



## Mrs. Jane Luthy Champion

July 28, 1918 - January 12, 2016

Mrs. James P. (Jane) Champion, Jr., 97, of Albany, GA, died Tuesday January 12, 2016 at her residence.

The funeral service will be held Saturday January 16, 2016, 11 AM at Crown Hill Cemetery. Dr. Don Adams and Rev. Ann Heinemann will officiate.

A native of New York City, NY, Mrs. Champion had lived in Albany since 1941 having spent her earlier years in Americus, GA. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Georgia, Albany Junior League and the Town and Country Garden Club. Mrs. Champion was preceded in death by her husband James P. (Bubba) Champion, Jr.

Survivors include a son, James P. (Jimmy) Champion, III and his wife Pat of Sylvester, GA, 3 daughters, Elizabeth H. Champion of Albany, Mrs. Frank (Wendy) Baker of Atlanta, GA, and Mrs. Hal (Kitty) Edwards of Dothan, AL., 7 grandchildren, James P. Champion, IV (Leigh Ann), Fran Sheffield (Tony), Harrington Baker, Kensey Baker, Kacey Edwards, Jacob Edwards (Rona) and Jana Shelton (Tyler) 5 great grandchildren, Fletcher Sheffield, Sarah Sheffield, Claire Champion, Hannah Shelton and Jasper Edwards. Other survivors include her faithful caregivers Annie Lee King, Linda Saunders, Frances Ford, Jeanette Jones, Vera Williams and Evelyn Robinson.

The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors Friday from 5 PM to 7 PM. Those desiring may send memorials to the First United Methodist Church 307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701 or a favorite charity.

You may share your memories with the family of Mrs. Champion by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

JAN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Jane Luthy Champion*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Jane Luthy Champion*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Jane Luthy Champion*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ On January 16th, I awoke and thought it is Saturday, I have to go sit with Lady Jane, Then it hit me I have to go see her laid to rest, it broke my heart even though I knew she needed to rest.

*I always called her Lady Jane because she truly was a genteel lady. If I pulled her hair while rolling, she would say ouch, but never rebuke me, never refuse her medication, never complain of aches or pain.*

*When Alzheimer's was taking its toll Lady Jane would try so hard to carry on a conversation with her visitors and succeeded even though she forgot they had been there when gone. She never forgot her children, she knew them even by their voices. She never forgot the Poppa, "Mr. Jim" even though she could not remember he had passed. Lady Jane is with Poppa now.*

*She had a fulfilling life, some regrets as told in the wonderful book she wrote "Echoes Of The Past".*

*I am truly blessed to have known you Lady Jane and will miss you very much.*

*Frances Ford*

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**Melba Carmichael** - January 17, 2016 at 12:01 PM

TR

“ Jimmy, it was exactly a year ago, January 16, that you were kind enough to attend graveside services for my mother. We are both blessed to have had them so long and for them to be such an important part of our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May her soul rest in peace. Tom Robinson

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**Tom Robinson** - January 17, 2016 at 06:45 AM

PI

“ Please accept my sincere condolences to your family. Penni Ivy

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**Penni Ivy** - January 16, 2016 at 07:35 PM

AC

“ To the Champion family. I regret that I never met my second cousin 1 time removed. However, I have often referred to her spectacular genealogy book on the Davenport family called "Echoes of the Past" from 1986. What a gem of information on our families. My copy is signed by her. I have been so blessed to have such a wonderful relative and her timeless gift. Jane and my mother, Helen Baldwin Bauer Smith, are surely having a wonderful time in heaven discussing genealogy and family ties.

A. S. Christensen

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**A. S. Christensen** - January 14, 2016 at 08:46 PM

LL

“ Jimmy, Elizabeth, Ann, how much I have always thought of your Mom and the picture of her really shows how beautiful she is. My love to all of you and prayers from Terry and I, Lou Johnson Lee.

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**Lou Lee** - January 14, 2016 at 04:46 PM

BF

“ I hadn't seen Mrs. Champion in many, many years - early 90s, I suppose. I was in my 40s then, but she was as gracious and fun to be with as I remember when I was 8 and lived across the street. It was a great time in my life in the 50s in Albany, and Mrs. Champion played a big part in it. My thoughts and prayers to Elizabeth, Jimmy, Wendy and Kitty.

Bill Fiaccone

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**Bill Fiaccone** - January 14, 2016 at 12:03 PM

LS

“ *As one of Mrs Jane's caregivers for 12 1/2 years, and a neighbor before her illness, I learned from her how to grow old with grace .She became an integral part of my life and I will TRUELY miss that sweet woman.*

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**Linda Saunders** - January 14, 2016 at 11:42 AM

PF

“ *Pauline and Pete Staffiero and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Jane Luthy Champion .*



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**Pauline and Pete Staffiero and Family** - January 14, 2016 at 09:48 AM

PS

“ *A Lovely lady who was always gracious to everyone she met. I am so glad I got to meet here. We had a wonderful time at the Beach with her and her family. Great memory.*

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**Pauline Staffiero** - January 14, 2016 at 08:51 AM

EC

“ If you do not believe in Angels, just note my Mother's caregivers in her obituary. These ladies have been living Angels- most of them over a decade. Annie Lee, Linda, Frances, Jeanette, Vera, and Evelyn made her last years as comfortable as possible. Wade, Linda's husband may not be an Angel but he took supplies and medications to her in Assisted Living when needed. When Bubba asked for a promise to look after his beloved "Miss Jane" before he died in 2015, he could have had no idea how well and long they honored their promises. I have no words to thank these special folks for all they did above and beyond the call of duty for my Mother and me.

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**Elizabeth Champio** - January 14, 2016 at 05:36 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jane Luthy Champion .



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January 13, 2016 at 08:11 PM

DS

“ Jimmy, we didn't know your Mom, but just by knowing you we know that Mrs. Jane was a beautiful person. You and your family are in our heart, thoughts and prayers. Donna & Jimmy

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**Donna Stewart** - January 13, 2016 at 05:45 PM