



Opal Wade Rich

November 1, 1928 - April 12, 2024

Opal Wade Rich, 95, of Leesburg, GA, died Friday, April 12, 2024, at The Oaks at Oakland Plantation.

Her funeral service will be at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at Christ Church, 505 Byron Plantation Road, Albany, GA 31721 with private interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Gary Brady and the Rev. Jeff Cook will officiate. The family will receive friends at 10 AM at Christ Methodist Church prior to the funeral.

Mrs. Rich was born in Pavo, GA and graduated from Georgia Southwestern College in 1946 at the age of 17. She began her teaching career as a fourth-grade teacher in Sycamore, GA. She moved to Albany in 1949 and lived here until moving to Jacksonville, FL in 1975, returning to Albany in 2008.

Following her teaching career, she worked for many years as a bookkeeper and medical assistant for several doctors. Her final career was as a corporate travel agent in Jacksonville. Mrs. Rich was a Lay Leader in the Methodist Church and a member of Christ Church in Albany. She was a 50-year member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Mrs. Rich was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Biggs Wade and Elah Lou Bedgood Wade, the father of her children, Samuel Rabun Sumner, her husband, Charles G. Rich, and her siblings, Bernard Wade, Julian Wade

and Mary Lou Galloway.

Mrs. Rich is survived by 3 children: Tisha Yordy (John), Leesburg, Cindy Sumner Penberthy (Catherine Mikell), Dunnellon, FL, and Samuel Wade Sumner (Melanie), Salley, SC; grandchildren: Melissa Eidson, Albany and Laurie Holloway, Greenville, SC; great granddaughter: Kaitlyn Holloway, Greenville, SC; and a beloved niece: Phyllis Thompson and her family, Byromville, GA.

Those desiring may send memorials to Christ Church, 505 Byron Plantation Road, Albany, GA 31721.

You may sign the online guestbook at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church of Albany
505 Byron Plantation Road
Albany, GA 31721

Funeral Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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505 Byron Plantation Road
Albany, GA 31721

Tribute Wall

PA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Pam Allen - June 09, 2024 at 07:35 PM

KR

“ I have great memories of Opal and she will be missed. We worked together at Dr. Finney's office when I was going to school at AJC and saw her from time to time while her husband was sick. She always had the brightest smile even when times were hard. So sweet. My prayers go out to the family.
Katye Fendya Reed

katye reed - April 19, 2024 at 03:48 PM

PA

“ I am so thankful I had the opportunity to meet Opal. My Dad was at Oaks for a year and I was very blessed to meet many wonderful residents there.
She was a special one! I shared some of the activity days with the ladies there and recall laughing so much at some of her stories. My last stop at Oaks, I made sure to go by and see Opal. We had a delightful conversation that I will now treasure along with my other sweet memories of her.

Pam Allen - April 17, 2024 at 05:12 PM

BR

“ Bobby and Virginia Rich purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Opal Wade Rich.



Bobby and Virginia Rich - April 16, 2024 at 01:46 PM

NR

“ I met Mrs. Rich at the Oaks as she was a friend there to my aunt, Opal Cannon. Thinking of this family!

Nancy Reimer - April 15, 2024 at 08:51 PM

SA

“ Stephanie Minix and Tom Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Opal Wade Rich.

Stephanie Minix and Tom Allen - April 15, 2024 at 07:36 PM

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“ Stephanie Minix and Tom Allen purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Opal Wade Rich.



Stephanie Minix and Tom Allen - April 15, 2024 at 07:36 PM

DS

“ Duley and Sawyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Opal Wade Rich.

Duley and Sawyer - April 15, 2024 at 12:53 PM

MY

“ Found memories of Opel. We were Beta Sigma Phi sisters. She was a beautiful lady inside and out.
You are all in my prayers and thoughts.

Mary Young - April 15, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Opal Wade Rich.



April 15, 2024 at 10:40 AM

MF

“ McBride Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Opal Wade Rich.

McBride Family - April 15, 2024 at 10:40 AM

AG

“ I remember your sweet Mom from years ago at Palmyra Road Methodist. I always thought she was so beautiful and kind. My parents always thought the world of her as well. May her legacy of kindness comfort each of you at this tough time.

Allan Graham - April 15, 2024 at 09:25 AM

GT

“ Mrs. Rich was a lovely lady.

Georgia Temples - April 15, 2024 at 08:07 AM

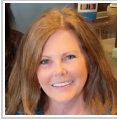
DR

“ My dear friend Cindy and family. What a beautiful lady Miss Opal was. We have great memories. May she rest in peace. Prayers for all.

DeLora



Delora Rogers - April 13, 2024 at 03:24 PM



Thank you DeLora, my grief is easier to bear knowing she's with Charles and her family who went before her. I bet your Mom is filling her in on the do's and dont's in Heaven!

Cindy Penberthy - April 13, 2024 at 09:10 PM