



Mary Martha Reames Obituary

October 8, 1918 - September 28, 2008

Mary Martha "Sissy" Reames, 89, of Albany, died at her home on Sunday, September 28, 2008. Her funeral service will be FRIDAY 11 AM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Revs. Mark S. Jones and C. Wallace Marsh will officiate. A lifelong resident of Albany, Sissy graduated from Albany High School in the Class of 1936 and was a cheerleader. She worked as a bookkeeper for the Albany Undertaking Co., now Kimbrell-Stern from 1936-1939. She graduated from Macon Hospital School of Nursing in 1942. She began working as a nurse at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in October of 1942 until 1945. An Army veteran of World War II, she served as a 2nd. Lt. in the Army Nurse Corps. Following the war, Sissy returned to Phoebe Putney Hospital in 1946. In 1947, she became the Superintendent of Nurses until 1959. During that time, Phoebe Putney grew from 135 beds to 212 beds. In 1959 she left Phoebe and became a graduate nurse in public health and retired in 1980 as Senior Staff Public Health Nurse of the Southwest Georgia Health District. Sissy was a longtime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Walter H. Burt, Sr. American Legion Post 30, the Registered Nurses of Georgia, the Georgia Nurses Association, and the American Nurses Association. An avid student of history, Sissy was a member of the Southwest Georgia Genealogical Society where she helped compile a list of obituary notices from 1938 to the present day to help families in the area compile their genealogy. She also helped compile information for a book on the history of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital as well as a book listing those

who gave their lives during World War II from Dougherty County. Sissy is survived by her nieces and nephews: Martha Glenn Burnett (Jamie), Albany, Randy Riley (Cathy), Niceville, FL, Reames Clanton (Bill), Albany, Ramona MacKinnon (Howard), Savannah, Bubba Reames (Toni), Smithville; her close friend: Thedral Morris, Winterville, GA; great nieces and nephews: Mason Duffy (Ryan), Britton Burnett, Brannon Burnett, Addie Riley, Dr. Colin Clanton (Stephanie), Blake Clanton, Heather Zellers (John), Kevin MacKinnon (Iantha), Kyle MacKinnon (Shelly), Adam MacKinnon (Jan), Kimberly Williams (Ben), Trey Reames; 15 great-great nieces and nephews; special caregivers: Selethia Green, Brenda Jones, Val Pickett, Jeanette Pickett. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Thursday from 6-8 PM. Those desiring may send memorials to the Albany Community Hospice, P.O. Box 1828, Albany, GA 31702, or to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson St., Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall



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“ *I am just now seeing this tribute even though I knew of Sissy's passing back in 2008. I did not know how to get in touch. Just recently I realized that an Obit might be online. I am just now saying that I am sad for her passing and miss her! She and my Aunt - Thedral (Morris) were very close long time friends - housemates for many many years and since I was a kid. We considered her part of the family and she came to all our family gatherings and we loved her as a member of the family. She had a keen memory and remembered everything. She took thousands of photos and movies. I have no idea how to get in touch with her family. But should anyone see this, my email is hdmorris49@gmail.com. My best to all of Sissy's family!*

Hoyt Morris, Seattle - October 10, 2015 at 07:32 PM

RJ

“ *What a great and wonderful lady Ms. Sissy was. I knew her from working with her at the Dougherty Co Health Dept. She was so full of life and I loved working with her. I only worked there for 2 months but I found out quick who she was. A loving, competent nurse who loved her work. God must have a special job for her in heaven and maybe she will see things get done right. Much love and respect*
Ronna

Ronna Russell Johnson - October 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *I am so sorry i couldn't be there aunt sissy will be very missed*

Courtney Washington - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *I just wanted to say that I met Sissy only once but what an impression she had on me. She was one of the funniest ladies I have ever met with such a great attitude. We hit it off right away and I know her family misses her effervesence. My best to the family.*

Kelli Tharrington - October 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *I just want to say I am so sorry about Sissey.. She and my dad were good friends..My Dad name was Ammonnette Porter. My prayers are with the family and know that God will always be with you She was a find lady*

Annette Porter Shadburn

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Annette Porter Shadburn - October 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *What a sweet lady with many wonderful stories.*

Larry & Virginia Tharrington - October 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Hi, Martha Glen. Thanks for the sweet note online. Your aunt Sissy was a sport model. She knew everyone and was a cheerful soul.*
Sylvia Joiner

Sylvia Joiner - October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I cannot remember a time when it wasn't Aunt Thedral and Aunt Sissy?. Sissy has been a part of our family for over 50 years?so at 54, I can honestly say that she has always been there! Her laugh, her lust for life, her enormous presence has been a part of my life, all of my life. I will miss her deeply. Though distance, for a long time, has made it difficult to physically be there with her and Aunt Thedral, they were never far from my thoughts and prayers; and I can honestly say that their generosity to me throughout my life has made it an imperative for me to make sure that they knew I was thinking about them, even if it was simply by a special Christmas remembrance! I had a strong feeling that she was hanging on for that 90th birthday celebration, and I will be forever grateful to Martha Glenn and Reames that they saw it, too, and gave that to her. Rest in peace and contentment, Aunt Sissy! We will see you soon! All my love, Mary*

Mary Gairns Monahan - October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Deepest Sympathy*

Dorcas Commagere - October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ I have such great memories of my Aunt Sissy. She was an independent, strong and amazing human being who managed to make me laugh hysterically every time I was around her. She will always be in my heart, and I will make it a point to share her story with my two young boys who she never got to know.

Heather (Young) Joy - October 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I know that I was very small when Aunt Sissy last babysat and even saw me, but she will be missed. My love goes to all the family touched by her life. I am so sorry that I couldn't be there.

Malissa Kimbrell-Candebat - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Aunt Sissy defined independence, but was never alone. She made me proud to be a Reames and her strength will be with me forever.

Trey Reames (great nephew) - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Sorry to learn about the death of Mary Martha Reames. This must have been difficult. Therefore, I am forwarding scripture to comfort you. Please read...Psalms 90:10, Genesis 5:3-32 and Hebrews 9:27.

J Nunnally - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Thedral is MY sister and I have known and loved "Sissy" for more than 50 years. She is such a special part of our family in every way. She has always been just like another sister.

Carlene Williams - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VL

“*"Sissy" has always meant a lot to my family and I. I know she has meant a lot to so many people. She was always genuinely interested in how one was doing as well as family members. No matter what her situation, she always had a smile and a warm word for everyone. We are so sorry for your loss but grateful for the legacy "Sissy" has left. James Southwell, Vickie Southwell Lewis, Debbie Southwell Garcia*

Vickie Southwell Lewis - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“*To the Reames Family: My love will always be available to you.
Thedral*

Thedral Morris - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“*My thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Thedral and all the family. Aunt Sissy was always larger than life and she will be missed deeply. I know however, that there are many people with smiles on their faces waiting for her at the pearly gates as she joins them in her next adventure!*

Cecelia Kimbrell Martin - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“*Hello Everybody, I want you to know I will miss running into Aunt Sissy. I've always connected with her in a special way. She will be missed by my family. Her "spark" has left a wonderful trail where she has been. Our love and thoughts are with you this morning and in the days to come. Much love,
Sue Prchal*

Sue Prchal - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Family, I will miss Aunt Sissy so much, and I am so sorry that I could not make it from Virginia in time for the funeral. My thoughts are with you all. Love to everyone, see you all soon, Lindsay Stern

Lindsay Stern - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ My deepest sympathy to Carrie and family.

Virginia (Ginny) Lothrop - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ She covered Our lives like no other. From the day we were born. And was our best friend to the whole family. LOVE always and for ever Aunt Sissy

John Kimbrell - October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Sorry I can't be there.

Peggy Kimbrell - October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dearest Family,
Wish we could be with you on this heartfelt day. I will be sitting with Aunt Thedral on Friday at 11:00 am at the Nursing home during the service. Know that our hearts and prayers are with you. Sissy was a special and unique individual who will be greatly missed by all but especially by Thedral.

Marie Scarborough - October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I was just thinking of you today as I often do. I miss you. I just wanted to let you know everybody is doing good and all is well. You are on our minds all the time. We miss you each and every day that passes. Please know that we all love you dearly. Turk, & Mike

Turk Lawson - October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ "Aunt" Sissy, was a beloved member of the Reames Family and instrumental in holding the far flung members together. Her genealogy efforts are greatly appreciated, but it is her warm personality that we will miss the most.

*Robert Reames
Birmingham, Ala.*

Robert C. Reames - October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I only got to be around Sissy a couple of times growing up and she was always kind to me. My mother Sarah Reames Houston always spoke highly of Sissy and if she were alive today she would be sad to hear of Sissy passing. Blessing an God's comfort to her family.

Sarah (Ginger) Houston - October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ Sissy was a wonderful friend of the Morgan Family on Flint Avenue. We all Loved Her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

Joy Morgan Zolomy - October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Aint Sissy:

Yes, it was always Aunt Thedral, but Aint Sissy - don't know why, guess it just fit. You have always been a part of mine and my family's life - we have grown with you, spent many a Thanksgiving with you, listened to your stories, answered your questions (and with you there were LOTS of questions) met your friends and family, and have been so thankful to have you in our lives as part of our family as well as your own.

The best things I can say about you are this - you were full of love, you never met a stranger (and if you did they certainly didn't stay that way for long), you always had a hug, a smile and a laugh for everyone, and doggone it, you were and always will be just a hoot!

I know you will love that comment! Heaven better be on its toes, because it will never be the same. Much love forever - Judy (Thedral's niece)

Judy Gairns - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *I've known and loved Sissy all my life. She was there the day I was born. She was a very special lady.*

Sallie Timmerman - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the whole family. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

Jeff Reames - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Joanna, you and your family are in our thoughts and our prayers.
We love you!*

Janice and Tommy Tanner - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *We send our heartfelt sympathy.*

Brad and Beth Reames - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *Dear Campbell Family,
My family and I are so sorry for your loss. Betty and I worked
together at SCCH She always meet me with a smile on her face.
Amy, Peggy, and Gordon Tuell*

Amy Tuell - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Please except my deepest sympathy. This precious lady will be
sorely missed by all of our family. She was so good and faithful
about keeping up with all the Reames family members. She left a
wonderful legacy.*

Anita Reames - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Sissy has been a lifelong friend of our family and she and my mom, Harriette Dozier Rowe met working at Phoebe Putney together during WWII. They have remained close friends for almost 70 years and I grew up listening to Sissy's stories. She was a great lady, with the largest heart and memory I know for everyone that crossed her path. Bet she already knows the names and where everyone is from in Heaven. We will miss her happy, strong voice and her presence in our daily lives but she is in a much better place now. May God be with all of you, Martha Glenn and Reames and your families and of course Thedral. Laura & Jack Barron, Dozier & Carol Rowe and Harriette D. Rowe, Tifton, GA.

Laura Rowe Barron - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Anyone who has ever met or known Sissy was blessed by her...she helped everyone who ever knew her!

Jackie Fordham Jarman - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ I heard the sad news of Sissys Passing from Mattie Gladstone and send our combined families condolences.

Sam Reames III - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Sissy was such a friend to all; she will be greatly missed.

Roberta and Ed. Martin, Jr. - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Sissy will be missed by all who knew her. My regards and prayers to the family.

Rex Hasson - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ There can never be another "sergeant"--and we will miss you. All our love and support to her life long companion Thedral and the rest of the family.

The Kimbrell's - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ To know her was to love her-and everybody did-including me. We all should enjoy living and loving as "Big Sissy" did. I will miss her.but will remember always.

Clara J. Bennett - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear about Sissy. While those of us here on earth may mourn, I know my daddy - the late Joe Purvis - was glad to see her pass through the pearly gates! They knew each other forever and loved each other dearly. Thinking of you all.
Julie

Julie Purvis Montgomery - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ While Reames' and Duster's kids were growing up & swimming at Reames' house, Aunt Sissy would drive up and play her unusual car horn for all the kids & grownups to hear! (She was a hoot!) I learned many things about this lady I did not know until reading her obituary. A strong, smart, giving and above all a loving woman. What a legacy she has left for her family and friends.

Cindy Hasson - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *SISSY was a life-long friend of the TOM ALLEN Family and her loss is the passing of a generation of kindness, compassion and friendship that will never be seen again.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.

Claire Allen Sellers

Junie Allen Creech

Susan Allen Blass

Claire Allen Sellers - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *Martha Glenn and family, it was with deep regret to find "Sissy" had left us. Please know you're all in my thought and prayers.*

Frances Brown - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *She was such a wonderful person. Always upbeat and cordial. always edy to be helpful to all. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

Chuck Berry - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU*

Trudy Birchfield - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *I just read her obituary in the paper. I am so sorry. I remember seeing her at the Quickie Restaurant. She was an amazing lady. She will be missed by all her knew her.*

Elizabeth Tate - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I have known Sissy for forty years and considered her a valuable friend.

Laura Barnard - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ "Sissy" was an inspiration to me and one of the reasons I went into nursing I will always remember her. She was truly a great lady

Wisteria Simmons Houston - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I worked with Sissy from 1955 until 1959. When she let me know she was leaving I put in my papers too. She was a very dear friend.

Mildred Janes Knight - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I was proud to march to your drum for many years! You never let us get away with much. There's a lot of "Marching" going on in Heaven today! Smiles to you...
"Little Twin"

Donna Gray - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I remember "Sissy" as a child growing up. She was a dear friend of my aunt Kissie Concar. At Christmas she would always make it possible for a polio patient to be able to attend a party someone was having. A friend of mine was born while to this patient while she was in the iron lung. Sissie did a lot of wonderful things for many people. I will always remember that name. My aunt passed away a few months ago and I know that Kissie and Sissie are having a ball now in HEAVEN. Linda Vines Houston Blakely, GA

Linda Houston - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *My deepest sympathy for all of the family. I will always miss Sissy's kisses. I don't think I ever saw her without a smile on her face and kind words for everyone. She was one of a kind. My prayers are with you all. God bless you, Rusty*

Rusty Barto - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *We will miss you!*

Connie Janelle - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *"Big Sissy" was an institution in Albany - She knew and was a friend to more than most will know in their lifetime. She counted as her friends my mother, Doris Greer and father, Ben Young. She will be missed.*

Donna Young Crow - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Most old Albanians have their own special story to tell about Sissy. She was a wonderful caring person and will be missed by many.*

Wynelle Davis Greenway - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Nobody in this world will ever be as lucky as we are to have an "Aunt Sissy." Your spirit will live forever and you are missed tremendously. To the matriarch of our family, we love you Aunt Sissy.
A kiss on the forehead for you.....*

Britton Burnett (great niece) - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *A great lady. She touched so many lives. I will miss her not being here with us in Albany, but will keep her in my heart. Love to the family.*

Joy Carter

Joy Murdock Carter - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *Sincere sympathy to all the family and to Thedral*

pat Norton - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Albany has lost a great lady!*

Peggy Lawrence Thomas, PhD - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *Much loved and already much missed. She was the best "aunt" to us all. God bless you Aunt Sissy.*

Jennifer Akridge Uy - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Sissy is beloved by countless numbers of people. Her love and service to others is unexcelled. We are all better for having known and admired her deep devotion to family, friends, and community. Would that we could be more like her!*

Frank & Virginia Skillman - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

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Larue Calhoun - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM