



Mrs. Imogene Hanson Gunnels

April 19, 1933 - April 6, 2019

Imogene Gunnels passed away peacefully on 04/06/2019 at Willson Hospice House surrounded by her family. She was predeceased by her husband, William Whitfield Gunnels, Jr., her parents Reva and Norman Hanson, and her brother Leland Hanson. She is survived by her daughter Denise Louise Gunnels and son-in-law Robert James Lange, Jr., her son William Whitfield Gunnels, III and daughter-in-law Becky Hendricks Gunnels.

Imogene was born 04/19/1933 in Chauncey, Georgia. After growing up in Jaybird Springs she attended Georgia Southern College for Women where she received a bachelor's degree in Education. She moved to Albany in 1954 where she began a 31 year career with Dougherty County School System. During her time with DCSS she was instrumental in developing the Governor's Honors Program and Advanced Placement classes. She received a Master's Degree from Auburn University in 1962, a Specialized Certification from the University of Georgia in 1972, and completed her Ph. D in Educational Administration from Florida State University in 1991. After retiring she worked an additional seven years teaching GED classes for the Georgia Department of Corrections. She also taught GED classes at the Salvation Army and Liberty House.

Vibrant and lively with a passion for learning even into her later years, she traveled extensively both nationally and internationally. At home she was

active in the Delta Kappa Gamma teachers association, the American Association of University Women, the American Legion Auxiliary, was an Albany Junior League Sustaining member, and a member of the Georgia Retired Educator's Association where she served a term as the local Chapter President.

The family wishes to thank Pearl Banks for her long time companionship and devotion to Mrs. Gunnels.

Services will be held on Thursday, 04/11/2019 at Kimbrel Stern Funeral Home at 12:00 p. m. The family will receive visitors during the hour prior to the service at Kimbrell-Stern beginning at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Thronateeska Heritage Center, 100 W. Roosevelt Ave., Albany, GA 31701.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

APR 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Imogene Hanson Gunnels*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Imogene Hanson Gunnels*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I first knew Imogene when my kids Valerie & Vanessa Ziemecki were growing up-then as a Special Ed Teacher of my son Vic Ziemecki , as she nicely challenged him. Then as a Co-worker at the Bd of Ed-as I struggled to get them Books not provided in the Budget, then as a DAR member with me- and I always appreciated her and her husbands sense of History-and Knowledge. And as a Fellow Genealogist we spent a lo t of time together for over 30 years. A wonderful lady and Mother and wife. Gerry Hill*

Gerry Hill - April 02, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ *Rebecca Reid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Imogene Hanson Gunnels*



Rebecca Reid - April 12, 2019 at 05:06 PM

CE

“ So sorry to hear about Mrs. Imogene. You all have been in my prayers especially throughout the last couple of months. Denise, since we grew up together living within a couple of blocks of each other, and graduated from high school, we go way back. I can't say enough nice things about your mom. Always so kind and pleasant.

I have enjoyed seeing your mother again and at The Phoenix after all of these years. She was so instrumental in helping my mom get transitioned to The Phoenix the first of this year. It is very difficult to make a change, most especially for the elderly. Your mom was so kind to include my mom in with her group and make her feel a part of the community there at the center. I am so glad they had time together to reacquaint for several months. I wish they had more but so grateful for the time they did have there together.

Caree Hairston Elder (And Family)

caree elder - April 10, 2019 at 10:59 AM

SR

“ Sending condolences to the family of Imogene. She and I were coworkers at AHS in the mid sixties.

May you find comfort in the memories you have of Imogene.

Shirley Thompson Rogers

Shirley Thompson Rogers - April 10, 2019 at 05:24 AM

SD

“ Dr. Gunnels was my teacher in middle school. She formed a special accelerated learning class and taught us so much in our small group. She was bright and funny and cared about her students growth and learning. She remains one of the most influential teachers of my life. My thoughts are with her family at this time.

Stacey (Bowersox) Dickson - April 09, 2019 at 11:31 PM

BR

“ So sorry for your loss, a beautiful angel!! Love and Prayers, Burnice Reynolds

Burnice Reynolds - April 09, 2019 at 03:10 PM

GB

“ G Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Imogene Hanson Gunnels



G Barnes - April 09, 2019 at 08:16 AM

LM

“ I will miss Ms Imogene. She was a lovely lady. My sympathy to the family.
Lynne Moore

Lynne Moore - April 08, 2019 at 08:41 PM

SH

“ I will miss Mrs. Gunnels.....will miss her passion she had for people and History. She told me “ there’s no such thing as a dumb question”....so always ask questions.
So sorry Denise and Whitfield.....I’m thinking of y’all.
Shawn

shawn - April 08, 2019 at 03:05 PM

EL

“ *i WAS BLEST TO HAVE KNOWN IMOGENE AND WHIT FOR OVER 13 YEARS. WE WERE IN THE SAME SUNDAY SCHOOL OR SMALL GROUP ON MANY A SUNDAY MORNING. SHE ENCOURAGED ME TO BE A BETTER TEACHER BY HER PRESENCE, HER BIBICAL KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE FOR OUR LORD AND SAVIOR' JESUS CHRIST. I KNOW THAT SHE AND WHIT ARE NOW REUNITED AND SITTING AT THE LORD'S FEET. SEE YOU SOMEDAY. EURIE LEGATE*

EURIE F LEGATE - April 08, 2019 at 01:37 PM