



## Mary Brown Rogers Heritage

August 28, 1924 - February 6, 2025

Mary Brown Rogers Heritage died peacefully in her apartment at Harmony in Savannah, on February 6, 2025 at the remarkable age of 100. She brought joy to all who met her, greeting the world with a generous smile, a peaceful presence, maybe a song and a curious, encyclopedic mind.

She was born in Albany, Georgia on August 28th, 1924 to Judge Hudson Jenkins Malone and Katie Sue Reese Malone. She was graduated from Albany High in 1941 and Wesleyan College in 1945 with a Bachelor's in Speech and Theater. Mary Brown had a lifelong love of performance, storytelling, recitation of poetry and music.

While Mary Brown was a student at Wesleyan she met and fell in love with a young army officer, Captain David Clyde Rogers. She and David were married in March of 1946, after David returned from service in India during WW2.

Mary Brown and Dave moved from Albany to Atlanta where they were founding members of Wieuca Road Baptist Church. It was at Wieuca Road that Mary Brown developed a love for teaching children and helping families. She returned to university and was graduated from Georgia State University with a Ph.D. in Clinical Child Psychology in 1971. Mary Brown and Dave moved to Northern Virginia in 1970 where Dave went on active duty as a Colonel at Selective Service. In 1977, after service in public psychology and

counseling, Mary Brown was a founding partner of Vienna Family Therapy Center in Vienna, Virginia, serving children and their families. She had developed a specialty in Play Therapy.

Mary Brown suffered a profound loss when Dave died in May of 1978 after a brief battle with cancer. She found solace in her work, her church, international travel, family and friends, and she deepened her commitment to helping others in grief.

In 1990 Mary Brown married William Holt Heritage, a member of her Columbia Baptist Sunday School Class, and they enjoyed retirement in Clearwater, Florida.

Mary Brown moved back to her home town of Albany in 2005, after Holt's death, to enjoy her extended family and friends, especially her cousin, Allie Pate. Mary Brown was an active member and on staff at First Methodist as a lay visitor, grief counselor and grief group leader.

Mary Brown relished being, as she would say, "In the bosom of her family". She is survived by her three children, Carol Rogers Smith (Clark Weldon, who died September, 2024), Hudson Clyde Rogers, M.D.(Lynn Horres) and Jefferson Rogers, Psy.D (Linda Kiernan). She was a devoted grandmother to four grandchildren, Georgeanna Reese Connors (Michael), Hudson Malone Rogers (Margaret), Alexander Welling Rogers (Brooke), and John Owen Rogers, and two step-grandchildren, Kyle Matthew Jermyn (Erin) and Cori Lee Jermyn, five great-grandchildren, Reese Edward Connors, Riley Weldon Connors, Elizabeth Rutherford Rogers, Mary Frances Welling Rogers and Hudson Doar Rogers, and two step great-grandchildren, Aubree Lynn Jermyn and Maia Annslee Jermyn.

Mary Brown moved to Savannah in 2023 and was a member of Christ Church

Anglican where she had many friends. She resided at Harmony in Savannah where she was loved and cared for.

Saturday, February 15th, the family will receive visitors at First Methodist, Albany, Georgia at 10:00am, followed by her funeral and celebration of her life at 11:00am, with internment at Crown Hill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-6600  
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ford Hall at First Methodist Church  
307 Flint Ave.  
Albany, GA 31701

## Funeral Service

FEB 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Walden Chapel at First Methodist Church  
307 Flint Ave.  
Albany  
Albany, GA 31701

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with each of you family members in the loss of your precious mother, grandmother, & great-grandmother! How blessed you were to have her in your lives so long! Carol, I fondly remember the times we spent together when you would visit your sweet grandparents in the summer! (My mother worked for Judge Malone for 25 years! We also loved your Aunt Louise Kerby.) May God give you peace in the days ahead as only He can give. My love to all!*



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**Janice Butler Tanner** - February 15, 2025 at 03:18 PM

TA

“ *The Staff and Board of the AAC purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Brown Rogers Heritage.*



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**The Staff and Board of the AAC** - February 14, 2025 at 07:03 PM

MH

“ *I met her when my husband passed, I had tried to handle my grief by myself, not doing a good job. I was encouraged to go to the grief session. She was such an inspiring lady and helped me through this difficult time. She has always held a special place in my heart. Later I went to a Bible study she was in and she always asked me how I was doing. Indeed heave*

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**Mary Hood** - February 14, 2025 at 09:10 AM

DB

“ *What a beautiful soul that entered my life and entrusted me with her precious family home in Rawson Circile early in my career to design and manage the renovation. I remember her sweet spirit and enthusiasm as we worked on this project together. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time, but I know Dr. Heritage heard, "Well done, my good and faithful servant," when she entered Heaven.*

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**Dave Branch** - February 14, 2025 at 05:40 AM

PM

“ *What an angel God sent First Methodist in the person of Mary Brown Heritage. She always had a smile and a heart of passion for the senior members of First Methodist Church. May God grant all of us just a little of the joy Mary Brown Heritage brought to so many. RIP dear friend.*

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**Patsy Martin** - February 12, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *Mary Brown was such an angel to visit with my mother. They had been friends forever. We always had a glass of water with no ice and a few cookies for her to enjoy during her visit. She was a beautiful lady. I am sure she and my mother are chatting in heaven. Two beautiful angels!!*

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**Susan Owens Greene** - February 11, 2025 at 08:41 AM

CA

“ *Ms. Mary was the sweetest person I think I have ever known. Sending love and prayers to the family. Rest easy beautiful ❤️*

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**Carissa** - February 11, 2025 at 07:09 AM



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**Elena Taylor** - February 10, 2025 at 10:45 PM

SS

“ *Recently going through my Mothers childhood photos, many were of Mary Brown. Truly she was her dearest lifelong friend. Her purpose in life seemed to be devoted to the well being of others. What a wonderful long life she lived.*

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**Susan Dowdell Smith** - February 09, 2025 at 08:00 AM