



## Mary Beatrice (Bee) McCormack

August 21, 1925 - November 7, 2022

Mary Beatrice (Bee) McCormack, 97, died peacefully Monday, November 7, 2022

at The Phoenix of Albany, GA, senior living community. A wake service will be held at 6 PM with visitation to follow until 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 10, at Kimbrell-Stern

Funeral Home. A requiem funeral mass will be offered at old St. Teresa's Catholic

Church, 313 Residence Avenue, Albany, GA, at 11 AM on Friday, November 11, 2022.

A lifelong resident of Albany, Bee was the daughter of the late Robert Emmett and Louise Keller McCormack. She was the sister of the late Anna Louise McCormack and the late Robert Emmett McCormack, Jr. She attended public schools in Albany, GA and graduated from Mount de Chantal Academy in Wheeling, West Virginia. She was a 1946 graduate of Georgia State College for

Women in Milledgeville, GA.

Miss McCormack spent her business career at Bobs Candies, Inc., a local industry

founded by her father. At the time of her retirement in 1993, after 46 years of service, she was Senior Vice-President/Director of Packaging. During her business

career, Bee served as a Director and Vice-President of the National Confectioners' Association, was chosen as the "National Candy Manufacturer of the Year" and was elected to the "National Candy Hall of Fame". She also served as a national director of the Profit Sharing Council of America and on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Federal Bank(Albany).

Bee was a leader in the arts and civic affairs of Albany and worked tirelessly her entire life to develop and maintain cultural resources that enriched the lives of everyone in the region. She served as President of the Albany Symphony Association, the Albany Concert Association and was the first Chairperson of the Albany Area Arts Campaign. She had served as a director of the Albany Little Theater (now Theatre Albany), the Albany Museum of Art, Easter Seals, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the United Way of Southwest GA and many more. She was a volunteer with the Red Cross Blood Bank and was a dedicated blood donor for many years, earning her 8 gallon pin.

A member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church, Bee served on the restoration committee of Old St. Teresa's Church and was church historian. She was a founder of the Catholic Youth Organization and the Youth Choir. She received the

"Pro Deum et Juventatum" medal (for God and Youth) from Bishop Thomas

McDonough of the Diocese of Savannah, and in 1993 was invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, one of five major chivalric orders of the

Catholic Church, dating back to the 12 th Century.

Bee loved flowers and gardening, and was particularly fond of growing and propagating container plants. She enjoyed travel, especially to musical events.

She was known for the comic poems she wrote for special occasions. For several

decades, she was a member of the “Sunday Night Tennis Club”, a group of close

friends and senior players.

Miss McCormack is survived by 4 nieces and nephews and their spouses and children - Bob and Creel McCormack of Atlanta, GA, Mary Helen Dykes of Albany,

Gregory and Dina McCormack of Park City, Utah and Julie and Ira Roth of Athens, GA.

Her family is grateful for the love and skilled attention of Bee’s incredible team of

caregivers, led by Cynthia Johnson, who have assisted Bee for the last several

years. Their compassion and care helped to make Bee’s final years more comfortable and peaceful.

Memorials may be made to Old St. Teresa’s Church, the Albany Museum of Art,

the Albany Symphony or the organization of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-6600

# Previous Events

## Wake service with visitation to follow

NOV 10. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Mass

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Old St. Teresa's Catholic Church  
313 Residence Avenue  
Albany, GA 31701

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ Pam Thomas Bowden lit a candle in memory of Mary Beatrice (Bee) McCormack



Pam Thomas Bowden - November 22, 2022 at 12:35 PM

PM

“ It was with great sadness that I learned of Bee McCormack's death. She was, truly, an AMAZING woman who set the bar mighty high for those to come after her. I remember being named Woman of the Year one year, and Bee's poem about all the funny things that had happened in my life, was PRICELESS. I will never forget Bee and Anna Louise McCormack. Two of my favorites in life. Prayers for her sweet family.

Patsy martin - November 12, 2022 at 02:25 PM

MD

May the peace of God be with all of the McCormack family. “Aunt Bee” was truly a Southern Lady that shared her love, talents and treasures with so many people and organizations. Her beautiful smile and kindness will be missed.

Mark Davis - November 13, 2022 at 02:15 PM

SR

“ *Classy, welcoming, friendly, warm, worldly and so much more but at the end of the proverbial day, from the first day I met her, she acted and treated my family with a commoner’s touch and grace. Her siblings and her set a very high bar for all to follow. What a life! Love and hugs to her entire family. All our best, Sam and the rest of the California Roths.*

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**Sam Roth** - November 12, 2022 at 12:22 PM

DJ

“ *David Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Beatrice (Bee) McCormack*



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**David Johnson** - November 12, 2022 at 06:18 AM

TM

“ *You will truly be missed Ms. BEE LOVE TASHA*

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**Tasha mac** - November 11, 2022 at 10:50 AM

MG

“ *McCormack Family, Nancy and I were blessed to have known Aunt Bee. Her legacy is something your family can cherish forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Mike and Nancy Gebhart*

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**Michael Gebhart** - November 11, 2022 at 10:33 AM

SS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sylvia Szpak - November 10, 2022 at 10:29 PM

LD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Larry Davis - November 10, 2022 at 10:00 PM

MS

“ *Bee has been a light of God's love to so many people. Bee, and her beloved sister Anna Louise, gave life to so many organizations in the city, in the church and In the business community as well as to her extended family.*

*Her interests were truly heartfelt, her energies never seem to end and her compassion, gentleness, and generosity had no limits. We are grateful to have known her; thankful to have shared time with her; and know that God has truly welcomed her home. Mt 25:21, Bee. Rejoice.*

*Michael, Sylvia and Angela Szpak*



Michael and Sylvia, Angela Szpak - November 10, 2022 at 08:43 PM

AH

“ *Her contributions to our community are immeasurable. May she rest In peace. Anita Mock Hudgens*

**Anita Hudgens** - November 10, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ *Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary Beatrice (Bee) McCormack*



**Elena Taylor** - November 10, 2022 at 03:51 PM

DP

“ *Rest in Peace, Miss Bee. I didn't work very long at Bobs but I did enjoy meeting you and working for the family. My prayers to your family and I am sure there was a big celebration in heaven when you arrived. God Bless you.*



**Dawn Marie Pinnataro** - November 10, 2022 at 03:34 PM

EC

“Bee was a smiling, lovely, giving lady. She, sister Anna Louise, & brother Bob Jr. (as with original “Bob” of candy cane fame) were huge factors in growth & culture of this region. Together and separately, unmeasurable good was done for Albany- Dougherty Co. It would take a book to list all their known good deeds! After “Bee’s” life spent doing her own good works for so many people and organizations, the days of being “remaining sibling” must have been somewhat lonesome. When Albany counts it’s blessings McCormack name is high on the list. Now “Bee” joins her family in what for them is likely not a ‘resting place’ but another dimension in which to do good!

Elizabeth Champion - November 09, 2022 at 11:59 AM

CB

“Connecticut Green Bank purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mary Beatrice (Bee) McCormack.



Connecticut Green Bank - November 09, 2022 at 11:30 AM