



## Mrs. Imogene Vorse Obituary

May 5, 1923 - August 3, 2012

Imogene Franklin Vorse, departed for her heavenly home on Friday night, August 3, 2012, with family members gathered around her bed here on this earth, while the Heavenly host welcomed her home. While so very glad to be reunited with loved ones gone first, the first one in that receiving line was her Savior himself, Jesus, the one she served so faithfully while on this earth. Born May 5, 1923 to Willie Reamous and Lucy Pauline Marse Franklin, she was one of thirteen children. Being brought up on the family farm, she was taught work ethics and Christian values that served her all the days of her life.

She graduated from Poplar Springs High School in Graceville, FL in 1942. She then moved to Columbus, GA to go to work there. It was at the close of WWII that she met William R. (Bill) Vorse, they married June 1, 1945 and moved to Niagara Falls, New York. They returned south in late 1946, living in Dothan, AL until 1953, then moved to Albany. They were married fifty one years until his death in 1996.

Mrs. Vorse worked various jobs but her last employment was at her life's mission. She became a food service manager at Morningside Elementary School where she fed the children, touched their lives and gave them love. During all her years, she taught four and five year olds at First Baptist Church of Putney for thirty years and was a member of the Senior Ladies Sunday School Class these latter years.

While her earthly legacy would not make headlines, it was accounted in Heaven as she touched souls, one at a time. Never ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, she would ask you, " Do you know my Jesus?" This she did even in her last days. When you visited her she would tell you to make sure.

Survivors include a daughter, Phyllis (Maurice) Wiggins and her children, Michelle (Eric) Calhoun, Todd (Lori) Kirkland, Wayne Wiggins, Carole Strickland, Sheryl (Terry) Davis, Sean (Mike) Hunter and Danny (April) Wiggins, a son, David Vorse and his children, Melanie (Andy) Thornton and Matthew (Reanna Harrell) Vorse, a daughter, Elsbeth Kirkland and her children, Charles Kirkland, Mandy McClure, Matthew Kirkland and Lacy (Richie) Childers, a daughter, Jennifer Vorse, a daughter, Mariann (Ernest) Jenkins and her children, Terri (Tim) Underwood and Rex Jenkins, a son, Franklin (Gayle) Vorse and their children, Stacey (Jon) Warrington and Lesley (Matt) Folan, a brother, Roland (Yvonne) Franklin of Slocumb, AL, two sisters, Nan Tindell of Noma, FL and Sarah

(Leonard) Carswell of Graceville, FL forty four great grandchildren, one great great grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Reamous Franklin and Lucy Pauline Marse Franklin, her husband of fifty one years, William R. (Bill) Vorse, five sisters and four brothers.

The family would like to express their appreciation and thanks to the nurses and rehab staff at Phoebe Putney Hospital, Dr. John Abell and Dr. Kalesh Patel, the entire staff of Lee County Health Care and Rehab, Dr. Scoggins, we could have never made the last months without you. Momma loved you dearly. Our sitters, Mrs. Mary Barker, Mrs. Pat Ross and Albany Area Hospice.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, August 5, 2012 at Kimbrell-Stern from 3:00 until 5:00 PM.

The family will be at the residence of Eric and Michelle Calhoun, 126 Sapelo Dr, Leesburg, GA 31763.

You may sign the guestbook and share your thoughts with the Vorse family by visiting our website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Putney  
1125 Antioch Rd.  
Albany, GA 31782

# Tribute Wall



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May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM

BF

“ *What a sweet Mama yall had. I was blessed to have known her. I will pray for your strength in your grief.*

**Barbara Goodroe Mills - Lawrenceville, GA - old friend** - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *She was always there for all of us great grandchildren when we needed it. shes up there jokin around with great papa bout all of us now. she told us to take our own paths an thats what i did. , we love an miss you mema. tell great papa i said hey.  
P.S. your still touching many peoples souls.  
love chan*

**Chandler Coleman - LEXINGTON, SC - great grandchild** - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *I was out of town and didn't know until this afternoon that your Momma had died. She was one of the sweetest ladies I ever knew and I never doubted her love for Jesus. My prayers and sympathy for all of her family.*

**Karen Pelham Richter - Leesburg, GA - Friend** - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Jennifer and Phyllis (all the Vorse Family) Several years ago, my mother Louise and I started out visiting her former "boss lady", Mrs. Vorse. By the second visit, about seven years ago, she reclassified us a her "Friends!" The first time we visited her in Leesburg, she reclassified my mother as her "Sister!" What a privilege and an honor this meant to momma! Momma was very sad; but she said that she will see Mrs. Vorse again; when her Lord and Savior call her home! The homegoing celebration services were so humble, today! Let's stay together, and pray for each other!

Louise Sibley & Theresa Jackson - ALBANY, GA - Family - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I posted once but wanted to add that Mrs. Vorse fixed our rehearsal dinner when we got married. That was 36 years ago. Of course, the dinner was perfect.

Jerry and Donna Willis - Albany, GA - Friends - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Vorse was a wonderful woman. We know she will be missed by her family and friends.

Jerry and Donna Willis - Albany, GA - Friends - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My grandmother was one of the most humble, genuine and tolerant people I have ever met. She was kind to everyone and a true example of how we all should want to be. She always put others first and never complained even when she probably should have. She brought a smile to the face of the people she met and somehow had a way of leaving people feeling better about themselves. She was a wonderful great grandmother and I am very grateful that our children were able to know her. She was a tireless giver and her work ethic has yet to be parallel by anyone I have known. She lived a good life, full of love and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.  
We love you Grandma.  
Love,  
Mandy, Ronny, Kylie and Kyndle

Mandy McClure - Tifton, GA - Granddaughter - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I have had the wonderful experience of sharing with her daughter in law Gayle all the sweet and caring things Miss Imogene expressed to all Christians she new and to all who would listen what a glorious Savior she served. God bless her she is with him now what a day of celebration that had to be!!

Elaine Chapman - Leesburg, GA - friend of a family member - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ A most GODLEY loveiy Lady. Truly Proverbs 31:10-21 Her love and kindness is missed

JOe Brake - Albany, GA - Friend - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I am deeply sadden by the loss of such a sweet and loving Christian Lady. At the same time I rejoice knowing that she is in heaven with Jesus and pain free. Ms. Voice was an inspiration to me early in my life. I first met her while in elementary school at morningside. She always had a smile on her face even in the mist of all us rowdy children. Then in my twenties I became the secretary at Putney Baptist church. I looked forward to the days she was there. Our conversations about God and the friendship we formed. She will be missed by so many.  
My prayers go out to the family during this time of loss.

Melissa Holladay Thompson - Chattanooga, , TN - friend - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I know Mrs. Vorse will be greatly missed. I remember spending many days with her working at the church. Also spending time on Monday morning prayer meeting and praying together. She has cooked several meals and brought to my house during the loss of my mother, sister n law & step father even the birth of my youngest son. She taught all three of my boys in Sunday Schooll and we use to work together on Wednesday nights with the children. I loved Mrs. Vorse she told me about 3 yrs ago that she was glad to be alive to see one of her prayers answered for me. I use to sit in front of Mrs. Vorse in church. She was such a blessing to me and my boys and she has touched many lives. I can hear her now asking do you know my Jesus? She is defintely sitting at Jesus feet today and with her loved ones that have gone on before her. I was told one time that I was a little Mrs. Vorse. To me that was a great compliment and an honor. She loved working with children. I can remeber her having peanut butter crackers for her children in her class. My children to this day talk about that and they are 23, 19 & 15. Its was a simple thing for her to do but it made such an impression on my boys to show them love. Jenny, David, Phyllis, Maryann, Elsbeth and Franklin and grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved each one of you all dearly and she will be greatly missed by alot of people. She touched so many lives including mine! Praying for you all! Love in Christ Lisa Burt and Family

Lisa Burt - Leesburg, GA - friend - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am so sorry to hear about your Mother, just wanted you all to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Julie Taylor

Julie Taylor - Albany, GA - Friend - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Ms. Imogene will be greatly missed. We know that she is now with Jesus and laying all her crowns at His feet. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Judy Jacobs - Forsyth, GA - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ What a precious lady. Just hold tight to all those precious memories.

Rodney & Walda Pitts - Leesburg, GA - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM