



## Imogene A. Duke Obituary

August 8, 1913 - November 4, 2007

Mrs. Duke was born Imogene Ard to John Needham and Claudia Barlar Ard in Speigener, AL on August 8, 1913. She enjoyed a close and loving relationship with her parents and 5 Siblings. Her lifelong interest in reading and writing blossomed in her high school years. She was editor of her school newspaper. The Murphy Hitimes, and continued throughout her life and was also a lifelong animal lover. She married Alvin Duke on July 13, 1935 in Mobile, AL and they raised four children together in Prichard, AL. They shared an avid interest in gardening. Their marriage lasted 61 years until his death on November 26, 1996. After her husband's retirement, they moved to the Albany, GA area in 1978 and became active in the Putney United Methodist Church. Her later years were spent with family in Leesburg, GA. After a period of declining health, she died peacefully at home on November 4, 2007 at the age of 94. She is survived by their daughters, Claudia Spencer and her (husband) Peter of Putney; Angela Bairos and husband (Joseph) of Templeton, MA; Sharon Tillman of Leesburg, GA; their son James Duke and wife (Susan) of Montgomery, AL; fifteen grandchildren; five Great-grandchildren and her sister, Mildren Leavitt of Columbus, GA. She was preceded in death by husband, both parents, three brothers, one sister, a son-in-law, and 3 grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 1:00PM Monday November 12, 2007 at Putney United Methodist Church, followed with interment in Pinecrest Cemetery, Mobile, AL. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to; Putney United Methodist Church P.O. Box 154 Putney, GA 31782.



# Tribute Wall



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“ *I didn't know this wonderful lady but I am very good friends with her grand daughter. I have heard alot of good things about her grandma from Katie. I pray that God will continue to sustain and uplift the family and give them peace as only he can.*

**Sharon Hensley** - November 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Duke. I worked with Andrew at the Lee County Library. My heartfelt sympathies go out to the whole family*

**Alice Haler** - November 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Rodney and I are so sorry for your loss. I know that your whole family will miss Ms. Imogene. May your broken hearts be consoled knowing that your mother and grandmother has gone home to be with her Lord and she will be waiting for us all.  
Love, Sharon & Rodney

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**Sharon and Rodney Williams** - November 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I just want to express my deepest sympathy to the entire family. I wish that we could all look at life the way Ms. Imogene did. She loved life and always had kind words to say. She will be sorely missed.

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**Mindy Spencer** - November 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My heart goes out to the family of Mrs. Imogene. I know that ya'll have felt her love over the years and I send my deepest regret for not gotten a chance to know her very well. I pray that ya'll will receive strength from our Lord Jesus Christ in these trying circumstances.

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**Chris Schmeltzer** - November 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Doreen and Hannah Allen** - November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF ALBANY RESCUE MISSION.THE LORD JESUS SAID,HE CARETH FOR YOU.MAY THE PEACE OF GOD COMFORT YOU AT THIS TIME.MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU ALL AS YOU SERVE HIM..BRO LARRY..

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**BRO LARRY HAMPLE** - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *I was sorry to hear about Mrs. Duke's death. I didn't know her, but I do know her son, my brother-in-law. He is as nice a person as you could ever hope to meet. I feel lucky to have him as family. And I know he wouldn't have been the man he is without a good and caring mother.*

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**Mary F. Breland** - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Grandma Duke always relished her role of grandmother. She kept a library for the children, and always was at the ready for a game of Monopoly or Canasta. She changed my life by helping to foster my life-long love of comic books by taking the time to read every word in them to a very busy little guy. She was always my very favorite grandparent and I will miss her dearly but I know that she is in a much better place now. I love you, Grandma.*

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**Kirk Spencer** - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Sleep well Dear Ima with our beloved family members.*

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**Mildred A. Leavitt** - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ GM, I am so glad I had the chance to know and love you. The memories I have of you from my childhood are very precious to me, and I'm grateful for all the little things you did to make us all feel special. You always had a kind word and hug, and you had the sweetest nature of anyone I know. I am so glad that you and GP are finally together again.

Your very loving granddaughter,  
Beth

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**Elizabeth Duke** - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ John 11

*It is comforting to know that my grandmother is no longer suffering as she has for years without the company of my grandfather. Surely, she is now enjoying the greatest Garden ever created.*

*Dear GM,*

*I miss you... and your poundcakes... no one made one better than you.*

*Baking, gardening... eating GP's candy... butterflies, feeding all things furred and feathered, pastel colours and flowers... playing canasta on the front porch (or Go Fish with the little ones) - I'd always be on your side (you always won!)... you always spent more time in the Monopoly jail than you did on the rest of the board... the display of Christmas decorations... all of the clocks in the trailer... your dark hair tightly coiled into a bun or (at night) into long braids... writing soap-messages on the mirror... and your love of Christ.*

*I'll always have you with me wherever I go - with fondest memories and deepest love,*

*Your granddaughter,*

*Lauren Duke*

*(Oxford, England)*

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**Lauren Duke** - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM