



## Mrs. Lydia Emmagene Schaller Arneson

October 26, 1917 - March 11, 2017

Lydia Emmagene Schaller Arneson of Albany, Georgia, passed away on March 11, 2017, at Wynfield Park.

Graveside services will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, March 14, at Crown Hill Cemetery. Officiating will be Pastor Charles Thompson. Interment will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, March 13.

Lydia was born October 26, 1917, in Holmen, Wisconsin to Frank and Edna Anderson Schaller. She grew up in Onalaska, Wisconsin. She graduated from Onalaska High School and attended what was then called LaCrosse Teachers College.

She married Major Arneson on October 8, 1938. In 1940 they moved to Albany, Georgia, where they reopened Radium Springs and Golf Course. It had been closed for several years.

Mrs. Arneson was a charter member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church. She was a member of the Lutheran Church Women, and was the first woman to serve on the church council. She taught Sunday School for ten years and served as church secretary and as an assisting minister.

She worked ten years for the Railway Express, and later at several resorts in Florida and Minnesota. She also served as president of Broad Avenue School Parent Teachers, the PTA council of Albany, and the Eugemar Garden Club.

Mrs. Arneson was preceded in death by her husband, Major Arneson, of Albany; her son, Stephen Arneson of Leesburg; her sisters, Helen Allen, of

Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and Dorothy Houser of West Salem, Wisconsin; her brother Vincent Schaller and his wife Kathryn, both of Onalaska, Wisconsin; and her brother, Raymond Schaller of Onalaska, Wisconsin.

Survivors include her daughter, Carolyn and Steven Purrier of Albany; her daughter-in-law Joann Arneson of Leesburg; her two granddaughters, Kimberly Purrier of Albany; and Jennifer and Kevin Johnson, of Hawkinsville. Also surviving are three great-granddaughters, Abigail, Rebecca, and Kaitlyn Johnson of Hawkinsville. Other survivors are her brother, Frank Schaller, of Ames, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Life Center at 1117 Perimeter Center West, Suite E11, Atlanta, GA 30338; the Albany Humane Society at 1705 West Oakridge Drive, Albany, GA 31707; or the Sally Wetherbee Adoption Center at 2223 Dawson Road, Albany, GA 31707.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lydia Emmagene Schaller Arneson*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ *Mrs. Lydia Emmagene Schaller Arneson*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



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**Joann Arneson** - April 09, 2017 at 05:32 PM

SJ

“ Joann, I am Stan Jones a student of Steve's from the early 70s. I visited with your mother in law several times in recent weeks. I told her who I was & that I had met her several times over the years walking with Major Arneson. I visited with Steve & Major in the store over the years and became friends with Major as well. Sorry for the families loss but I am sure she is now much happier being in Heaven with Major & Steve. Stan Jones Eleanor banks and I talked about you & your reunion while in P C last weekend, nice ladies

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**Stan Jones** - March 16, 2017 at 05:05 PM

DA

“ Almost 80 years of warm memories. Rest In Peace. Dave and Mary Arneson

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**David Arneson** - March 14, 2017 at 09:42 PM

CC

“ Carolyn and Family, Jo Ann, So sorry to hear about Ms. Arneson's death. I remember her when I often visited assisted living. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Cheryl and Bill Chambers

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**Cheryl Chambers** - March 13, 2017 at 08:25 AM