



Sandra McKemie Reese

November 9, 1935 - October 21, 2023

Sandra McKemie Reese, 87, of Albany, Georgia passed away on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from a sudden illness. Sandra was born and raised in Albany, returning after her studies to become a life-long resident. After graduating high school in 1953 from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, Sandra attended Agnes Scott College. She then transferred to the University of Georgia, becoming an honors student in the School of Home Economics and a loyal member of the Chi Omega sorority. Upon graduation in 1957, Sandra married John Lamar Reese, Jr and moved to San Francisco, CA while Lamar completed his tenure with the US Navy.

Sandra and Lamar soon moved to her hometown of Albany, where she taught high school Home Economics at Albany High School for one year before giving birth to John, the first of three sons. Sandra and Lamar were church-loving and civic-minded. They were a formidable team with an unwavering focus towards the betterment of their community; giving generously and unconditionally of their time, energy and resources. The daughter of a physician, Sandra was a loyal, twenty-five year volunteer at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and a dedicated servant leader to her church family at Porterfield Methodist Church, serving in many capacities. From committee work, to answering the office phone, Sandra took part in addressing any church need – all with a faithful heart and that big, beautiful Southern smile for which she is known. Sandra was a life-time member of the Alpha Sunday School class and an active participant in multiple Porterfield Bible Studies up

until her death. She was a member of the Albany Junior League, the Albany Charity League and the Palmyra Heights Garden Club where she served as President twice and was a sustaining Honorary Member. Sandra never tired of helping others.

While Sandra loved people and never met a stranger, her greatest honor was that of Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother and was affectionately known by all as "Little Mama." While she was small in stature, she was big in love and devotion to her family and to her many cherished long-time Albany friends. She delighted in playing card games where a group of four met several times a week, often letting laughter and lively conversation take over the games. She was an intellect, a voracious reader, and a student of the Bible. Sandra was the unofficial Hospitality Director at her Tuxedo neighborhood community, always on-go for scheduling socials, Bible studies and swim gatherings. She was the epitome of kindness, generosity, gracious hospitality and loved sharing her wit and wisdom with anyone in her company. Although a graduate of UGA, Georgia Tech never had a more committed fan than Sandra. She loved Albany, her country, her fellow man and was tireless in her pursuit to make the most of each day.

Sandra is preceded in death by her parents, Howard Marvin McKemie, MD and Hope Horner McKemie; her only sibling, Hope McKemie Dozier; and her husband of 60 years, John Lamar Reese, Jr.

She is survived by her three sons that she loved whole-heartedly: John Lamar Reese III (Mary) of Albany; Marvin McKemie Reese (Holly) of LaGrange; and Franklin Howard Reese (Loulie) of Atlanta. Perhaps Sandra's greatest joy was her eight grandchildren: John Lamar Reese IV (Jamie); William Metris Reese; Paul McKemie Reese; Jordan Virginia Reese; Marvin McKemie Reese, Jr.; Robert Francis Reese; Franklin Howard Reese, Jr.; Loulie Eugenia Reese; three great grandchildren, Carlyn Virginia Reese, Suzanna Roberts Reese, and John Sheppard Reese; her sister-in law Dana Reese Harris, her nephew Richard Douglas Dozier, Jr. and nieces McKemie Dozier West, Leslie Harris Thomas, Dana Harris Jones, and Lisa Harris Seckinger.

The family would like to thank Janice Williams, Kontessa Heath, Gloria Seay and Pearl Huggins for the loving care and friendship that they gave to Sandra the last several years. Sandra was able to live a full life in her own home due to the kindness and love of these devoted ladies.

Visitation will be held at Porterfield Methodist Church in Albany, Georgia on Thursday, October 26 (9:30 a.m.) followed by an 11:00 graveside service at Crown Hill Cemetery with a luncheon immediately following the service at Porterfield Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Porterfield Methodist Church, 2200 Dawson Road, Albany GA 31707, or to the Sandra & Lamar Reese Scholarship at the Georgia Institute of Technology Scheller College of Business to benefit Albany area students attending Georgia Tech, c/o LRA Constructors, 2727 Upland Court, Albany GA 31707.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

Albany

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Porterfield Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707

Graveside Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery
1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Our deepest condolences to the Reese family. Sincerely, Chris, Jennifer, & Maria, Willow Bridge PC

Maria Dore - October 31, 2023 at 02:26 PM

CH

“ Sandra was a wonderful person and good friend. She will be greatly missed.

carolyn hatcher - October 28, 2023 at 08:29 AM

SR

“ Sincerely, RangeWater purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sandra McKemie Reese.



Sincerely, RangeWater - October 25, 2023 at 04:02 PM

SR

“ Sincerely, RangeWater planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra McKemie Reese.

Sincerely, RangeWater - October 25, 2023 at 04:02 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album *Sandra Reese Memorial Video*



Steven Hurley - October 25, 2023 at 02:24 PM

SB

*To the Reese family. You have loss a wonderful mother. Heaven has gained a sweet Angel. My deepest sympathy during this time of much grief.
God will send you comfort.*

Saye Butler - October 25, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sandra McKemie Reese.*



October 25, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra McKemie Reese.*



October 25, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sandra McKemie Reese.

October 25, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Sandra McKemie Reese.



October 25, 2023 at 11:26 AM



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sandra McKemie Reese.



October 25, 2023 at 10:26 AM

ES

“ Never saw Mrs. Reese when she didn't make me smile. The first thing she would always do was ask about all of my family. One of the few remaining true Southern ladies - who put family, country, and God ahead of her own self. I remember she liked Trappeys Red Bull hot sauce - she would put it on everything. Very sad and heartbroken for her family, but know she is happy and in a better place. To you younger folks, you will only read or see ladies like Mrs. Reese in a movie. They are forever “Gone With The Wind”.
With Love - Ellis, Sandra & E Smith

Ellis Smith - October 25, 2023 at 10:01 AM

SS

“ Shiver Lumber Co , Wade Shiver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sandra McKemie Reese.

Shiver Lumber Co , Wade Shiver - October 25, 2023 at 08:46 AM

SS

“ Shiver Lumber Co , Wade Shiver purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sandra McKemie Reese.



Shiver Lumber Co , Wade Shiver - October 25, 2023 at 08:46 AM

JC

“ Joanne McKemie, Mike & Delle Clark, Mac & Tracey McKemie & Children purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sandra McKemie Reese.



Joanne McKemie, Mike & Delle Clark, Mac & Tracey McKemie & Children - October 24, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Sandra McKemie Reese.



October 24, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sandra McKemie Reese.



October 24, 2023 at 12:32 PM

JF

“ Mrs Reese was the sweetest and kindest lady you will ever know. She knew more about football than any lady I know. She will be missed 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤�
The Field Family

Jeffrey Field - October 24, 2023 at 11:37 AM

YE

“ Mrs Sandra was the best she love everyone I spent countless of hours with her when she call I stop everything for her she was a very special woman she will be miss I love you Mrs sandra ❤️
vonne edge

yvonne edge - October 24, 2023 at 11:04 AM

GF

“ John and family, I'm sorry for you loss but Heaven is rejoicing as this sweet lady enters eternal rest and joins your dad in a place we can't imagine. She was a true Southern lady always smiling and gracious with a kind word for all see met. May the Lord comfort you during this time of loss.

Glenn Forehand

Glenn Forehand - October 24, 2023 at 10:59 AM

LT

“ Dear Family, We are thinking of you at this time. Mrs. Reese was always so friendly and kind any ware we saw her. She always had a smile on her pretty face and our thoughts and prayer are with the family.

Linda & Fred Turpin

Linda Turpin - October 24, 2023 at 09:57 AM

HD

“ Dear family,
May our God of love and comfort be exactly that for each of you at this time. We will be praying for you in these days.

Howard Hammack DuVall and Karla DuVall

Howard H. DuVall - October 24, 2023 at 09:40 AM

HI

“ Mrs Reese was one of my all time favorites! She was always so warm and kind and had the best sense of humor. I think we first bonded over our love of mayhaw jelly! I sure will miss her visits & that ebullient smile. Prayers going up for all of you.

Hillary Inglis - October 24, 2023 at 07:54 AM

CD

“ To know Sandra Reese was to love Sandra Reese. So sorry John and all the others.
Chuck & Cris Darsey

Chuck Darsey - October 23, 2023 at 09:44 PM

CS

“ Sandra was one of the sweetest, most positive ladies I've ever known. For years she has sat right in front of us at church. Her pew is going to be mighty empty without her presence there. I will miss her so much. May she rest in peace.

Cary Stoudenmire - October 23, 2023 at 09:08 PM

AT

“ I know Mrs. Reese as a friend of Frank and Loulie- I met her first at “little” Frank’s birthday party when he was about 3 or 4. We got there early and she made us feel like part of the family. Such wonderful hospitality that she and her late husband showed us- we have loved them ever since and are very saddened to hear of her passing- a wonderful woman indeed!

Amanda Tucker - October 23, 2023 at 08:47 PM

WM

“ Sandra always had a big smile and a sweet word for me. She always asked about my children and grandchildren. She made you feel special whenever she was in your presence.

Wanda H Mitchell - October 23, 2023 at 08:19 PM

JT

“ What a special lady! She was so kind to everyone she met and always had that beautiful smile on her face! I'll miss her!

Janis Tilley - October 23, 2023 at 08:18 PM

JB

“ Sandra was one of the nicest people I ever knew! She was always so friendly and caring. She put my house on the tour of homes for the heart association and I was so young I had no idea what to do. She helped me through it! She will always be in our hearts and May her memory always be a blessing to all.



janie & Bruce Bitterman - October 23, 2023 at 06:47 PM

PH

“ Sandra was the epitome of Southern gentility and emitted joy that she shared with everyone she met. Albany has lost one of its best. So glad to have called her my friend.

Patti Howze - October 23, 2023 at 06:29 PM

JR

“ *Sandra and Lamar were the best neighbors anyone could ask for. We cherish her welcoming hospitality and the memories of the many neighborhood Sunday evenings we spent with the Reeses. All who had the good fortune to spend time in her light experienced her genuine caring. Our condolences to the family. Jackie and Paul Ryan*

Jackie Ryan - October 23, 2023 at 06:18 PM

SR

“ *Mrs. Reese was such a sweet, kind lady. Her beautiful southern voice and loving smile always brightened the hearts of many, my family included. She was a grand lady and will be greatly missed*❤️
Sue & David Rowland

Sue Rowland - October 23, 2023 at 06:05 PM

DD

“ *Such a beautiful and sweet friend...I will so miss my weekly card games with her...*❤️

Dorothy Dickey - October 23, 2023 at 04:51 PM

BS

“ *Mrs. Reese was such a sweet and funny lady. I enjoyed helping to provide her care for many, many years. She will surely be missed.*
Bonnie Sisk, PA-C

Bonnie Sisk - October 23, 2023 at 02:05 PM

PM

“ A beautiful lady she was! Kind, loving, with a sweet Christian heart. Sandra and Lamar were an awesome duo and will be missed by so many.
I know that the reunion with her beloved Lamar will be quite a celebration.
Rest in peace, Sandra McKemie Reese. You have lived an amazing life!!!

Patsy Martin - October 23, 2023 at 11:59 AM

NB

Sandra was a pleasant & friendly person. Only Knew her as members , both of Porterfield but she airways smiled & spoke. Nell Blaylock

Nell Blaylock - October 23, 2023 at 07:59 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear the passing of a wonderful and beautiful lady. She is now enjoying being back with her husband Lamar. They were my sweet Ga Tech friends for sure. Hugs to the family
Diane Urick Slomka

Diane Urick Slomka - October 23, 2023 at 11:02 AM

DB

“ Mrs Sandra was a beautiful, Christian, Southern lady; she was a blessing to know.
Debbie Blanchard



Deb B - October 23, 2023 at 10:25 AM

WP

“ Such a sweet and happy lady. I'm so glad our paths crossed ❤️

Wanda Proctor - October 23, 2023 at 08:06 AM



“ *I had some great conversations and trips with Sandra. What a delight to have known her.* ”

Nancy Reimer - October 22, 2023 at 09:44 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors - October 22, 2023 at 04:53 PM