



Mrs. Mary Prince Yielding Obituary

August 14, 1923 - February 14, 2012

Mary Yielding slipped peacefully into eternal rest at her home in Albany on Valentine's Day. She was 88. A heart of gold has passed from us.

Mary was born August 14, 1923 in Grady County, GA. Her parents were G. Gordon Prince and Lucy Godwin Prince. After growing up on the family farm her mother's early demise necessitated Mary moving to Albany in 1940 to live with older siblings. On a very hot and fateful August day in 1944 she met a handsome young aviator, Walter Yielding, at Radium Springs. Walter was stationed at Darr Aerotech as a flight instructor. As the pace of life accelerates during wartime they were married on October 25, 1944 and remained so until Walter's death, May 27, 1999. The union produced two stalwart offspring, Lynn and Van. Between having children and tending to Walter, Mary worked as a dental hygienist for almost 50 years. Many Albanians remember her diligent cleanings.

She was also devotedly involved in the ministries of First Baptist Church Albany and Albany's First Assembly of God. She was department director of three year olds for 25 years at First Baptist. Mary also loved her kitties and at one time had at least 50 cats making at least temporary residence in her back yard. She also loved to bake and was locally renowned for her coconut and caramel cakes. As fate would have it she passed away sitting up in her

kitchen awaiting her lunch.

Most of all Mary loved the Lord Jesus Christ and was watched over every moment of her life. Her faithfulness was a blessing to many in her community.

Mary had ten siblings. She was preceded in death by Owen Prince, David Prince, Kendall Prince, Louise Prince Stevens, Gordon Prince, Jr., and Eva Prince Dawkins.

She is survived by Chester Prince, Glynn Prince, Sue Daughtery, and Anita Tinsley. She is also survived by her daughter, Lynn Akins; her son, Van Yielding (his wife Donna); and grandchildren: Lynsey Akins, Sean Akins, and Connor Riley.

The family particularly wants to thank Mary's caregivers: Rebecca, Carol, Vickie, Phyllis, Sybil, Bonnie, and Elaine. Also sincere thanks to Albany Hospice, Alzheimer's Caregivers Timeout (ACTO), and the staff at Season's Christian Care.

Funeral services will be Saturday Feb. 18, 2012 12 noon at Kimbrell-Stern. Rev. John Lowery officiating. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at Kimbrell-Stern. You may sign the online guest book and share your own special thoughts with the family of Mrs. Yielding by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Tribute Wall



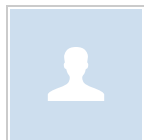
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“ *Dear Lynn, Van, Donna and Family,
Mary was such a remarkable lady and she will surely be missed.
She had a smile that would light up any room she entered. We'll
always remember her sweet, gentle manner and a kind word for
everyone she knew. We pray that you will find comfort in all the
loving memories you have of her, and to know that she is now with
the Lord and her darling Walt who is still in our hearts...*
Rosemarie & Richard Peek

Rosemarie & Richard Peek - Albany, GA - Friend - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Van,

*I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother.
You and your family are in my prayers.*

Pam

Pam Pannell Woody - GA - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Van, Lynn,

You were so blessed to have Walter & Mary Yielding as parents. They were such loving and beautiful people and I am better for having known them. So sorry that I was not aware of Ms. Mary's passing until just yesterday. I know you will miss her for many years to come as I miss my mother, but hold on to the wonderful memories you shared and be comforted in the fact that she loved the Lord with all her heart. The Lord be with you during this very difficult and sad time. You are all in my prayers.

Wanda Duncan

Wanda Duncan - Albany, GA - Friend - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Lynn,

I am so sorry that I did not know of your Mother's passing.....but you have been on my mind a lot this last week.

And Van, to you also I send my condolences. To lose a Mother is a very special moment, where you remember so many things you all shared together.

God bless you all

P.S. Daddy always loved your Mother's caramel cakes.... wonder if she will make him one "up there"?

Julie Purvis Montgomery - Atlanta, GA - childhood friend - February 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Lynn and Van --

So sorry that I somehow missed your mother's obit in the Albany Herald and didn't know about her service until just a few minutes ago when I saw someon'e posting on FB. I always thought that your parents were such loving and caring people and devoted to their children and community. My condolences to you and your families.

Charlotte Coleman - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We were not able to come to the service today, but I wanted you to know we were thinking of you. You know how very special your family has been in our lives. YOU were the very first people we knew in Albany, and along with the Middletons , we became a pretty good looking Julia-Benjamin club!!!! I bet Mr. Walt was glad to see his valentine!!!!

Judy Dabbs - Albany, GA - Long time friend - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Van & Donna we are so very sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. In our Prayers,
Al & Donna Hatcher

Al & Donna hatcher - Albany, GA - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I remember all the good times we had as a family at First Assembly Of God. I loved Mary Yielding. She will always be remembered as a wonderful Christian Lady. Rest in Peace Mary.

Gail Littlejohn Brooks - Anderson, SC - Friend - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Dear Lynn and Van,
I knew and loved both of your parents. Your mother was a great person. I remember her well from her days with Dr. Bacon. She was the best of the best. Your dad was the finest watch man anywhere. Each had a kind, loving spirit.
They will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know them.
Deepest sympathy to you and your family.
Best regards,
Walter Kelley

Walter Kelley - Albany, GA - Family friend - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ My dearest sympathies to both Van and Lynn. Its been quite awhile since Ive seen you guys, I was probably 10 years old. Ill always have fond childhood memories of Aunt Mary and Uncle Walt. They are in a better place now :)

Warren Overstreet - Mokena , IL - Nephew - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ Dear Lynn and Van---your mother was a dear, sweet, hard-working lady. We worked together in dentistry for many years. There was never a cross word between us and she was dedicated to doing her best for her patients. She surely deserves her reward in heaven! Bill Bacon

Bill Bacon - Albany, GA - coworker for many years - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear about Mary's passing. She was a strong christian woman. I enjoyed the times we spent together in Bible studies, Sunday School and other gatherings at church. I guess she couldn't spend another Valentine's Day without Walt. They were so in love.

Dianne Eaton - Panama City, FL - Friend - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Sorry about your loss. I'll always remember your parents at First Assembly. Each week I attended a Bible study at their house. Because of them, I was really introduced to the work of the Holy Spirit. I always said if the Yeildings needed the Holy Spirit so did I. I had my feet washed for the first time, this was a very humbling experience. I made a statement in my mind that I wanted to get married if I could find a mate that was as compatible as the Yeildings were to each other. They will be missed, but they are in their "Beaula(?) Land" now.

betty crisp - albany, GA - friend - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I am Sorry for ur loss But God saw Fit to call an angel home to reunite withe her LOVE. I will always REMEMBER her smile always smilng & your dad to.
I will keep u all in my prayers Love u all. Our relationship goes bck a long ways.

Pamela (Connell) Torrence - Leesburg, GA - CLOSE FAMILY FREIND - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Lynn, Lynsey, Sean, Van, Donna and Conner,

Your mother was a wonderful, special lady. She loved her children and grandchildren so much. She just radiated with love every time I saw her and I will always cherish those times. Her smile was so contagious. Mrs. Mary touched so many lives and was such a witness to how much Jesus loves us all. I know she and your precious daddy are dancing and rejoicing together in Heaven!

With much love and my deepest sympathy,

Ree

Ree Rushton Pearson - Albany, ID - Friend - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Van and family:
So sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.*

Harold Boling - Albany, GA - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OP

“ *Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mary's family in your loss. She was a dear Christian.*

Otis & Jeanette Paul - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Van & Family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. What a Precious Angel Heaven got on Valentines Day! I am thinking of You and Your Sweet Family!*

julie webb - albany, GA - friend of the family - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Lynn, Van, Donna and family,

Your mother and father were such precious friends to my family and left such fond memories behind. I will always remember painting their name on their mailbox, singing favorite songs Mr. Walt would request, swapping fun stories with Ms Mary at church -just a few of many. I think I loved hearing them both pray the most. Of course, there's the sweet story of taking my watch to Mr. Walt to remove a link; it broke during the attempt and he made sure I had a fine replacement. Such quality of character, style and grace are rare qualities. Your parents exuded them all. Ms Mary "loved her Jesus", as she would say and everyone knew how completely sincere she was. Sweethearts forever, they are now reunited.

Blessings and peace to you all -Soraya Miller

Soraya Miller - Albany, HI - friend - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Mrs. Mary was a true soldier for Christ. She always had a smile and a hug ready for me. She always made sure I knew that Jesus loved me and so did she. She always showed me Jesus. I will always cherish her words of love and hold the knowledge she gave me close.

April Wilson-evans - Albany, GA - Friend - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Mary was more than our faithful neighbor and friend for over 60 years. She was family and we loved her dearly. Even though I grew up in the church, I (Sandra) am convinced that Mary's prayers for me (also Walt's) are a large part of why Jesus Christ became my Lord and Savior after I moved away from Albany. Mary showed us all what Christian love and joy are about. What a blessing she was! Our sympathy, love, and prayers go out to Lynn, Van, Lynsey, Sean, Donna, and Conner. We will be there to honor Mary with you on Saturday.

Sandra, Tom, and Rebekah Dollar and "Miss Iris" Brooks - Canton, GA - neighbors - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ my heart is saddened to hear of mary's passing-----but knowing where she now is so comforting to you, i am sure. my thoughts and prayers are with you dear ones----

joye chenev tye - albany, GA - friend - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Granny,
I love you more than you could ever know and i wish i would have been there to say goodbye to you. You will live in my heart forever. You touched so many lives throughout your years on this earth and will be forever missed by not only me but many, many other people that you influenced throughout your life. Rest in peace granny Mary , i loved you more than you will ever know. Tell papa Walt i love & miss him when you see each other in Heaven.

Love always,
Sean Robert Akins

Sean R Akins - Hahira , GA - Grandson - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM