had a smile on her face and brightened the room when she entered. You will always be remembered, Thank you for being a friend.
Tommy and Betty Pattison*

Tommy & Betty pattison - December 03, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Evelyn Butler Clifton.*



December 03, 2021 at 01:58 PM

AH

“ So sad to learn of Evelyn’s passing. She was the epitome of a southern lady, She will be greatly missed! Everyone who knew her loved her! Rest In Peace , dear sweet friend.

Anne Hewett - December 03, 2021 at 12:32 PM

JS

“ Jill Slocumb purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Evelyn Butler Clifton.



Jill Slocumb - December 03, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evelyn Butler Clifton.



December 03, 2021 at 11:10 AM

VT

“ Evelyn and I considered ourselves sisters even before we became sisters through marriage. I am so happy to have had her in my life and to have shared so many incredible experiences together.



Vann Whaley Thomson - December 03, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Evelyn Butler Clifton.*



December 03, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Butler Clifton.*



December 03, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *I m so sad to hear of Evelyn’s passing. She was a beautiful southern lady and she and Lamar were such a special couple! Just saw her on her birthday snd she looked so pretty! We will all miss her grace and love for others!! Prayers for her sweet family,*

patsy martin - December 02, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ *Deb Blanchard lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Butler Clifton*



Deb Blanchard - December 02, 2021 at 07:46 PM