



Janie Crowe Oakes Obituary

December 10, 1914 - May 5, 2007

Janie Crowe Oakes, 92, died, Saturday, May 5, 2007, at Morningside Assisted Living where she had been a beloved resident since 2003. Her funeral service will be held Monday, May 7, at 3 p.m. at Kimbrell-Stern. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service with interment at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Nathan Godley will officiate. Born December 10, 1914, in Coolidge, Georgia, she was the daughter of a Thomas county physician, the late Dr. William Henry Crowe and Bertha Roberts Crowe. Mrs. Oakes was a graduate of both Young Harris Academy and Young Harris College where she met Courtenay Oakes, a ministerial student. On Christmas day 1934, they were married. They graduated together from Mercer University in 1938. She loyally served as a Baptist Minister's wife for thirty years in Georgia and Arizona. Mrs. Oakes earned a Masters Degree, from the University of Arizona, in 1963. An English teacher for 32 years, Mrs. Oakes moved to Albany in 1966, to become a member of the first faculty at Albany Junior College, now Darton. She celebrated life with laughter and love and always encouraged her students to join in the celebration. She retired with Professor Emeritus status in 1985, at the age of 71. She was preceded in death by her husband the Rev. Dr. Wm. Courtenay Oakes, Sr. in 1964, her son, Albany attorney, William C. Oakes, Jr., in 2002; three brothers Judge Wm. Jewel Crowe, of Sylvester in 1981, Dr. H. Dewey Crowe, of Albany in 1958, and John Asa Crowe, of Coolidge in 1917. Mrs. Oakes is survived by one daughter Pamela O. Saville and son-in-law Dr. James R. Saville, Jr., of Albany; four grandchildren Amy S. Sansbury

and her husband Bryant, of Florence, S.C., Jay Saville and his wife Ryann, of Albany, W.C. and Chandler Oakes of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; two great grandchildren Jack and Kate Sansbury, a niece, Garland Crowe DuPree of Fitzgerald, and a nephew, Dr. Norman Crowe of Sylvester. Memorials may be made to the Darton College Foundation, 2400 Gillionville Road Albany, Georgia 31707.

Tribute Wall



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“ *My memories of Mrs. Oakes will always begin with a story. She always had a story to tell, showing she lived a well fulfilled life. I am sure that Courtney and Bill were waiting with anxious arms for her. If you were lucky, you may have not only stories but a well versed letter, that she was so adept with. She always had an opinion and would express it. I am so glad that I enjoyed her stories and companionship. May peace be with you. Debbie*

Deborah Mcbean - May 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you be blessed as Mrs. Oakes blessed our family.

Joan and John Burns - May 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ We too, feel the loss of a loving friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jim and Pam.

Norris and Peg Wynne - May 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ With sympathy and deep regret,I am signing this book. Mrs. Oakes was a fine lady and a very special person that I had the pleasure of knowing while a student at Albany Junior College. As a journalism student, I also had the pleasure and opportunity to meet my mentor, Dr. Jim Savelle. I can only say that Mrs. Oakes touched my life and inspired me to seek and achieve my goals in life which was only made better by having known such a special lady and a gifted educator. May God bless all of you during this time of sorrow.

Aaron T. Caldwell - May 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I use to love visiting Ms. Oakes when I worked at Eckerd Drugs. She was also so funny and sweet to me. Her family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jeanne (Humphrey) Brooks - May 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Thinking of you

Nancy Reimer - May 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ This was a grand lady. She was my neighbor for many years. We had great conversations together. She was also my teacher at Darton as well as my daughters. What a great LADY!

Janice Bettencourt - May 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I am a former student of Mrs. Oakes..My prayer is with you at this time. She was a wonderful teacher.

carolyn rouse - May 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I was sorry to hear of the loss of "Miss Janie", but our loss is Heaven's gain. What a wonderful, dedicated, intelligent individual to work with in Special Studies Department for 10 years at AJC. I shall never forget her and her entertaining ways. She was a "little mama" to us all. Must love and prayers to her family.

Judy (Kopp) Howell - May 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My sister is at Morningside and I would see Mrs. Oakes and she would always smile and talk to me. Mrs. Oakes was such a lovely, sweet person to everyone. God bless all of her loved ones and let them smile at the lovely memories of her.

Jerlynn Watson - May 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ What a wonderful and inspiring educator! Mrs Oakes was the kind of teacher that we all aspire to be.

Peggy Lawrence Thomas - May 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Ms Janie was a true inspiration of what joy is about. When I often visit with Dr. Tilley at Morningside, Ms. Janie would always say something to make me smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family today and always.

Buddy & Carrie Reid - May 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ It was with great sorry that I read of Janie Oakes passing. When I attended Albany Junior College, she was one of my favorite instructors, and later became my good friend. I leaned much from her and enjoyed our conversations. I extend my thoughts and prayers to the family

Marie B. Jefferson - May 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I know Gigi is telling everyone about her precious family as she walks the streets of gold! We love you! Heather and Jay

Heather Yeiser - May 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Thank you, Mrs. Oakes, for the inspiration and encouragement you provided during my time in your class at AJC. You never allowed us to give up and insisted that we be our best. I am now an english teacher in north Georgia and count myself lucky to have been one of your students.

Marty Chapman - May 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *What a sad, sad, day. The month of May and Mother's Day, so befitting. That is what you were to me Miss Janie. I will remember your love, your optimism, your intelligence, your elegance, and your understanding of life. You will always be an example to me. Thank you for your love and for your son who gave me the most wonderful part of my life, our boys. I will miss you more than you know. May God bless you and keep you, may He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May He lift up his countenance upon you and give you your well deserved peace. We love you, Lucy, Courtenay, and Chandler Oakes*

Lucy Wallace Oakes - May 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM