



Mrs. Hazel Hall Burger

January 20, 1936 - September 5, 2020

Hazel passed away peacefully in her home, next to her husband of 57 years, Bill. He still thought she was beautiful and would have married her all over again; they were holding hands until her last day. She was a woman of deep and abiding faith, which helped her through a nearly 30 year battle with multiple cancers. She finally succumbed to cancer but fought to the absolute end.

She was born in Columbus, Georgia, and moved to Albany in the fifth grade. Although she spent her 16th birthday in the hospital with polio, she survived and thrived, and that set firm her courageous, fighting spirit which would carry her through her life. She was a 1953 graduate of Albany High School and a 1957 graduate of Agnes Scott College. She also received her Masters in Education from Duke University. She was a lifelong learner and was reading books until her last month.

Hazel had a lasting effect on every person she came in contact with, including as a teacher of hospital and homebound students and as a member of First United Methodist Church of Albany, Georgia, where she was a member for more than seventy years. She was an active member of PEO and ADK, where she built deep, long lasting friendships. She was a devoted friend, and that was never clearer than in her last months in Albany. That friendship was repaid by those who graciously took care of her and her family as if they were their own. Added blessings were bestowed by her caregivers Connie Lynn, LaJuana Jones, and Calvin Curry, who stepped in at various times with love,

prayers, care, and good food. All these blessings have sustained her whole family.

One of her happiest days was April 1, 2008, when she learned her first grandchild was arriving a month early. The second arrived two years and one day later. From that 2008 April Fool's Day on, she doted on her grandkids and never seemed happier than when she was hugging them or making them a special breakfast. They were everything to her, and the last six months of her life, she had the added joy of being surrounded daily by her grandkids, daughter, and son-in-law, whom she loved so much.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church, Albany, Georgia, on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 11:30 am in the sanctuary. Out of courtesy to the family, masks will be required and social distancing will be observed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First United Methodist Church, Albany, Georgia or the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta.

Survivors include her husband, William Hunt Burger, a daughter, Jennifer Hunt Burger (Josh Greenbaum), a son, Thomas Hall Burger of NY, NY, two grandchildren, Adler McDaniel Greenbaum and Auden Grace Greenbaum as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Pinson Hall and Margaret McDaniel Hall, two sisters, Peggy Hall Benford and Marybeth Hall Davis.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Hazel Hall Burger*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Hazel Hall Burger*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *So sorry Jennifer to hear of the loss of your sweet mom. Thinking of your family and your Dad at this time and know that God has welcomed one very special lady into his kingdom!*

Sharon Doering

sharon doering - September 11, 2020 at 12:25 AM



“ *Jennifer, Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Your Mom was a special lady and I have so many memories of her and my Mom at First Methodist! She was such a fighter and an example to all of us that God is in control!*
Debbie TenHagen Sutton

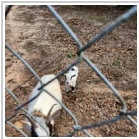


Debbie Sutton - September 09, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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“ To the Burger Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Hazel's passing. I had the pleasure of knowing her during her volunteer days at PPMH. She was a caring, loving and giving person. Words cannot comfort your grieving hearts. Please know others share your pain and grief. I pray God will wrap His arm around you and give you the peace and comfort needed at this time and the days ahead.
Thoughts and Prayers,
Cathy Ivey

Cathy Ivey - September 08, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ Mr. Bill and Jennifer, I'm so sorry to hear of Ms. Hazel's passing. Y'all are in my thoughts & prayers.



Lisa Duffer - September 08, 2020 at 01:19 PM

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“ Enjoyed working with Hazel in the DCSS.
Nancy Reimer

Nancy Reimer - September 07, 2020 at 01:55 PM

JB

“ Jerry & Ginny Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel Hall Burger



Jerry & Ginny Barnes - September 07, 2020 at 08:56 AM

NJ

Jennifer, Josh and Children< Where do I begin to tell what Hazel friendship has meant to us over the many years. All the happy times of children weddings, births of grandchildren our own"supper club" times of eating out at the Mexican restaurant. meals shared in our homes. It was now whose home to we go to next? Times spent worshipping together at First United Methodist Church (Church and Sunday School) then there were Sunday School parties Christmas, and there must be a party once a quarter and one party at Lake Blackshear Through the years Paul and I have been blessed to called Hazel and Bill our friends. Hazel was a faithfillady and lived out her faith every day of her life sharing it with those as she passed their way. She will be missed by so many people but she will be missed by us as we learn to live without her but strive to learn live as she lived

Nan Jones - September 07, 2020 at 10:17 PM

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Bill and Hazel Were our good neighbors for many years. We loved that sweet family. Anne and Dave Hewett

anne and Dave Hewett - September 08, 2020 at 12:19 PM

LP

Bill ,Jennifer and family. I have lost a sweet neighbor. Hazel and Bill were such a sweet loving couple i knew they were there if i needed them I loved sharing a warm Pound Cake just out of the oven with them.Hazel I will see you up there .Lavonda Paulk

Lavonda Paulk - September 08, 2020 at 04:02 PM