



## Peggy Emilie Smithson Kaney

March 3, 1935 - June 21, 2025

Mrs. Peggy Emilie Smithson Kaney, of Albany, Georgia, passed away at the age of 90 on June 21, 2025. Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock on Thursday, June 26, at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors, with Rev. Steve Hood officiating. The family will greet friends prior to the service at 10 o'clock that morning. Burial will follow in Floral Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Born on March 3, 1935, in Memphis, Tennessee, Peggy was the only child of Rev. William Perry "W.P." Smithson and Willie Lee Cantrell Smithson. She married the love of her life, Robert "Pat" Kaney, Jr., on June 16, 1953, in Dublin, Georgia.

A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Peggy dedicated herself to raising her children and managing her household before beginning part-time work at Albany Auto Auction in her forties. She handled countless behind-the-scenes responsibilities and continued working there until the age of 80. As a pastor's daughter, Peggy was a lifelong member of the Church of the Nazarene. Her quiet strength, deep faith, and unwavering commitment to her family were hallmarks of her life.

She will be fondly remembered for her love of quilting—completing nearly 100 quilts over her lifetime and generously gifting them to family and friends.

Peggy was active for many years in her TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) community. She loved tending her garden and was known for making the best banana pudding.

Mrs. Kaney is survived by her daughters, Donna (Roy) Philemon of Raleigh,

NC, and Barbara (Mike) Morris of Oakfield, GA; her grandchildren, Beth Philemon and Christy Philemon; and her great-grandson, Jeremiah Philemon, son of Christy Philemon.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 65 years, Robert "Pat" Kaney, Jr., and her son, Jerry Randolph Kaney.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Memory Gardens

Albany, GA 31702

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

CL

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss.. Miss Peggy and my mom were friends.*



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**Connie Lundy** - June 28, 2025 at 08:21 AM

DP

*Thanks, Connie.*

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**Donna Philemon** - July 03, 2025 at 09:41 PM

“Where do I start! I’ve dreaded making this post because it hasn’t really clicked yet. Unfortunately, I’m here now! After seeing “Mrs Peggy” whom I called “Nana” in the casket, I can only see how peaceful she looks and it made my heart smile. I know she was ready not only to be back in the arms of our Heavenly Father but “Mr. Pat” as well!

As a neighbor of “Nana Peggy” for 15 years, the hardest part about me having to move to a new home was the fact that I had to leave her and I wouldn’t be close to her! I knew and still know that I will probably NEVER get someone as loving, caring, God fearing, special, humble and the absolute SWEETEST as she was to me, my daughter, Saniyah, my fur babies (KoKo, Kingston & Khloe’) and my mom, Eva! There was never a time that she didn’t have a smile on her face! Anytime she called or we saw each other, she “NEVER” hung up the phone or left my house without saying “I LOVE YOU”, “IM ALWAYS PRAYING FOR YOU” & even saying “I BE SO WORRIED ABOUT U!!!” She was truly “my” gem!💎 No matter what she had or made, she would ALWAYS bring me something and even would leave it on the porch because that’s just how caring and sweet she was!

From me once telling her, “Nana u don’t have to pick up the sticks in my yard”(because she fell one day), how about the next day she was back picking up sticks again so instead of telling her not to do it, I just went and helped her instead!

As the tears roll down my face, this message is bittersweet! That fact that she’s not here is the hardest to grasp but I know that with time, God will bring me peace and understanding! There is so much I want to write about my “Nana” but I’ve already written an essay so far!

Lord, I’m extremely blessed that God graced someone so special and dear to my heart! I’m thankful that I’m able to go back and listen to voicemails she’s left me and pictures I have of her! I always wanted to give her her 🌸 flowers and gifts🎁 while she was here because I wanted her to know that because of how loving and sweet she was (especially after getting a kidney transplant) I had to show her that I cared and loved her just as much!

*It's hard knowing she's no longer here on this side with us but now I have a "Guardian Angel" that will continue to watch over me!  
Thank you so much Barbara and Donna for allowing me to love on "Nana" and "ALWAYS" accepting me as part of the family! I will always and forever stay in touch with u all and I'm so thankful to God for such amazing, sweet and loving "big sisters" like u both!  
Nana definitely raised "gems" as well! You're all "Heaven Sent" I love you all and I pray God brings u the peace and understanding that surpasses all understanding! I'm always here no matter what!  
Thank you all again and may my "Nana" rest peacefully! It'll be hard but I know with time things will only get better for us all! I'm always praying for u all as well! 🙏  
❤️ I love u forever, Santana ❤️*

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**Santana De'Andreia Graham** - June 26, 2025 at 01:49 PM

JE

“ *Barbara I'm praying for you and your family. I'm so very sorry for you loss. You are one of the best daughters I've ever known. I know the angels rejoiced when she made it home.  
Love you Jan*

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**Jan Edore** - June 26, 2025 at 11:21 AM

DC

“ *I was so saddened to see that Miss Peggy had passed away. She was always the person with the biggest smile and kindest heart in my time attending Albany First Church of the Nazarene. Please accept my heart felt sympathy.  
Dianna Crawley*

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**Dianna Crawley** - June 25, 2025 at 10:02 AM

TE

“ Thank you Donna for contacting me. Your Mom was a very special person. She will be missed here on earth but enjoyed in heaven. My thoughts are with you and Barbara and your family. Tesa



Tesa - June 24, 2025 at 09:37 PM

DO

I'm so glad you got my message. She loved you so.

Donna - June 24, 2025 at 10:27 PM

CM

“ Rest In Peace Grandma Kaney. We love you.



Courtney Morris - June 24, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Lit a candle 🕯️ in Remembrance



Elena Taylor - June 23, 2025 at 06:11 PM

RB

“ My heartfelt condolences for the Kaney family. I don't know of a single person who disliked Peggy Kaney. God bless you all. Randy

Randall Barfield - June 23, 2025 at 05:54 PM

TS

“ Ms. Peggy was a delightful lady. I met her through TOPS, she was always encouraging and smiling. I remember getting the tour of their home on Gravel Hill Rd near Christopher Cove, I fell in love with one of the quilts she had made for Mr. Pat. I know she is celebrating with him in heaven. To the family, friends, and other loved ones, you have my sympathy for your earthly loss, heaven's gain, may God comfort and strengthen you all in the coming days. I pray that the fondest of memories will fill your hearts with joy. Ms. Peggy has left many memories, and her wonderful legacy will continue. God bless and keep you all, Sincerely, Tekla

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**Tekla Sellars** - June 23, 2025 at 02:56 PM

PB

“ I was in the TOPS chapter at one time with Peggy. She was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. I know she will be missed.  
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**Pam Beck** - June 23, 2025 at 02:41 PM

EG

“ Sending deepest love and sympathies to the family of Mrs. Peggy. She was the sweetest woman ever! I just loved her. She was so kind to my daughter (Santana) and granddaughter (Saniyah) who were her neighbors for years. She was always smiling, picking up sticks out the yard and always had kind words. A love like hers was truly a reflection of the Love she had for Christ and all those who were blessed by her presence. She will be truly missed, it is my prayer that the good Lord grant each of you peace that surpasses all understanding and comfort in a way that only he can give. God bless you all. Love, Eva Graham



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**Eva Graham** - June 23, 2025 at 12:41 PM

LC

“ Love, Marilyn and Jeff Camp purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Peggy Emilie Smithson Kaney.



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**Love, Marilyn and Jeff Camp** - June 23, 2025 at 12:15 PM

LC

“ Love, Marilyn and Jeff Camp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peggy Emilie Smithson Kaney.

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**Love, Marilyn and Jeff Camp** - June 23, 2025 at 12:15 PM