



## Marie Davis Waitsman

April 3, 1926 - March 22, 2020

Marie Davis Waitsman, 93, of Americus, died Sunday, March 22, 2020 at Magnolia Manor.

Mrs. Waitsman will have a private burial service at Andersonville National Cemetery.

Mrs. Waitsman was born in St. Petersburg, FL and had lived in Americus for over 70 years. She graduated with a BA degree from Florida State University. She and her husband, the late Leonard J. Waitsman, owned and operated several business in Americus. She was very active in community affairs in Sumter County. Mrs. Waitsman established multiple scholarships at South Georgia Technical College including the Kitty Battle and Laurie Jessop Health Care Endowed Scholarship, and endowed scholarships in both Marketing and Criminal Justice. She was the top individual fundraiser for the Relay for Life for 10 years. She was awarded the Americus Sumter County Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year in 1996. Mrs. Waitsman was also honored with the Walk of Fame inaugural induction. She was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Board of the American Red Cross, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Waitsman is survived by 2 children: Shirlee Wadsworth (Jim), Rick Waitsman (Mindy); 2 siblings: Arlene Rosenthal, Allan Davis; 4 grandchildren: Jessica Figueroa, Shelley Linens (Adam), Melissa Kincaid (Anthony), Lily

Sara Waitsman; 2 great grandchildren: Madeline Figueroa, Finn Kincaid.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Relay for Life American Cancer Society, South Georgia Technical College Leonard and Marie Waitsman Scholarship, Magnolia Manor Good Samaritan, or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## **Andersonville National Cemetery**

496 Cemetery Rd  
Andersonville, GA 31711

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marie Davis Waitsman*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Marie Davis Waitsman*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Shirlee and Rick-we are so saddened to learn of your mom's passing. We had many good times with your mom and dad. They were an amazing pair and contributed so much to the community. Please know how much we care. Love and prayers to you both.  
Ann and BT Johnson*

**Ann and BT Johnson** - April 01, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ *We will miss her fantastic personality and energy. Americus has lost two of its greatest citizens with the loss of Marie and Leonard.  
Ronald and Georgia Scott*

**Ronald Scott** - March 25, 2020 at 06:01 PM

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“ Shirlee and Jim, Rick and Mindy,

*I have such rich memories of Marie and Leonard. I'm know you have an even greater store to treasure and to keep her ever with you. May those carry you through your time of loss.*

*I never met Marie without first hearing the latest news of each of you. How proud she was of you all!*

*I remember her annual call for Relay for Life; who could possibly say no? And I remember sitting with both of your parents at the annual seder dinners at Calvary Episcopal Church a yearly reminder of how fully engaged and supportive they were of all that was Americus.*

*My life is certainly richer for having known both Marie and Leonard. May their memories and their generosity be blessed forever.*

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**Clive Rainey** - March 25, 2020 at 09:43 AM

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*Shirlee and Rick-what an AWESOME mom you had and I certainly cannot leave your dad out. We spent many fun and happy times at their home. They were always such energetic advocates for Americus. B. T. and I send our love and prayers to you both and your families.*

*Sincerely,  
Ann Johnson*

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**Ann Johnson** - March 26, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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“*Mrs. Marie was such a kind, sweet, yet fun-loving soul. She always had a quick wit and an interesting story to share. She loved her community and it showed. I didn't get the privilege of knowing Mrs. Marie until late in her life but she always had such a kind smile and warm thoughts. I was shocked, one day, when she told me that she had a Pilot's License and loved to fly. We have lost a dear treasure in Americus.*

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**John Watford** - March 24, 2020 at 05:05 PM