



## Mrs. Mary Davis Howe Obituary

December 10, 1923 - September 1, 2011

The funeral service of Mary Davis Howe, 87, of Albany, who died Thursday, September 1, 2011, at Willson Hospice House will be conducted Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 2:00 PM at Byne Memorial Baptist Church. Visitation will be held at Byne an hour prior to the service. Private interment will follow at Sunset Cemetery in Meigs, GA. Dr Matthew Nance will officiate.

Born in Albany on the 10th of December, 1923, Mrs. Howe was the daughter of the late Jerry Blaike Davis and Verona Jones Davis. She lived in Meigs, Georgia most of her early years. She graduated from Georgia State College for Women, now Valdosta State University, in 1943, and began work as a civilian employee at Finney Army Hospital in Thomasville, Georgia. She met her future husband, Ennis Foster Howe, Jr., at Finney. Mr. Howe had been assigned by the Army to debrief soldiers returning from overseas during WWII. They married in 1945, and after the war ended they lived in Florida and eventually settled in Albany, Georgia, where they reared their family.

Mrs. Howe taught school for thirty-five years-thirty-three of them in the Dougherty County School system at McIntosh School. She was the McIntosh Teacher of the Year in 1989-90, the District School Teacher of the Year in 1990-1991, and Middle School Science Teacher of the Year in 1991 for District XI. She was the Georgia Power Science Teacher of the Year 1990-1991, District Winner.

Mrs. Howe was a member of Byne Memorial Baptist church and attended the J.O.Y. Sunday School class. She was also a member of the Happy Hearts at Byne. She was active in the prison ministry at Byne for many years and taught Experiencing God both at the prisons and at the Anchorage.

She was an active volunteer at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital for many years, and the employees who worked around the SICU always knew where to find the best cookies that she baked and brought from home. She also volunteered with Meals on Wheels. She was both a Brownie and a Girl Scout leader when her children were younger and taught Vacation Bible School at several churches over many years. She was an excellent musician, and she was the pianist for any event that needed music-both at church and in the community. She was a talented artist, an excellent seamstress, and a great cook.

Mrs. Howe most enjoyed spending time with her family-especially her grandchildren. She remained close to them after they started families of their own and stayed in contact with almost daily phone calls when they were unable to visit. Second only to her family was her love of her animals. As a widow for over thirty years, she relied on the companionship of her animals, and they were devoted to her.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Howe Williams and Sarah Howe Phillips and her husband, John Temp, all of Albany; a son, Ennis F. Howe, III of Tallahassee, FL; seven grandchildren: Jerry Williams, Jay Williams, and his wife, Lorraine, Mia Yeager and her husband, Clay, Temp Phillips IV and his wife, Amy, Kirt Phillips and his wife, Mandy, Mary Jessica Howe and Arlyn Howe Parker and her husband, James; eight great grandchildren: Megan Williams, Molly Williams, Jackson Williams, Howe Yeager, Thomas Phillips, Emily Phillips, Tide Bulish and Elizza Moon; special neighbors: the Billy Mann

family, the Randy Davis Family; caregivers: Bobbie Thompson, Brenda Musgrove, Gladys Jackson and Debra Gaines; and her dog, "Annie".

Mrs. Howe was preceded in death by her husband, Ennis Foster Howe, Jr. and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Byne Memorial Baptist Church, 2832 Ledo Rd, Albany, GA 31707, Albany Humane Society, 1705 Oakridge Dr, Albany, GA31707 or Albany Community Hospice, 2332 Lake Park Dr., Albany, GA 31707.

You may sign the guestbook and share your thoughts with the family of Mrs. Howe by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Byne Memorial Baptist Church  
2832 Ledo Rd  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Davis Howe Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



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“ *Mrs. Mary Davis Howe Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Sarah and family, even it is belated thoughts and prayers i wanted to express condolences for the death but more for the life of your mother. She was truly an inspiration as you already know. She always was ready with a smile, words of encouragement, and still did her best to instill the best of standards, morals, and values going forward into your life. I know all of you will miss her greatly and I cherish and am proud of the time she spent teaching me; as well as being my friend in later years. HUGSSSSS and thoughts going forward into the holiday season!! alisa anderson penrod*

**alisa anderson penrod - atlanta, GA - student and friend** - October 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to have heard about Mrs. Howe. She was my 7th grade teacher, and one I will always remember. She touched so many, I know she is now resting peacefully.*

**Theresa Connors Campbell - Savannah, GA** - October 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dear Family,  
I had the wonderful experience of having Mrs Howe as a teacher in school. She will always be remembered to me as a dedicated, caring teacher that truly gave of herself. She always gave me so much encouragement when I would find myself struggling. I will never forget her for this and can see her beautiful smile right now and feel the soft pat of her hand on my back or shoulder. God has a special Angel with Him right now. I pray that God will give you strength in the days to come. She will be missed. My prayers are with your family. God Bless each of you.  
Love in Christ Name,  
Debbie Naylor Dollar

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Debbie Naylor Dollar - Nacogdoches, TX - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Wanted to let ya'kl know Ms Howe was in our prayers and heaarts today at work. Sorry some of us couldn't geet away to come to her service. I know it was awesome. She was a wonderful person and sooo special to us. We've missed her for a long time, but know she is Home with Jesus probably sitting at the right hand. We have great memories of her and all the wonderful things she did for SICU. Her kind are few and far between anymore. All our love to ya'll I know you are proud and should be. She will leave a big hole in all the lives she touched so much. And there were many. LOve us from SICU

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nancy lake armstrong - albany, GA - friend - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Thanks for being a great Prayer warrior and a great Teacher to me...You will be missed... I love you Mrs Howe....

*Darrel.*

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**Darrel Finnicum - leesburg, GA - friend** - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Howe was one of the finest ladies I have ever known. She was always there for encouragement, a pat on the back, a delicious snack or a prayer. She made our job in SICU easier because she was there. She took care of our visitors and was the mediator for many problems. She helped things run smoothly and we missed her so much when she had to leave. I know the angels in heaven are smiling because she is there. My sincere sympathy to her family.  
*Carole Sue Bailey R.N.*

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**Carole Sue Bailey - Colquitt, GA - worked in SICU from 1992 to 2011** -  
September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Mary Howe was a very special friend and a friend to many. I could always count on her for encouragement, for a laugh, for being a Christian in every respect. We will all miss Mary, especially our Byne Memorial family of which she was a big part for many years. I very much regret I cannot be with you during this time. May God bless you all, everyday-always. *Velma Hall*

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**Velma Hall - Macon, GA - friend** - September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Howe's death. I enjoyed meeting her and getting to know her through Mia. My thoughts and prayers will be with your family especially on Tuesday. May God continue to bless each of you with comfort and peace. Love, Carole

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**Carole Yeager - Newnan, GA** - September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I'm sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Barbara Brookshier Hicks** - September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Mary, Sarah and family,

*I have wonderful memories of your mother during our earlier days of growing up at Sherwood and also as a highly respected teacher at McIntosh. Her bright presence filled any room she entered.*

*My thoughts will be with you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Walt Green*

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**Walt Green - Chicago, IL - Family Friend** - September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Mary. She was a very good friend of my mothers. Mother missed her more than anyone in Albany when she moved up here with us. She was loved very much by my mother. The family is in our prayers and thought. God Bless, Mary Shiver, Jean and Hoke Kidney and our family.

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**Jean Kidney (daughter of Mary Shiver) - Rome, GA - friend** - September 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ MRS HOWE was my 7th grade teacher many many years ago but I always remember how sweet she was. She was my homeroom teacher and also my English teacher at McIntosh. She had such grace and always showed so much compassion. I loved English due to her. She left such a legacy she will always be with us.

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**SANDRA COUCH TUCKER-SLACK - LEESBURG, GA - student** - September 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Mary and Sara, Terry and I are so sorry for your loss. Mothers are so Dear.  
Our prayers are with you and your whole family, Lou and Terry Lee

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**Lou Johnson Lee - Albany, GA - Friend** - September 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Mrs. Howe was one of my favorite teachers. I will always appreciate her.

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**Nita Norton Gaines - Albany, GA - former student** - September 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Thinking of this special family with love! Praying for all of you during this sad time!  
Love to all of you!!!!  
Tori and Jay Whiting

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**Tori Riles Whiting** - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM