



Mrs. Frances Johnson Ryals

November 14, 1936 - April 26, 2017

Frances Johnson Ryals died Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at Willson Hospice House. Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 4:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service starting at 3:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern with Brother Jerry Etheridge officiating.

Frances was an amazing artist; she loved drawing and painting and her art has been sold in consignment stores in north and south Georgia as well as being in homes all across Georgia and the Carolinas. Although she had a high school diploma, she went back to night school while living in Charlotte, NC at Queen's College to earn a 2 year degree in Secretarial Science where she learned how to type. She was beautiful, smart, funny, strong willed and a hard worker. For many years Frances worked as a switch board operator at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and was a top employee at a consultant company in Charlotte, NC for several years, overseeing many employees. She also was a super mom, losing both her parents by her mid 20's as well as losing all 3 of her sons and 2 granddaughters. One of the most admiring things about her was her ability to keep going through the worst of times (raising 6 kids as a single parent was difficult). She was an avid reader and read more books than imaginable. Frances loved animals, especially her dogs, she loved us, her family and her husband.

Survivors include 3 daughters, Lita Sheree Cannon of Baconton, GA, Lisa

Sheryl Ryals of Albany, GA and Joanna Ryals Gilbert and her husband, Greg of Charlotte, NC, 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Deone Ryals Jr., 3 sons, Herbert Deone Ryals III, Paul Jayson Ryals, Zachery Stephen Ryals, 2 grandchildren, Jessica Rae Harkreader Valma and Kimberly Denise Hinson as well as 4 siblings.

To share your thoughts with the Ryals family you may visit our website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

APR 30. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Frances Johnson Ryals*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Frances Johnson Ryals*

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“ *Mrs. Frances Johnson Ryals*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM

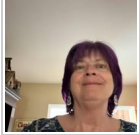


“ *I am so sorry to hear that aunt Francis passed. I remember her when i was growing up as a very warm and kind person who always had sweet tea and cookies. Me and aunt Cheryl would walk from my grandmothers house on the river to aunt Francis house in the middle of winter freezing cold just to visit her. I never knew that she was an artist. I would love to see some of her work. Sadly for me life got in the way and i didn't stay in touch with her like i wish i had. But i know that the day she passed was a great day in heaven! She is finally with all the rest of her family that went before her. I know my sweet grandmother was right there waiting with her arms wide open. And now that I'm getting older i realize that life really isn't that long for any of us so it won't be long before we are all together again. So know that yall are in our prayers and that we are thinking about you.*

Love

Troy and Melissa O'Neill

Troy O'Neill - May 10, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ Cheryl Gilchrest lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Johnson Ryals



Cheryl Gilchrest - May 01, 2017 at 05:44 AM



“ My heart goes out to my cousins and extended family in this time of sorrow. Aunt Frances was one of the strongest people I have ever known full of faith and serenity. She was extremely talented, highly intelligent, a beautiful lady inside and out and full of class. She will be deeply missed but forever loved.

With our deepest prayers, Lib, Eric, Michele, Savannah and Genevieve.

Michele Etling - April 29, 2017 at 01:57 PM



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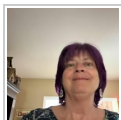
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A beautiful soul

Cheryl Gilchrest - May 07, 2017 at 06:51 AM

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Anna Gilbert - April 28, 2017 at 05:29 PM

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“ *Aunt Frances, you are loved and will be missed by all. Prayers for all my cousins and the rest of the family!*

*Love,
Judy Lakin Berold*

judy Berold - April 28, 2017 at 02:10 PM

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“ Rest in Peace my Beautiful Aunt Frances. You were always one of my favorite aunts. I can remember as a child how beautiful and sweet she was. I think I may have been one of her favorite nieces. She always called me "little Jackie" even after as I was grown. She was a very special lady to so many people. We will all miss you so much but we know you are celebrating in Heaven with all of your loved ones walking the streets of gold. Love you always, Jackie Roland

Jackie Roland - April 28, 2017 at 07:45 AM