



## Mrs. Muriel "Mimi" Newcomb Obituary

June 24, 1921 - January 22, 2012

Muriel Bland Pace Newcomb, 90, died January 22, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Albany, GA on June 24, 1921 and was known to all as Mimi. She graduated from Albany High School, where she was a cheerleader. Mimi attended Gulf Park College and earned a degree in journalism from the University of Kentucky.

At age 14 Mimi began flying lessons and earned her pilot's license at age 16. She enjoyed being a Barn Storming Pilot and was the first person to ever land an airplane on the runway at Albany's McAfee Air Terminal.

Mimi attended Laurel Falls Camp for Girls in the Mountain, where she became a counselor, and met her mentor author Lillian Smith for whom she proofed books. Mimi was one of the camp participants in the documentary Miss Lil's Camp.

On July 7, 1942 Mimi married Robert D. (Bob) Newcomb from Iowa, who was then stationed at Turner Field. While Bob was on a tour of duty they purchased what became known as Newcomb Mayflower Moving Storage and Antiques. Mimi was the office manager until they sold the business in 1983.

Mimi was a member of the National Society of the Colonial Dames in the State of Georgia, The Junior League of Albany and an altar guild member at

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where she was a lifelong member. Mimi was also a founding member of The Mondays. Per Mimi's request may it be known she never held an elected position.

Mimi taught all of her 4 children and 10 grandchildren to swim, with some swimming at the age of 6 months.

Mimi was preceded in death by her husband Bob Newcomb, son, Robin Newcomb, great-grandson, Dawson Brown and brothers, Bill and Jim Pace.

She is survived by Bland (Don) Cleesattle, Leesburg, Ri (Don) Lamb, Albany, Ned (Mary) Newcomb, Leesburg; who produced grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Shellie (Pat) Iossa; Peter and Sarah Iossa of Bernardsville, NJ, Don (Kim) Cleesattle, Jr.; Dac and Zoe Cleesattle of Leesburg, Ken (Holley) Cleesattle; Marcie, Lansdon Cleesattle and Kenley Cleesattle of Reobeth, AL, Andrew Lamb of Fairfax, VA, Leslie (Matt) Sloan; Asher and Lucy Sloan of Fletcher, NC, Mindi (Tyler) Brown; Laine Brown, Katie (T.J.) Faircloth; Shoal Faircloth, Rob Newcomb, Burton Newcomb and Edward Newcomb all of Leesburg.

Mimi was cared for during her last years by wonderful caregivers. Helen Diane Wright, Bertha King, Fannye Lassiter, Lynn Willis, Jackie Stephens and Joan Ford for whom we are eternally grateful.

The Newcomb families invite family and friends to their home, 300 Lovers Ln. Rd. Albany, GA from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Monday, January 23, 2012.

They ask each person if possible to write and bring with them their favorite Mimi story for the family to enjoy to either visitation or the funeral service, which will be held on Tuesday January 24, 10 AM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Rev. Jim Bullion and Rev. Ann Heinemann officiating. Interment will

follow in Riverside Cemetery.

Please make memorials to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson St. 31701 Albany, GA or St. John and St. Mark Episcopal Church, 2425 Cherry Laurel Ln. Albany, GA 31705 or Willson Hospice House, 320 Foundation Ln., Albany, GA 31721.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Muriel "Mimi" Newcomb Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Muriel "Mimi" Newcomb Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I'll never forget taking Miss Mimi to a Christmas Party at PPNW. When she was ready to get back home, she was ready. As I drove down Jefferson St. she said as I approached a red light, "Run that light". Of course I couldn't and didn't . She kept insisting. Such a nice lady. I am glad I got to meet her.  
Bland you were Blessed to have such a Mother.  
Teddie Lee*

**Teddie Lee - Albany,, GA - A friend of Bland's** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My heart goes out to Bland, Ri, and Ned. I couldn't begin to write down all the memories shared with Mrs. Newcomb, Mr. Newcomb and her family. Mrs. Newcomb was such a big part of my life growing up and every phase was a learning, growing and positive portion of my life.

*Although, I haven't seen Mrs. Newcomb in the last few years, life will not be the same without her. However; I just have to close my eyes to see her smile, hear her voice or to vision her opening the door to welcome me in.*

*Bland (my twin), Ri, Robin and Ned were such a huge part of my life. I love the Newcomb family . . . and I am sad today at the loss of Mrs. Newcomb and happy knowing that she is flying again.*

*I am a better person for knowing Mrs. Newcomb. She made me try harder, work harder and become more.*

*My love to all of the family*

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**Jack Harris - Niceville, FL - friend** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Today I learned a lot from the obit of the kind lady with the big smile and gentle wave as she passed us on our bikes on Lovers Lane. Though I never got to really know her except the few times I visited Robin as a young boy, I always remembered her great smile and warm attitude. May God flood you with the great memories as you celebrate her promotion to heaven.

*John Sikes*

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**John.Sikes - Greenville, NC** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ My heart goes out to the Newcomb and Pace families during this difficult time in your lives. Mimi was a very special lady and will be missed by many. May God Bless you all and give you strength in coping with your loss.

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**Holley Cleesattle - AL - Granddaughter-n-law** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I read the obits everyday and I just wanted to share. Mimi sure seemed like one very special woman. I was amazed by her accomplishments. I am sorry for your loss and know she is in a very special place.

*April*

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**April Reardon - Sylvester, GA - none** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ I never had the priviledge to meet Mimi although I feel I know her. I know her children and several friends. The stories they tell! I wish I could have known her. I love her daughters Ri and Bland dearly. Keep her memories you both make me laugh everytime you talk about Mimi. God's Peace and Love be with you during this time.

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**Vivian Davis - albany, GA - friend** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ TO ALL OF THE FAMILY,

*MIMI WAS SUCH A SPECIAL LADY IN MY LIFE & WILL BE FOREVER. SHE HAD SO MUCH POSE AND GRACE ABOUT HER. I WISH MY, DAUGHTER, LESLIE, COULD HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW HER BEFORE WE LEFT THE ALBANY AREA. SHE LOVES WRITING AND MIMI COULD HAVE BEEN SUCH AN INSPIRATION TO HER. BUT, SHE WAS AN INSPIRATION TO ME. HER ATTITUDE WAS NEVER GIVE UP, KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, & YOU WILL EXCEED ALL YOUR EXPECTATIONS IN LIFE. SHE ALWAYS LOOKED FOR THE POSITIVE THINGS IN LIFE, NEVER THE NEGATIVE.*

*I KNOW ALL OF YOU WILL MISS HER TERRIBLY, JUST REMEMBER WHAT JOY & HAPPINESS SHE BROUGHT INTO YOUR LIVES & THE SPECIAL MEMORIES THAT YOU MADE TOGETHER. IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO LAST ALL OF YOUR LIFETIMES.*

*GOD NOW HAS ANOTHER ANGEL TO LOOK AFTER EACH & EVERYONE OF YOU.*

*MY CONDOLENCES & LOVE TO YOU ALL,*

*LEANNE SHERRILL TAYLOR*

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**Leanne Sherrill Taylor - Montezuma, GA - Close Friend of Family - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

DF

“ Oh, what fond and wonderful memories I have recalled this day. Growing up with the Newcomb & Pace families - in Albany schools and St. Pauls. Bland and I would exchange conversations about how our parents were doing in their later years. Mimi was always smiling and had a kind word for church members - young and old, after early church services. I will remember her beautiful hair , every hair in place, with a stylish bun tied back at the nape of her neck. Such an trend setter, never tiring of devotion to her church, country, family and friends. She is now a heavenly angel. Be assured that Mimi is watching over her family from above as she reunites with those that have gone before her. Until we meet with our loved ones again...May God bless you , keep you and let His light shine upon you...His unexplainable peace and love be with your family. Prayers and loving thoughts.

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**Deane Lamb-Ellis - Cordele, GA - family friend** - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM