



## Martha Russell Hester

December 3, 1928 - February 27, 2024

Martha Russell Hester, 95, of Albany, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Her memorial service will be at 2 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Galen Mirate and the Rev. Ann Heinemann will officiate. The family will receive friends following the service. Her cremated remains will be buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Martha is survived by her two sons: Wade Hampton Hester, III, Athens, GA, and Mark Russell Hester (Susan), Albany, GA; "grand dog" Lennon. Martha was married to Wade Hampton Hester, Jr. in 1955 and he passed away in 2011. Martha's parents were Thomas Pickens Russell, MD and Irene Dillard Russell; her brother was Paul Thomas Russell, MD and his wife Anne Lucille Skelton Russell; all preceded her in death.

Martha graduated from Waycross High School and attended Shorter College. She graduated from the University of Georgia where she majored in microbiology. She moved from Athens to Albany and worked in the bacteriology lab at the Department of Human Resources for 47 years. Martha was a member of the Junior League of Albany and the Albany Little Theatre. She was a charter member of Doublegate Country Club. She and her husband were avid golf fans and enjoyed going to tournaments throughout the

Southeast where they made many lifelong friends.

Martha joined her beloved church, St. Paul's Episcopal and was a member for 68 years. Members of the church were so kind and thoughtful to her through the years. They were always bringing flowers from Sunday services and delicious sweet treats. The family gives special thanks for their kindness and love. As a mother of two boys, Martha enjoyed the company of other Episcopalian mothers each week at 4 PM to have libations and socialize. Seven St. Paul's members made up this group known as "The Mondays"; Jo Jones, Alice Bell, Lucille Keenan, Mary Faulk, Rosalie Clark, Mimi Newcomb, and Martha. Through the years, many more joined the group. The family wishes to thank the people of Georgia Hospice for the kind care for Martha.

Other surviving family members include great nephews: Dr. Paul Thomas Russell, III (Donna), Nashville, TN, Griffith Blocker Russell, Marina Del Rey, CA, William Bledsoe Timmerman (April), Norristown, PA; nieces: Ruth "Sissy" Russell, Nashville, TN, Kathy Warren Russell, Albany, June Thornton Russell, Albany; great nieces Elizabeth Spears Russell Canady, Mendocionno, CA, Lucy Timmerman Underwood (Miles), Zurich, Switzerland.

Those desiring may send memorials to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson St., Albany, GA 31701.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Saint Pauls Episcopal Church  
212 N Jefferson St  
Albany, GA 31701  
(229) 436-0196

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Wade and Mark, I'm saddened for the loss of your mother.  
You both are in my thoughts and prayers💙



Robin Spires - May 06, 2024 at 03:25 PM

PF

“ My condolences to you Mark and Wade and to all the loving others for your loss. She helped raise some pretty important people in other people's lives:Thanks Martha for your gift of life! Big warm hug to you Mark and Wade, Paul

Paul Fenton - March 15, 2024 at 12:53 PM

TD

“ The Daughtrys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Russell Hester.

The Daughtrys - March 10, 2024 at 06:13 PM

TD

“ The Daughtrys purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Martha Russell  
Hester.



The Daughtrys - March 10, 2024 at 06:13 PM

SK

“ Mark & Wade praying for you in this of grief.

Steven Knight - March 09, 2024 at 02:05 AM

LE

“ Mark and Wade your mother adored you both and I will be praying for y'all...

Leah - March 08, 2024 at 08:01 PM

LE

“ Mrs. Martha it was an honor to be able to take care of you and you will truly be missed! I will cherish our memories forever and ever...

Leah - March 08, 2024 at 08:00 PM

LP

“ Mark and Wade, your mother was always so kind and good to the Hodges and Wright families. She will be missed by many- I know I always enjoyed seeing her and catching up through the years. LP

Lauren Hodges Phillips - March 07, 2024 at 09:55 PM

GR

“ Mark and family, so sorry for your loss, prayers for you all

greg rowe, Dougherty County EMS Chief Re - March 03, 2024 at 06:53 PM

TF

“ The Faulk and Montgomery families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Russell Hester.

The Faulk and Montgomery families - March 03, 2024 at 06:31 PM

TF

“ *The Faulk and Montgomery families purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Martha Russell Hester.*



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**The Faulk and Montgomery families** - March 03, 2024 at 06:31 PM

TB

“ *Mark and Wade, I'm very saddened to learn of the passing of your mother. She lived a full life and raised two fine men. My deepest condolences and may she rest in peace.*

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**Tim Bryan** - March 03, 2024 at 10:05 AM

LW

“ *Mark and Wade, I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Prayers for you both and your families!* 🙏🙏



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**Leanne S. Williams** - March 02, 2024 at 06:31 PM

SS

“ *Wade and Mark, I'm so sorry to hear about your Mother. So many wonderful memories of her beautiful warm smile. I loved her dearly. Oh to hear again, "Oh Susie, you look buck!" I know they are all together as it should be. You are both in my heart.*

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**Susan Dowdell Smith** - March 02, 2024 at 10:41 AM

JS

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of a sweet lady . The good times at Craft's Court will be forever fond memories. Love from Jim& Annette*

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**jim scholze** - March 01, 2024 at 02:09 PM