



Mrs. Ruby Cain Obituary

December 19, 2011

Ruby Elizabeth Terry Cain was born to Clara and Sam Terry on March 3, 1916. Excluding the past six years, she spent her entire life in Albany, Georgia. Shortly after graduating from Albany High School, Ruby married Homer Clayton Cain, Sr. and together they owned and operated several small grocery stores. They ultimately settled on Highland Road (now Mitchell Avenue) and established "Cain's Grocery," which became a neighborhood and local institution. During the Great Depression and World War II years, Ruby and her husband were well known for their compassion, caring, and generosity towards their neighbors. Ruby took pride in her neighborhood, enjoying watching its children grow into productive and upstanding adult citizens. She cherished the long-lasting relationships she shared with her neighbors and their children. As a young teenager, Ruby was a dedicated attendant at the Baptist Student Union and carried the learned Christian principles as guideposts all of her life.

Until becoming blind in her 80s, she was a voracious reader preferring current events and politics. Ruby especially loved the political seasons surrounding presidential elections and provided lively knowledgeable debates. Usually the entertaining debates and conversations were held around her dining room table laden with her deliciously prepared home-cooked food. Red velvet cake and pecan pie were her well-known specialties.

When her husband retired, Ruby went to work as a businesswoman for the Albany Credit Union and later for a physician's office until her late 70s. She enjoyed working and having the opportunity to use her bookkeeping, mathematical, and writing skills. Her penmanship was beautiful and she was a stickler for using perfect grammar.

During her last year of life, even though she could not see, she constantly amazed her friends in her retirement home by singing old church songs and gospels learned as a child, from start to finish without missing a word. Ruby considered this an uplifting contribution to her living environment. When asked, "Who is your hero?" Ruby would quickly answer, "My mother. She raised five children during the Depression with almost no assets."

When asked "What is your guiding life principle?" her answer was, "You can't prejudge until you've walked a mile in someone else's shoes."

Hers has been called the "Greatest Generation" because of their dedication to God, family, and country. She was an ideal representative. Ruby Elizabeth Terry Cain made a difference with her life.

Ruby is predeceased by her husband, Homer Cain and her son, Clayton Cain, Jr. She is survived by her sister Mary Shank, brother Jonah Terry, and son Dr. James Cain. The extended family includes four grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and their families. She loved them all.

Visitation will be available December 28, 2011 between 10 and 11 AM, followed by a memorial service at 11 AM at Kimball – Stern at 1503 Dawson Rd., Albany, GA. Graveside services will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



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May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *My memories of Mrs. Cain began many, many years ago. My family lived in the neighborhood and their store was the hub of that neighborhood. She and her husband were so sweet and especially nice to the kids. We would walk down to the store on Saturdays and spend our small allowance on penny candy mostly. I also caught the bus to school in front of the store. I will never forget her as they were an important part of my life. My sympathy and prayers go out to the family.*

Frieda Howard Randles - Orlando, FL - Friend - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Cain & Terry Family,
What such a beautiful obit. Mrs. Rubye & Mr. Homer was such an important part of my life here in Albany. They treated me as an "adopted" grandson and I "adopted" them as my grandparents. They both shared their lifelong lessons and history of living in Albany. Their stories of the grocery stores will stay with me forever. My heart and prayers go out to you during this time. I hope I can make it her services.
Love to all,
Phill Bowman

Phill Bowman - Albany, GA - Former renter & Friend - December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM