



Mrs. Verna Porter Hambley

January 7, 1924 - March 20, 2019

Verna Porter Hambley passed away peacefully at her daughter's residence on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. The service will be Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 P.M. at Kimbrell Stern Funeral Home. Visitation will be held at 1:00 before the service. Internment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery Mausoleum. Born in Guin, Alabama (Marion County) on January 7, 1924, she was preceded in death by her parents Samuel Houston Porter and Eva Guin Porter, and her husband (the love of her life) William O. (Bill) Hambley. She graduated from Marion County High School.

Longtime Bookstore Manager at Albany Junior College (Darton College), Mrs. Hambley mentored countless students. She served as surrogate mother to many individuals who remain in close contact with her. In 1969 she became a Charter member of the Georgia Bookstore Managers Association which evolved in to the Georgia Association of College Stores. She was twice appointed to the Board of Directors and served terms as Secretary and Treasurer.

During WWII she served her nation as a Rosie the Riveter working on B29 Military aircraft at the Bechtel McCone Plant in Birmingham, Alabama. As a member of the Greatest Generation, she always exhibited a firm work ethic, patriotism, selflessness, and the best of the human spirit.

A friend to many, Mrs. Hambley had a keen sense of humor and was incredibly generous and thoughtful. She was a family, fun, friends, faith and football-loving Southern lady. She was an avid reader and loved movies and

playing cards. Mrs. Hambley enjoyed traveling and especially trips to Las Vegas, Wisconsin, Alabama, Orange Park, Florida, Athens, Georgia and her happy place- Mexico Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Hambley was named as a Woman of Worth by her community in 2004. She was a member of the Darton Boosters Club, American Rosie the Riveter Association, The Rebel Nine, and Porterfield United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughters Carole Hambley Williams of Athens, Ga., Debbie Hambley of Albany, GA, Teresa Hambley Austin (Ray) of Orange Park, Florida, and her "other daughter" Carolyn Hatcher of Albany, Ga. Ten grandchildren: Natalie Williams of Jersey City, N.J., Rachel Williams (Elizabeth), Blaine Williams, Mary Williams (Matt), Chase Williams (Kristin), and Zach Williams of Athens, Georgia, Joshua Austin (Beth) and Jacob Austin (Autumn) of Orange Park, Florida, Caleb Austin (Megan) and Abby Austin Clukey (Drew) of St. Augustine, Florida. Four great grandchildren: Ezekiel Porter, John Baylor, Opal James Hensley-Williams, of Athens, Georgia, and James Ryder Austin of Orange Park, Florida. Her beloved cat, Sparky, preceded her in death.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Mausoleum

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Verna Porter Hambley*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ *Mrs. Verna Porter Hambley*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Verna worked with me a Darton and was a sweet, caring person who looked after the students and faculty.*



Roger Marietta - April 08, 2019 at 07:27 AM

LM

“ *Carole, Debbie and Teresa,
I was very sorry to hear about the loss of your
mother. She was a very loving and special
lady. I have many fond memories of her and
your grandmother. My family and I were
neighbors of Ms Eva many years ago. My son Jason and I spent
many days visiting and listening to Ms Eva's stories.*



*With love, sympathy and prayers,
Libby Bruce Merritt*

Libby Bruce Merritt - April 06, 2019 at 06:24 PM

BE

“ *Sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Hambley. I took care of Mrs.
Eva with Home Health. She and Mrs Eva was two wonderful and
loving people.*

betty - March 24, 2019 at 11:09 AM

WH

“ *We miss her already, the neighborhood will never be the same
without her. She brought joy and laughter to us all.
Love & Peace,
Winnie & Family*

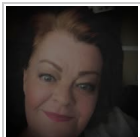
Winnie Hart - March 23, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mrs. Verna Porter Hambley.*

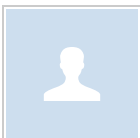


March 23, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *Deb I am so sorry to see this! We want to keep our mamas with us forever. She was such a congenial loving person and seemed to never meet a stranger. We all would love to have a personality like hers .*

Rose Newman - March 22, 2019 at 07:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Verna Porter Hambley.*



March 22, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Debbie, thinking of all of you at this time. I loved your mother when I was a student at AJC!!!*
Nancy Reimer

Nancy Reimer - March 21, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *Roland and Polly Hambley purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Verna Porter Hambley.*



Roland and Polly Hambley - March 21, 2019 at 02:57 PM

RI

“ *Rulon International purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Verna Porter Hambley.*



Rulon International - March 21, 2019 at 02:30 PM

KM

“ *I loved her like the mother she was to me. I spent so much time at her house playing when I was a kid that she called me her blonde headed daughter.*

Karen Mack - March 21, 2019 at 07:07 AM

BL

Teresa I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. I remember her from Albany Jr College bookstore. She was a sweet lady. Praying for you and your family. 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Beth Lofton - March 21, 2019 at 10:40 PM

JW

She was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever know. God rest her soul.

Jean A Whiting - March 22, 2019 at 09:28 AM