



Mrs. Mary Edna Young Herndon

September 1, 1928 - February 5, 2021

Mrs. Mary Edna Young Herndon, 92, of Albany, Georgia, died February 5, 2021 at the Willson Hospice House. Mrs. Herndon was born to the late Malcolm Jefferson Young and Thelma Adams Young on September 1, 1928 in Louisville, Kentucky. She was a graduate of Americus High School and attended Georgia Southwestern College. She married John David Herndon, Jr. on March 22, 1946 at Central Baptist Church in Americus, Georgia. They had been married one month short of 65 years when he died in 2011. They moved to Albany in 1946 and joined First Baptist Church of Albany. She was a member of FBC from 1947 to 2007 when she moved her membership to Albany First United Methodist Church. She had been a member of Albany First UMC for 14 years at the time of her death.

Mrs. Herndon worked at Albany High School from 1960 to 1966. She then went to work at Deerfield School from 1966 to 1976 where she was the first secretary for the school. In 1976 she went to work at First Baptist Church Albany as the Financial Secretary. In 1998 she thought she had retired but that was not to be. After 2 weeks she went to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany and served as the Financial Secretary until 2013 when she retired for good.

Mrs. Herndon was a member of Thronateeska Chapter of DAR and the Fellowship Sunday School class at First United Methodist Church. She loved

her Lord, her family, her church, and her friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David and Linda Herndon of High Rolls, New Mexico; her daughter, Becky Herndon of Albany; two grandchildren, Kathy Herndon Peterson (Todd) of El Paso, Texas and Thomas Herndon (Laura) of San Antonio, Texas; and 5 great grandchildren, Brayden, Maura, Saraya, Kaleb, and Micah all of Texas; and a niece, Henri Drew of Lee County.

The family will have a private funeral service and burial.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimers Outreach Center (229 N. Jackson Street, Albany, Georgia 31701); to First United Methodist Church (307 Flint Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31701); or to the Media Centers at Deerfield Windsor School (PO Box 71149, Albany, Georgia 31708).

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Edna Young Herndon*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Edna Young Herndon*



Elena Taylor - November 06, 2021 at 05:28 AM



“ *Becky and David. Sorry to hear of your mothers passing. We were always such great friends through church and personal lives. If there's anything at all I can do let me know. Zach.*

Zack Strickland - February 12, 2021 at 12:05 PM



Miss Becky, sorry about your mom she was a special person who loved always like it when she came to nursery prayers for the family
T

margo cox - February 12, 2021 at 02:46 PM



Becky I am so sorry to hear about your mom she was a sweet lady and I will remember her at Deerfield and the Church my thought and prayers are with you

Cathy Brady - February 28, 2021 at 05:47 PM

CB

Don't know if you know my married name Cathy Doyal Brady

Cathy Doyal Brady - February 28, 2021 at 05:54 PM

SG

“ *Becky I was so sorry to hear about your sweet Mama. I always loved seeing her with you! She and your Daddy were strong Christian folks who led us by example. You are in my prayers during this very difficult time. Susan Geeslin*

susan geeslin - February 11, 2021 at 08:47 PM

RM

“ *What a wonderful family. John teamed up with Don Lanier to teach us Junior boys in Sunday School at FBC Albany. She was a mother to many of us. Always smiling, caring and took time to listen. She and John made our world a better place. Raleigh Mann (Albany 1941-1964) now Macon.*

Raleigh Mann - February 11, 2021 at 11:37 AM

BE

“ *Dear Becky,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I have many great memories of our conversations at church and in the office at FBCA. She always treated me with special care. Please know that we're praying for you and yours. I'm thankful we'll see her again.*

Bruce English - February 09, 2021 at 11:47 AM

CB

“ *Becky,
Mary was such a sweet lady. I'll remember her fondly until the day that we all meet again. Chris & Sherry*

Chris Butts - February 08, 2021 at 05:50 PM

DB

“ Dear Becky and family,

I am so sad to see this. What a sweet, sweet, soul that Ms. Mary. She was such a good friend to my Mom and grandparents, and she will always have a special place in my heart, as will your entire family. I am praying for all of you, but rejoicing that she is in Heaven and enjoying every moment. Love to all of you!

Dave Branch - February 08, 2021 at 04:15 PM

JT

“ *What a sweet lady who really cared about others - she will be sorely missed by us all*
Jimmy & Pam Taylor

james Taylor - February 08, 2021 at 11:01 AM

NB

“ *We have many fond memories of Mary during our time at FBC, Albany. She was a gracious lady, a dedicated Christian and a good friend. Our prayers are with you all.*
Neil & Cindy Brown

Neil & Cindy Brown - February 08, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ *Loved sweet Mrs. Herndon! I remember working with her all those years ago at Deerfield, in the front office. She was and has always been a joy! She will be missed!!*

Jennifer VanZandt - February 08, 2021 at 10:40 AM

JB

“ Dear Becky, This world is a poorer place because your sweet Mama is no longer here but I know that Heaven is rejoicing. I first knew Mary at FBC downtown and she was unfailingly cheerful and helpful. Later I was with her in DAR and we were in the same hostess group and worked together. She was always aware of the needs of others and did what she could to make things better. I received many cards from her over the years to encourage and comfort me. We will miss her greatly and are grieving with you over her absence in our lives. Cherish the wonderful memories.
With love,
Jo Ann and Bill Bates

Jo Ann H Bates - February 08, 2021 at 10:04 AM

GD

“ Dear Becky and family, in my Facebook post about Mary, I stated that she was one of the kindest people I have ever known. As a young teacher at Deerfield school, Mary was my anchor. Indeed, she helped us all and was the “go to” person for all of our needs. Her ready smile, easy, comforting manner, and optimistic outlook made others feel better. My heart aches for the pain we feel by her absence, but we count ourselves lucky to have known her in our own journey on this earth. Rest In Peace, dear Mary! You were loved by many!❤️

Glenda Dews - February 08, 2021 at 09:48 AM

AB

“ *Becky, I am so sorry to learn of your Mom's passing. She was such a wonderful person. Of course, I knew her from church, but I also remember her at Deerfield as she perfectly did her job with such grace and wisdom. Those were skills she continued at First Baptist. I had no idea she continued to work as she did, but I have no doubt she continued to give and give of herself as she always did. She was always an encourager whenever I saw her. Praying for you and all of the family during this time, but I also know you have many wonderful memories with her that will continue to bless you in the days ahead.*

Anne Bishop - February 07, 2021 at 08:59 PM

JW

“ *Becky, We are sad to hear of Mary's passing but know there was some serious rejoicing in heaven when she arrived! We loved her and always enjoyed seeing her...so many great memories. Pray God's comfort for you.*
Tom and Julie Walker

Julie Walker - February 07, 2021 at 08:47 PM

LS

“ *Becky, my love and prayers are with you. Your mother was such a sweet Christian woman and friend. My mother always talked about her sweet disposition, and we both enjoyed our conversations with her.* ❤️

Leslie Wright Samford - February 07, 2021 at 07:21 PM

KG

“ *Becky, we are so sorry to hear of your dear mother’s death. Please know that you are in our prayers for God’s comfort and peace to be with you and all your family.*
Keith and Dianne Gaines

Keith Gaines - February 07, 2021 at 05:14 PM

PA

“ *I can’t begin to say how much I will miss our sweet little Mary. She was a pleasure to get to know and I’ll always be thankful for the time we spent together on our day once a week for so many years. She was the epitome of what a Christian woman is and had such faith that she shared happily. I, along with James, loved her and will miss her presence for quite some time. Our thoughts will be with you Becky and your family as you adjust to this void in your lives as well as her loved ones and church family. Pat and James*

Patti Ashcraft - February 07, 2021 at 02:50 PM

JY

“ *Becky, so sorry about your Mother. Both of your parents were jewels and they are together again in Jesus presence.*

Jeff Young - February 07, 2021 at 10:40 AM

DC

“ *So sorry. Mary Edna will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by many and especially the Young family.*

Donna Young Crow - February 07, 2021 at 06:47 AM

NR

“ *So sad to see this. Thinking about you Becky. I will miss all our Young family talks with your mother.*

Nancy Reimer - February 06, 2021 at 08:49 PM

KP

“ *Becky my heart goes out to you over the loss of your mother. What a wonderful lady and a wonderful well lived life serving so many!! She was very lucky to have such a terrific daughter. Treasure the memories. May her life be a blessing.*

Kathy Prisant - February 06, 2021 at 08:39 PM

LP

“ *Mrs. Mary was such a blessing to our family. I credit her prayers and those of others for Ashley's healing from Lymphoma. She would ask about her each Wednesday night, as Ashley was going through chemotherapy and radiation. She thrilled with delight as I shared photos of our grandsons and would marvel at their growth. She offered such love to so many! Becky, David, our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.*

Laura Jones Pasteka - February 06, 2021 at 04:12 PM

JY

“ *Becky my thoughts and prayers are with you. Your Mom was such a special person. If I can do anything, please let me know.*

Jacque Yeoman - February 06, 2021 at 01:56 PM

DP

“ *Becky, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Your mom was such a sweetheart. Thomas Williams and I are so very sorry for your loss.*

Dimi Pace - February 06, 2021 at 01:47 PM

JT

“ David and Becky so sorry to hear about your Mama, your Mama was such a sport. When your Daddy saw her step through those pearly gates He probably said where you been, what took you so long? I have so great memories of your mom and dad.

Julie Taylor - February 06, 2021 at 01:45 PM

DB

“ Dear Becky & Family, I know Mrs Mary is so glad to be reunited with Mr Johnny & resting in the arms of her Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. I loved knowing her at FBC Albany & the DAR. She had a very special, sweet spirit & personality. Thoughts & prayers for your family. Deb Blanchard

Debbie Greene Blanchard - February 06, 2021 at 01:40 PM

PM

“ Dear sweet Mary. She gave so much to so many. So glad I got to know her through First Methodist. Prayers to the family and thank God for the life of Mary Herndon.

Patsy Martin - February 06, 2021 at 01:15 PM

NJ

Becky your Mother was such a friend to Paul. Always on Wednesday night stopping by the table to say "How are you doing Paul".and on Sunday morning popping out of the car and saying How are you this morning Paul. To Paul and (me) she was a very special lady. We treasured her friendship. Holding you Becky and family close in our thoughts and prayers.

Nan Jones - February 06, 2021 at 03:28 PM

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Laura Jones Pasteka - February 06, 2021 at 03:59 PM

JW

The loving spirit of my dear neighbor, Mary Herndon, was lifted gently to her eternal rest and I will miss her. She was always willing to play a bit with my rambunctious English Spaniel by tossing her a pine cone and saying sweet things to her. Becky and David, you were blessed to have her and each other. My sympathy extends to all of your family.

Jim Womack - February 07, 2021 at 08:31 AM

SS

Becky, so sorry to hear about your mother, She was a wonderful lady.

Sonja Sedberry - February 07, 2021 at 02:49 PM

JH

Mary was so very special to us. We loved her dearly and will never forget her.

Dick & Jean Hagelstein

Jean hagelstein - February 07, 2021 at 07:31 PM

EC

I only knew her as a student at Albany High School long ago, but she was so pleasant to deal with. She treated students with respect and was very helpful. We have lost another of the Greatest Generation. My sympathy tho all who loved her.

Elizabeth Champion - February 07, 2021 at 10:34 PM

CB

Oh what a treasure Mary Herndon has been to so many! I knew her at Deerfield and First Baptist Church. She and Becky continued to reach out to my mother Emily through the years. Emily passed away a couple of weeks ago. I bet she was so happy to greet this sweet angel when she arrived at the pearly gates! My condolences to Becky and all of her family.

Cecily Bates - February 08, 2021 at 10:16 AM

LM

Becky I was so sorry to hear about your sweet Mama. I always loved seeing her with you! What great times we had growing up together!! You are in my prayers during this very difficult time.

Landra McCrary - February 12, 2021 at 02:35 PM