



Kay H. Hind

November 16, 1930 - April 21, 2025

Kay H. Hind, a dedicated advocate for the elderly and a pillar of the Albany community, passed away peacefully at her home on April 21, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was 94 years old. Kay devoted nearly five decades to enhancing the lives of seniors in Southwest Georgia. Born in Albany, Georgia on November 16, 1930, to Lona Ferguson Huston and Kenneth Tompkins Huston, Kay was the first of two daughters. Kay was a proud graduate of Albany High School. Upon graduation, she attended Georgia Southwestern College (now University) in Americus, Georgia before transferring to the University of Georgia, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics in 1951. She then worked as a Home Economist Extension Agent in Crawford County and Lee County, Georgia.

In 1967, Kay began her journey with the Southwest Georgia Council on Aging, initially working at the Information Referral Center for the Elderly. Her passion and commitment led her to serve as the Executive Director of the SOWEGA Council on Aging for 49 years. Under her leadership, the organization expanded its services across 14 counties. She was instrumental in initiating programs like Meals on Wheels and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Kay's vision culminated in the establishment of the Kay H. Hind Senior Life Enrichment Center in 2013, a lasting testament to her dedication to creating a centralized hub for senior services in the region.

Kay was a familiar face around Albany, where she was an active member of the community. She served in leadership roles for many professional and civic

organizations, including the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Southern Gerontological Society, and the Albany Hospice Board, among others. Kay was recognized nationally, even being commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel. She was a lifetime member of First United Methodist Church, Women in Network, Federated Women's Club, and the Kiwanis Club of Albany-Dougherty County, to name a few. She received the Lifetime Achievement award from the Georgia Aging Network and the Excellence in Leadership award from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. In 2010, she was named a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. In 2012, she was named Distinguished Older Georgian of the Year. The Georgia Gerontology Society established the Kay Hind Award in her honor, which is awarded to an individual who is a driving force in creating change that improves the lives of older adults in Georgia. She was appointed as a delegate to the White House Council on Aging several times and was honored by

Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal with the Servant's Heart award, which recognizes individuals dedicated to helping others.

Although incredibly devoted to her career, the apple of Kay's eye was her family. The matriarch of the family, Kay never missed an opportunity to brag on one of her children or grandchildren and she cherished the time spent around the Sunday dinner table. Always ready for an adventure, she loved to travel, especially on a cruise ship. When she received an invitation, the answer was always "Yes!" Penny Slots, games like Rummikub and Bridge, thrifting at garage sales and Goodwill, her morning cup of coffee with ½ a Sweet-n-Low, and eating fried shrimp at the beach were just a few of the things she loved most. Kay lived life to its fullest in every way possible. Kay leaves behind a large family legacy of which she was incredibly proud. She is survived by her sons, Richard Barnhill and his wife Vicki, Kenneth Barnhill and his wife Mary; daughter Gail Talley and her husband John; 7

grandchildren, Ashley Burke, Melissa Strother and her husband Jay, Caroline Starr and her husband Will, Whitcomb Barnhill and his wife Lindsay, Stephen Barnhill and his wife Laura, Lauren Bowers and her husband Spencer, and Alex Barnhill and his wife Jamie; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her former husband and father of her three children, Whitcomb Richard Barnhill; husband John Carswell Hind, Jr.; her parents, Lona and Kenneth Huston; and sister, Gail Huston.

A service celebrating the life of Kay Hind will be held Thursday, April 24 at 2:00 pm at First Methodist Church (307 Flint Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31701).

The family will receive friends and loved ones in the sanctuary prior to the service from 12:30 until 1:45 pm. A private family interment will follow the service at Crown Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Methodist Church Bell Tower Fund 307 Flint Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31707

Cemetery Details

Private Burial

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave.
Albany, GA 31701

Funeral Service

APR 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave.
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Sorry To Hear Of The Passing Of Ms Kay Hinds ' She Was Such A Joy To Work For ' So Classy ' Sweet ' Funny & Kind ' She Will Truly Be Missed ' Much Love Janet Haynes & Family ”



janet Haynes - December 02, 2025 at 01:18 PM

JB

“ Janice B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay H. Hind.

Janice B. - April 30, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JT

“ Dear family, I had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Hind some years ago. She was a wonderful boss & LOVED what she was doing!! Prayers for you, and may God give each of you peace & comfort in the days ahead that only He can give! Sincerely, Janice B. Tanner



Janice B. Tanner - April 30, 2025 at 01:37 PM

MF

“ She was an angel on Earth she will me missed.

Mary Ann Florido - April 26, 2025 at 04:44 PM

PM

“ Loved Kay... Great advocate; great sense of humor... Condolences to the family.

Penny Medhurst - April 25, 2025 at 02:49 PM

MW

“ I met Mrs. Hind at the Agency on 2nd Avenue. I thanked her for her advocacy for us Seniors. I also went to Senior Day at the Capitol. I told her she was my "Shero". She giggled and said, " No one has ever called me that before. " But she is to me. Family, be of good cheer because she has done a lot to help her fellow man.

Mattie R Wright - April 24, 2025 at 12:33 PM

RF

“ Robert & Jill Withrow and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay H. Hind.

Robert & Jill Withrow and family - April 24, 2025 at 11:27 AM

RF

“ Robert & Jill Withrow and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kay H. Hind.



Robert & Jill Withrow and family - April 24, 2025 at 11:27 AM

JF

“ Jay, Ivy, Anna & Olivia Francisco purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kay H. Hind.



Jay, Ivy, Anna & Olivia Francisco - April 23, 2025 at 10:51 PM

JF

“ Jay, Ivy, Anna & Olivia Francisco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay H. Hind.

Jay, Ivy, Anna & Olivia Francisco - April 23, 2025 at 10:51 PM

TR

“ The Rohrs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay H. Hind.

The Rohrs - April 23, 2025 at 09:36 PM

TR

“ The Rohrs purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kay H. Hind.



The Rohrs - April 23, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ Lit a candle 🕯️ in Remembrance



Elena Taylor - April 23, 2025 at 09:31 PM

SD

“ Superintendent Kenneth Dyer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kay H. Hind.



Superintendent Kenneth Dyer - April 23, 2025 at 08:25 PM

DE

“ Dougherty County Board of Education planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay H. Hind.

Dougherty County Board of Education - April 23, 2025 at 08:22 PM

DE

“ Dougherty County Board of Education purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kay H. Hind.



Dougherty County Board of Education - April 23, 2025 at 08:22 PM

BC

“ Bill and Ginger Crocker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay H. Hind.

Bill and Ginger Crocker - April 23, 2025 at 11:15 AM

BC

“ *Bill and Ginger Crocker purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kay H. Hind.*



Bill and Ginger Crocker - April 23, 2025 at 11:15 AM

PM

“ *Beautiful tribute to an amazing woman! Kay was a pioneer in her field and did so much for the aging population, as evidenced in this wonderful obit.*

So many people loved Kay and appreciated her so much. She was, definitely, an influence in my life. I will never forget Kay Hinds!!! RIP my sweet friend.

Patsy Martin - April 23, 2025 at 10:41 AM

JH

“ *Ms. Hind was a wonderful lady who touched many lives. I've sure missed her since she retired from the agency - she was a great leader who was passionate about improving the lives of older adults. We would drive to Atlanta for GGS meetings throughout the years and would stop for a bite to eat and sometimes do a little shopping!*

Jami Harper - April 23, 2025 at 08:45 AM

PH

“ *I am glad to have known Kay. She was clearly a special person, thoughtful and caring and fun. She has left the world a better place.*

Phillip Hodges - April 23, 2025 at 07:51 AM

DS

“ Richard, Ken and Gail, so sorry to hear about your Mom. What a legacy she leaves behind! She was a true southern lady and left a lasting impression on all who knew her. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers! Debbie TenHagen Sutton



Debbie Sutton - April 22, 2025 at 10:04 PM

DC

“ began missing Ms. Hind as soon as she left Sowega Council on Aging. Things changed as soon as she left. She was a good leader. Condolences to the family.

DIANNE CHRISTMAS - April 22, 2025 at 07:12 PM

LW

“ Larry and Kimberly Wilkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay H. Hind.

Larry and Kimberly Wilkins - April 22, 2025 at 05:47 PM

LW

“ Larry and Kimberly Wilkins purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Kay H. Hind.



Larry and Kimberly Wilkins - April 22, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kay H. Hind.

April 22, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kay H. Hind.*



April 22, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ *ms Hines was one of a kind, very sweet lady, when we would all go off together she would introduce me as her personal body guard. Thanks for the memories
Carroll & Linda Harper*

Carroll & Linda Harper - April 22, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *Mrs. Hind was a wonderful advocate for the elderly and disabled in the SOWEGA area. As an RN working with the Elderly and Disabled Community, I have the honor of seeing the huge impact she has made improving the quality of life for this precious population! She was a classmate of my grandmother at Albany High School and was just a genuinely good human. She will be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing her.*

Skye Ingram, RN - April 22, 2025 at 03:08 PM



Ms Hinds was a trailblazer and an amazing “human calculator “ a strong and resilient woman. I am happy to have met her during my advocacy with AARP then having the opportunity to work for SOWEGA as a Program Assistant. She was missed already and truly will be missed. My sincere condolences to her family

Gloria Robinson - April 24, 2025 at 12:56 PM

VC

“ Ms. Hind was one of a kind. The best boss anyone could ask for. I loved her and loved working for her. She will be missed.

Vicki Fowler Cribbs - April 22, 2025 at 01:45 PM

JM

“ Ms Kay was a true gem in Albany for so long. She worked tirelessly for the betterment of the community and touched so many lives. May God bless and comfort her family and friends.

Judy Mathis - April 22, 2025 at 09:44 AM

CH

“ Kay will be deeply missed by this whole community. She was a rock!

Carolyn Hatcher - April 22, 2025 at 08:38 AM

TP

“ My dear sweet mama bear, rest well.....

Always your front line Hola girl (2002-2018)

Tina La Placa - April 22, 2025 at 01:34 AM

CL

“ My deepest sympathy to Miss Kay's family and friends.. she and my mom were friends. Our community will definitely miss her. 🙏



Connie Lundy - April 21, 2025 at 06:39 PM

BO

“ Known Kay since the 6th grade and always impressed with her eagerness to lead and be involved in the Albany community. Raised a wonderful family ; always a kind and patient mother. She will be missed by all.

Bobby Osburn - April 21, 2025 at 04:40 PM

BO

“ Bobby and Iris Osburn purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kay H. Hind.



Bobby and Iris Osburn - April 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM