



Eleanor Witcher Bridges

April 27, 1933 - December 14, 2024

Eleanor Witcher Bridges, of Newnan, GA, passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at Wesley Woods of Newnan at the age of 91.

Eleanor was born April 27, 1933, to the late William Brewer Witcher and Amelia Crawford Witcher. She fondly recalled memories of her childhood growing up in the country with eight older siblings. She was grateful for the joy of having them and other relatives who came to visit - the love of a big family who shared stories on the front porch were memories she savored throughout her life.

After high school Eleanor remained in Newnan. She was involved with many groups, but her favorite was the Newnan Playmakers - a group that performed plays in the Patchwork Barn at Dunaway Gardens. Eleanor was involved in many aspects of the productions, even becoming an actress. It was here that she met the man she would ultimately spend almost 52 years with, Herb Bridges.

Eleanor and Herb married in November 1961 and started their lives together in Sharpsburg, GA. They built their home in the "country" and raised their three children, Anne, Joe, and Bill. Eleanor taught her children to love the outdoors as much as she did.

In 1970 she became the secretary/bookkeeper of The Heritage School, where she became a surrogate mom to many students and met teachers who would become lifelong friends.

Eleanor faced everything with a sense of humor. Her banter was effortless, and she loved the company of people who would tease back and forth with her. She was defined by her quick wit, stubbornness, and patriotism, but what she valued and conveyed more than anything was the love she shared and cultivated with her family. One of the greatest legacies she leaves behind is the Witcher Family Thanksgiving. Eleanor began to host the entire Witcher crew at her home in 1976. She looked forward to this family gathering each year.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Herbert Bridges, and her eight older siblings, William Greer Witcher, Charles Brittain Witcher, Robert Hixon Witcher, Erie Frances Witcher McDowell, Harvey North Witcher, Mell Witcher, Jenelle Witcher Watson, and Amelia Anne Witcher Breed.

She is survived by her daughter, Anne (Graves) Clayton of Cary, NC; her sons, Joe (Nan) Bridges of Columbus, GA and Bill (Christy) Bridges of Brewton, AL; her grandchildren, David Clayton, Bo Bridges, Will Clayton, Zoe Bridges, Jim Clayton, Edward Bridges, and Amelia Bridges.

Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 1:00 pm at Central Baptist Church, 14 W Broad St, Newnan, GA 30263. A reception at the church will follow.

In lieu of flowers, Eleanor's wish was that memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home or The Heritage School or that you plant a tree. She loved trees.

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St./P.O. Box 1221
Newnan, GA 30264

Tribute Wall

GP

“ Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Witcher Bridges



Gerrie Petty - January 01, 2025 at 07:58 AM

JO

“ I am so saddened to hear of Miss Eleanor’s passing. Though it has been many years, I still have fond memories of her charm, quick wit, and the way she carried herself with such grace and confidence. My condolences to the family during this difficult time.

johanna - December 30, 2024 at 07:11 PM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya’ll during this difficult time. Ronnie and Susan Robinson Whatley (Polly and Lee Robinson Family)

Susan Whatley - December 27, 2024 at 09:12 AM

JR

“ A beautiful tribute, to a well deserved lady! Herb and Eleanor were our first new friends, we met, when we moved to Coweta. I treasure, the many good memories, we shared. Eleanor was a very smart, strong, southern woman, who raised three, amazing children. It was an honor, to have her, as my dear friend. No doubt, she is with her beloved, Herb!

Judy Rivers - December 22, 2024 at 03:14 PM