



## Olivia DuVall Beck Obituary

July 16, 1919 - November 26, 2005

The graveside funeral service for Mrs. John J. Beck (Olivia) of 3607 Old Dawson Road, Albany, who passed away of cancer on November 26, 2005 will be held at 11 AM Tuesday, November 28, 2005 at the Morgan Baptist Church cemetery in Morgan, GA. The service will be conducted by her pastor, Reverend Tony Haefs of Gillionville Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Jacques Beck in 1992. A native of Atlanta, Mrs. Beck attended public schools and graduated from Girls High. After graduating from Marjorie Webster Junior College in Washington, D.C., the Parson's School of Design, New York City and New York University, she taught art in New York City, Girls High in Atlanta and Albany High School. Catherine Olivia DuVall Beck was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Ward Beecher DuVall of Atlanta. She married John Jacques Beck of Morgan, Georgia in 1942 when Mr. Beck was an officer in the United States Army Air Corps and moved to Albany in 1946. She and John were among the fifty members who founded Sherwood Baptist Church. There she taught Sunday School, worked with the Women's Missionary Society, and was responsible for many receptions and decorations. She became a member of Gillionville Baptist Church in 2001. She was a member and past President of the Palmyra Heights Garden Club, the Albany Charity League, where she held many offices, a lifetime member of the Albany Museum of Art and served as a Gray Lady at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital for many years. Long known for her vivacity and creativity, in her later life, she became the owner and designer

of Beckridge Florist in 1980 where she designed silk flower arrangements for private and commercial customers. She is survived by her son, Jay Beck of Atlanta, two sisters-in-law, Marcelle C. Beck of Albany and Kay D. Nichols of Jupiter, Florida, two nieces, five nephews, great nieces, great nephews and one great, great niece as well as many loved cousins and very close friends. Visitation with the family will be from 5 to 7 PM Monday at Kimbrell-Stern. Those desiring may make memorials to the Gillionville Baptist Church, 4614 Gillionville Road, Albany, GA, 31721.

# Tribute Wall



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May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ *Every time I think of Mrs. Beck, I remember her laughter and flair for decorating. She used to come into the florist's quite often and I recall seeing some pictures she'd made one Christmas of her arrangements in the house. Although I'd not seen her in years, I do remember her well. God grant her family peace and comfort. Linda Wells (Jay, I'm sure you do not remember me, but we attended AHS at the same time.)*

**Linda Edwards Wells** - December 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Olivia, you will be greatly missed by Martha Sanders, Sister and Carole. You always brought a ray of sunshine to our days. You know we'll stay in touch with Jay!*

**Carole Lowe Boline** - December 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ With deepest sympathy to the Beck family. I have known Mrs. Beck since I was a little girl & she was always laughing & so energetic everytime I saw her! I enjoyed when I would see her at GBC in the last few years. My thoughts are with you all-

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**Juli Reynolds Bruner** - November 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Jay, even though I never met you I felt I knew you because your Mother was so proud of you. She was very special to me and even though I live in Florida now I would go by and visit with Olivia when I was in Albany. I will miss her and send you sympathy.

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**Lou Murphy** - November 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ My family and I was so sorry to hear of Ms. "Olivia's" death. We will always be grateful for the many things she did for us especially when I was out of work. To Jay

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**NATHANIEL GREENE** - November 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ Jay, Karla and I express our sympathy to you. We have grown accustomed to "Livy's" cards each holiday. Much love and we will be with you on Tuesday.

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**Howard and Karla DUVall** - November 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM