



## Mrs. Kathryn Brown Wheeler

December 25, 1934 - May 28, 2024

Mrs. Kathryn Brown Wheeler, 89, of Albany died May 28, 2024 at Phoebe Sumter Hospital.

Her memorial service will be Saturday June 1, 2024 10:00AM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Rev. Rev. Galen Mirate will be officiating.

Born Christmas Day, 1934, in Bennettsville, South Carolina to Katherine and Stanley Brown. As a young child the family moved to Albany, where her father traveled selling agricultural equipment. She often accompanied her father on those sales missions, sitting on three cigar boxes in front seat of the car. She learned to love strangers as the farmers' wife's took her into their kitchen for milk and cookies while the men discussed business.

She had a great time at the University of Georgia.

She was sent to Stevens College in Missouri wher she learned how to make snow angels and dazzled her classmates with her southern accent.

She studied interior design at Parsons College in Virginia and worked for Bill and Martha Morrison as a decorator in Albany.

She obtained her teaching degree from Albany State University and had wonderful years teaching fifth grade at Isabella Elementary, then as a reading specialist at Martin Luther King Elementary. She then undertook the creation of the Extended Day Program in Dougherty County Schools after the death of a latchkey child. EDP was the accomplishment of which she was most proud.

After retirement she became a vocational Deacon in the Episcopal Church

and served children in the Diocese of Georgia and Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

She is survived by her husband Daniel Wheeler of 29 years, her son Chip (Sissy) Kelly and Dwight (Susan) Kelly; her grandchildren Heather Harper (Lee), Hannah Gardner (Tim) and Chad Kelly with four great-grandchildren.

## Cemetery Details

### Crown Hill Cemetery

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

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
212 N. Jefferson  
Albany, GA 31701

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ I worked with Kay at both Isabella and MLK Elementary. We shared a classroom at MLK. We would head out for coffee after school on Thursdays to write our lesson plans for the next week. I had to go to the hospital for some abdominal pain when I was pregnant with my first child and Kay drove me there and stayed until my husband arrived. She was a “stand-in mom” for me as my own mother lived 7 hours away. My first child, Katie, is named Kathryn after Kay. ❤️

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**Cyndy Lyle** - June 05, 2024 at 03:54 PM

PH

“ Chip, Dwight and Don, I am so sorry to hear about Ms. Kay's passing. I have known her a majority of my life. From functions at the base, to camping trips and picking the beautiful roses from her father's garden. Our families did enjoy our time together. My condolences, thoughts and prayers will remain with you. May God wrap his loving arms around you all and offer comfort during this difficult time.

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**Peggy Hamlin** - May 31, 2024 at 03:26 PM

NG

“ Condolences to her family. Rest in peace, my dearest friend! Fond memories linger of our long and beautiful friendship.

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**Nancy Griffin** - May 31, 2024 at 12:26 PM

JF

“ *Jon & Virginia Sizemore & family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mrs. Kathryn Brown Wheeler.*



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**Jon & Virginia Sizemore & family** - May 30, 2024 at 02:28 AM

JS

“ *Kay was a blessing to all who knew her, and she touched and enriched the lives of countless people. Kay was an extraordinary woman of faith from whom I learned much. Dan, Chip, Dwight and families; Jon and I are so sorry for your loss.*

*Jon & Virginia Sizemore*

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**Jon and Virginia Sizemore** - May 30, 2024 at 02:05 AM

CL

“ *Chip and family  
I am so sorry to hear about your mom passing away. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Connie Lundy** - May 29, 2024 at 03:53 PM

DK

“ 5 files added to the album A sons memories



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**Dwight Kelly** - May 28, 2024 at 07:51 PM

NR

“ Loved working together in the Dougherty County school system.

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**Nancy Reimer** - May 28, 2024 at 06:06 PM

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*Wonderful woman! She did so, so much for children. Her beginning the Extended Day Program, in 1989 has gone on to provide after-school care for literally thousands of Dougherty County School students these past 35 years! What a blessing for them and their families...*

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**Eric Newman** - May 31, 2024 at 05:58 PM