



## Mrs. Jenelle Thompson Whatley

October 8, 1922 - November 2, 2018

Jenelle Thompson Whatley, 96, of Albany, died Friday, November 2, 2018. Funeral services will be held at the Walden Chapel at First United Methodist Church on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be held an hour prior to the service at Walden Chapel at 10:00AM. Interment will follow at Floral Memory Gardens. Rev. Thad Haygood will officiate.

Mrs. Whatley was a graduate of Sumner High School, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Georgia College, where she majored in education. She began her teaching career at the Providence School in Worth County before teaching for many years in the Dougherty County School System as a fifth grade teacher and later as a librarian. She was an active and faithful member of the Albany First United Methodist Church, including Young at Heart, United Methodist Women, and served as Secretary of the Elnora Hawke Sunday School Class for many years. She was also a proud member of P.E.O. and the Retired Teachers Association. As a devoted wife of over 52 years, she enjoyed traveling with her husband Bob, tending to their yard together, watching the Atlanta Braves, and reading.

Survivors include her son, William R. Whatley III of Albany, her daughter, Debbie Purvis and her husband, Fred, of Adel, GA, 5 grandchildren, Ross Purvis and his wife, Staci, of Adel, GA, Daniel Purvis of Adel, GA, Ryan Purvis of Pooler, GA, Travis Whatley of Kingsland, GA and Sam Whatley, also of

Kingsland, GA and one great grandchild, John Ross Purvis of Adel, GA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Robert Whatley, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church,  
307 Flint Avenue, Albany, GA 31701.

To share your thoughts with the Whatley family, you may visit our website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Memory Floral

Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Walden Chapel at First United Methodist Church  
307 Flint Ave.  
Albany, GA 31701

## Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Jenelle Thompson Whatley*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Jenelle Thompson Whatley*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Jenelle Thompson Whatley*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Debbie and Robert - I hope you recall how much we loved Jenelle and Bob. The first name our little one said was "Bob." They were the best neighbors we've ever had - always there to help. Thank you for sharing them with us. My heart is with you.*  
*Candy Peacock*

**Candy Peacock** - December 11, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ *Dear Debbie,*  
*So sorry to hear of your mom's passing.*  
*Mother was saddened to hear the news, but she was able to remember the goods times she and your mother had going to church and ladies group together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Virginia Sanderson and daughter Martha*

**martha eldridge** - November 06, 2018 at 05:30 PM

DS

“ Robert and Debbie, So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was a true southern lady! I have many fond memories of her at FUMC. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers....Debbie (TenHagen) Sutton.

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**Debbie Sutton** - November 05, 2018 at 08:00 AM

AH

“ I am so sorry to learn of this sad news. I worked in the Dougherty County School System as a librarian many years ago with Jenelle. Though we were not in the same school, we shared a common bond county-wide. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends...Arleeta Henry

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**Arleeta Henry** - November 04, 2018 at 10:09 PM

GW

“ She and Mr. Bob was members of Georgia Powe Ambassadors. We are sorry to see this but know she is with her heavenly family.

*Garland White*

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**Garland White** - November 04, 2018 at 04:39 PM

GS

“ I remember "Miss Thompson" when I was a student at Isabella school. I never had her but my 4th grade class was next to her's. Then as a grown man my wife and I lived down the street from the Whatleys. Had the pleasure of going to the same church with her for over 50 years. She was always pleasant to be around.

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**Grady Sceals** - November 04, 2018 at 10:09 AM