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Marjorie (Marge) Unger of Albany, GA, left this world for her heavenly reward on September 4, 2023, after succumbing to cancer. She was born November 21, 1930 in Pittsburgh, PA., she grew up in Imperial, PA the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Philips, both pre-deceased. Her brother was the late William Philips and sister, the late Joanne Rossman. Marge graduated from Imperial High School in 1948 where she played the flute in the school band. She attended Westminster College in Wilmington, Pa, later graduating from Brockport, State Teachers college in New York with a degree in Elementary Education. She was married to Raymond F. Unger, Jr for 60 years until he passed away in 2011. They met in Lakeside, Ohio where she was a waitress, and he was a regular diner. Ray and Marge raised their 4 children in the Rochester NY area and later moved to Simpsonville, SC where she lived until she moved to Albany in 2018. Marge taught first grade in the Spencerport, NY school system for 19 years. She was an active, dedicated member of Aldersgate UMC, North Chili Methodist, Simpsonville United Methodist (SC) and Avalon United Methodist. At each church she sang in their choirs and was generous with her time and gifts. Marge served by going on three mission trips to Honduras. She loved her cats, gardening and going camping with her family to numerous destinations including a 1969 motor trip across the United States. For many years, she and Ray enjoyed their summer cabin outside of

Campbell, NY.

She and Ray enjoyed life together through group travel with Christian tours, playing Bridge, attending Marriage Encounter weekends, Bowling, and Square Dancing. Marge was active in retirement, volunteering at the Strong Children's Museum in Rochester, NY and hospital systems in Greenville, SC and Albany, GA. She also volunteered with Whiz Kids at Covenant Presbyterian in Albany, GA. A lifelong fitness enthusiast, she had many friends at YMCAs in South Carolina and Georgia. In fitness, Marge was ahead of her time, advancing from Jack LaLanne to running and later walking up to four miles a day.

Marge is survived by her 4 children and their spouses: Steve Unger (Peggy Rosoff) of Wilmington, NC, Patricia Pernicano (Kevin) of New Braunfels, TX, Gary Unger (Suzanne) of Leesburg, GA, and Bruce Unger (Cathy) of Wenatchee, WA. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 10:00-11:00 AM on Saturday, October 14, 2023, in the sanctuary of Avalon United Methodist Church of Albany, GA. A service of celebration for Marge will follow at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Debbie Cone officiating. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Georgia Hospice Care of Albany, 2425 Westgate Drive, Suite 121, Albany, GA 31707 or Avalon UMC, 3018 Gillionville Rd, Albany, GA. 31721.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Avalon United Methodist Church  
3018 Gillionville Rd  
Albany, GA 31721

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Barbara O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marjorie June Philips Unger.

Barbara O. - October 02, 2023 at 12:39 PM

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“ Marge was a fire ball at Simpsonville United Methodist Church. She was always busy helping out. Went to Honduras with me on a mission trip. Spent 5 long days helping the poor people of Honduras. As usual, she never stopped helping. What a delight she was. Ken K.

Kenneth Knox - September 18, 2023 at 09:24 PM

PM

“ Gary and Suzanne: So sorry to hear of the death of Gary's sweet mom. Prayers for you and your family,,,that the following days will be filled with happy memories of her influence on each of you.

Patsy Martin - September 18, 2023 at 01:25 PM

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“ Debbie Long lit a candle in memory of Marjorie June Philips Unger



Debbie Long - September 18, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Leslie Gregg Alteneder lit a candle in memory of Marjorie June Philips Unger*



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**Leslie Gregg Alteneder** - September 07, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ *Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of Marjorie June Philips Unger*



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**Elena Taylor** - September 07, 2023 at 06:06 PM