



## Ethel Bruner

November 11, 1921 - December 22, 2020

God allowed one of Newnan's most beloved Earth Angels to retire on December 22, 2020. Ethel Bell Bruner passed away at her Wesley Woods home surrounded by caring, loving staff members and kind hospice professionals. She was 99 years old. Pandemic protocols did not allow her family members or countless friends to gather there, but all of them were with her in their hearts as they consoled each other from afar.

Ethel's angel-touches in Newnan began when she moved to town in 1950. She joined the First Baptist Church of Newnan, where she taught Sunday School for many years, was a leader in the Women's Missionary Union and supported all outreach programs and church events, including NGO. Her ministry was not limited to the adults; Ethel was adored by the youth of the church as well. Whether she was hosting picnics for them at her home in Lake Hills or following their life journeys as they matured, they always knew she cared for them. Regardless of age or position, Ethel treated everyone she knew like family, loving each one on a deeply personal level and embodying the commandment of John 15:12. When anyone came to her for guidance, which happened often, she knew exactly what to say to give them the encouragement they needed with her trademark wisdom and humor. When she moved to Wesley Woods, she continued to lead devotionals and show love and concern for both residents and staff, even sharing her "sweet tooth" by making homemade peach ice cream once a year for the entire community!

This incredibly kind, gifted, smart woman came from humble beginnings. Ethel was born on November 11, 1921, in Harris County, Georgia. A few years after her birth, her family moved to Phenix City, Alabama and later to Columbus, Georgia where her father worked as a skilled carpenter. During the depression in 1932, Ethel's family moved to Ellaville, Georgia, where they farmed to help make ends meet. When the economy improved, Ethel moved back to Columbus.

Upon graduation from Columbus Industrial High School, Ethel was hired at the F.W. Woolworth Company as a salesperson. There she met her future husband Virgil Bruner who was the assistant manager. They married in 1939. After working at Woolworth, Ethel became a switchboard operator at the Southern Bell Telephone Company. Virgil was soon transferred to Birmingham, Alabama for a short time and she found work at a redemption center for Octagon coupons. By year's end, they returned to Columbus where she went back to work at the Telephone Company and Virgil became a sales representative for National Life and Accident Insurance Company. Throughout their marriage, their love for one another and their commitment to work hard were equally matched.

Unfortunately, World War II created a new challenge for them. After the Pearl Harbor attack, Virgil felt called to make another change; he became a welder. They moved to Alliance Ohio where he helped make fuselages for Taylor Craft airplanes and Ethel went to work for Ohio Bell. After two years, they moved once again when Virgil went to work at Wainwright shipyards in Panama City, Florida. Undaunted, Ethel found work in the personnel office. Virgil was drafted into the Navy April, 1945, and Ethel returned to Columbus, Georgia. Their son David was born later that year while Virgil was stationed in Guam.

After the war, Ethel and Virgil decided to launch a whole new life. In August of

1946, they opened two ladies retail stores, one in Phenix City and the other in Bibb City in Columbus. In 1950, they accepted a business opportunity in Newnan. They sold their two stores and moved with son David and their six-month-old daughter Rita to help manage Kersey's retail store on Greenville Street. Two years later, they left Kersey's to open their own business. They operated Bruner's Ladies' Ready-to-Wear until 1974, when Rita and her then husband George Giddings, Jr. took control of the business. After Ethel and Virgil retired from the store, they moved to Dunwoody, Georgia where Virgil sold vintage cars and Ethel, ever the career lady, took a job in the business office of the Food Mart Convenience Stores. Virgil passed away in 1981, and Ethel returned to Newnan to focus on what she enjoyed most – loving and serving others. She moved into the Wesley Woods Retirement Community in December, 1998, and lived there happily for twenty-two years.

Although God has allowed Ethel's angel body to retire, her angel spirit is still ever-present with her family and friends. Along with her parents, Ethel was preceded in death by her husband Virgil Bruner, her son David Bruner of Carrollton, her sister Ruth Bell French of Cumming and her infant brother Ernest Bell. She is survived by David Bruner's wife Pat of Carrollton, daughter Rita Bruner Brown (David), of Senoia, her grandson Stephen Bruner of Kennesaw, her granddaughter Kirsten Giddings Beard (Bryan) of Dunwoody, her great-grandson Thomas Bruner, her great-granddaughters Morgan Bruner, Sarah Beard and Ashlyn Beard, her step-granddaughters Adi Brown of Moab, Utah, Julia Gaines McLeod (Brian) of Carrollton and her children Auston and Tucker and Abigail Brown Endres (Jeff) of Senoia and her children Jordan Cole and Madeline Cole and several dear nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private graveside service will be held Sunday, December 27, 2020. Memorials may be sent to Newnan First Baptist Church, 15 West Washington

Street, Newnan, Georgia 30263 or Wesley Woods Foundation, Newnan  
Employee Appreciation Fund, 1817 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329.  
Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).  
Mrs. Bruner's funeral will be available to view online on Monday, December  
28, 2020 on the McKoon website.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Funeral

DEC 28 (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

# Tribute Wall

FF

“ So sorry to hear this news. Miss Ethel was a classy lady. She always treated me so nicely. I admired her very much. She made Newnan a better place. My prayers are with all the family.  
Sincerely,  
Frank M. Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - December 28, 2020 at 10:16 AM

RB

Sincere words for a wonderful lady! She has left a remarkable legacy, Thank you, Frank and Melody, for honoring her memory.

Rita B Brown - December 29, 2020 at 07:56 AM



“ We thank the Lord for providing this warm, beautiful day to officially welcome Ethel Bruner into heaven. We thank Dr. Andy Brown, who is so gifted with words, and McKoon Funeral Home for making today so special. As Mema would say, “y’all be sweet and know I love you!” xoxo



Kirsten Beard - December 27, 2020 at 06:05 PM

RB

It was a special day. A beautiful scene for my beautiful mom.

Rita B Brown - December 27, 2020 at 06:44 PM

KS

*Such a beautiful setting and a heartwarming tribute. I am so grateful that I had time to spend with Mrs. Bruner over the last 16 years and hear her say, "you know I love you" so many times.*

**Kay Sutton** - December 27, 2020 at 07:06 PM

RB

*Thank you, Kay. I so appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern during these trying times. Friends get us though to a better place.*

**Rita B Brown** - December 27, 2020 at 08:02 PM

TT

*What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady on this glorious day.  
Love, Chuck and Tammy Tilghman*

**Tammy Tilghman** - December 27, 2020 at 10:00 PM

CB

*So beautiful for a Godly Woman with an unconditional love that will last in my life time.*

*She gave me something to live my life by. What an awesome example of Love.*

*So miss you Mrs. Ethel Rita I am always and forever here for you.  
Prayers for comfort to us all. Love Cynthia Wright Blossomgame*

**cynthia wright blossomgame** - December 28, 2020 at 09:56 AM

RB

*Thank you so much. It WAS a glorious day and, yes, she was the ultimate example of unconditional love. I so appreciate your honoring her.*

**Rita B Brown** - December 29, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Graveside Service*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - December 27, 2020 at 04:40 PM

RB

*Thank you Dr. Andy Brown for the perfect eulogy honoring my sweet Mom. I will treasure your words as I remember Mom and feel her angel spirit with me.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 27, 2020 at 06:49 PM

CH

*You are right Rita- Absolutely perfect eulogy. So glad to be able to “be there” with you virtually. What a treasure it is to be raised by a strong, loving mom. Hugs and love Cathy Cannon Hubka*

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**cathy hubka** - December 29, 2020 at 11:52 AM

RB

*Oh, Cathy, thank you! We so wanted to honor mom as she deserved in this new reality. Having the service graveside and videotaping it allowed us to gather safely as a family, enjoy the beauty of an absolutely gorgeous day and still include those who loved her and wanted to show their love for my “strong, loving mom.” I’m so blessed to be her daughter and I’m so blessed to have you and all my Furman gals as my support group. Hugs and love back!!*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 29, 2020 at 10:17 PM

LC

“ *Mrs. Bruner was a class act. An amazing woman. Thank for always treating me kindly. Lillian Campbell*

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**Lillian E. Campbell** - December 26, 2020 at 10:43 AM

RB

*Thank you, Lillian, for your sweet words. Mom was truly special.*

Rita B Brown - December 26, 2020 at 01:21 PM

CH

“ Cherry lit a candle in memory of Ethel Bruner



Cherry - December 25, 2020 at 06:55 PM

CH

“ Rita,  
*I did not have the opportunity to know mom very well ,but I did get the honor of meeting her a few times and she was a very kind and sweet woman.She had to be an awesome woman to raise such a person as yourself.She is now an angel looking down on her family in peace...our prayers are with you and your family .*  
*Mike Cherry and Michel Jr.*

Cherry - December 24, 2020 at 11:48 PM

RB

*Thank you guys. She truly was an angel on earth. Now she is "back home" but her angel spirit is still tapping us on our shoulders, showing us she is still loving us and helping us navigate this world.*

Rita B Brown - December 25, 2020 at 08:04 AM

DL

“ Rita, I was saddened today when I received the phone call from my brother, Scott to inform me of your dear mother’s passing. I have such wonderful memories of Miss Ethel and your father of the time I spent working at Bruner’s Department Store! They both took me in and made me feel special and I felt like a part of the Bruner family. It was an honor to have worked in the Village Loft! I often find myself reminiscing about those wonderful days. You were truly blessed to have had her as your mother. Donna Horne Lundy

Donna Horne Lundy - December 24, 2020 at 11:17 PM

RB

Donna, you are so right to say I have been blessed to be her daughter. And, yes, the Bruner’s department store history is an amazing story. Mom and Dad were committed to make it a great place to work and shop. Thank you for your part in helping them achieve that goal!

Rita B Brown - December 25, 2020 at 08:17 AM

TT

“ Rita our thoughts and prayers are with you all!  
Miss Ethel was a very special lady who was beautiful inside and out.  
I will miss her laughter and her bright beautiful smile. She met no stranger.  
Treated everyone like they were family.  
I treasured our friendship.  
True Southern Bell.  
She will be missed dearly.  
Rita you are just as sweet and kind as your Mom.  
Love, Chuck & Tammy Tilghman



Tammy Tilghman - December 24, 2020 at 09:24 PM

TT

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I was blessed to have know her.  
True Southern Bell.  
She will be missed dearly.  
Rita you are just as sweet and kind as your Mom.  
Love, Chuck & Tammy Tilghman

Tammy Tilghman - December 24, 2020 at 09:00 PM

RB

Thank you, Tammy and Chuck. Mom loved you guys so much. She was constantly telling me how much you meant to her. She was so touched at how often you helped her with her computer questions and how kind you were to her on a personal level. She was everything you described. She truly was special. I only wish I COULD be as sweet and kind as Mom! I'm certainly not, but I'm trying!!

Rita B Brown - December 25, 2020 at 08:25 AM

TT

Rita,  
We loved her so much too. ❤️🙏  
What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady on this glorious day.  
Thank you for sharing with us all.

Tammy Tilghman - December 27, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ Sue Caylor lit a candle in memory of Ethel Bruner



Sue Caylor - December 24, 2020 at 03:07 PM

RB

*Oh, Sue. How perfect to honor Mom with light. She was such a brilliant, radiant person; a candle symbolized her spirit perfectly. She spoke of you and your family so often. Thank you for all you meant to her.*

Rita B Brown - December 24, 2020 at 05:33 PM

LM

“ *So many fond memories of Ms. Ethel. She was a beautiful lady inside and out.*

*Rita you and your family are in my prayers and I offer my heartfelt condolences to you all.*

*Love you my sweet friend.*

*Linda Mealor*

Linda Mealor - December 24, 2020 at 02:22 PM

RB

*Yes, we share many good memories from our youth and I'm so honored that you communicated these sweet thoughts to me now. You and I were blessed to have wonderfully loving, nurturing mom's. And they were both ladies of deep faith. It's comforting to know they are restored in the presence of our loving God. I bet they are having a gab fest right now!!*

Rita B Brown - December 24, 2020 at 03:10 PM

LJ

“ *I loved Miss Ethel! She was such a great friend to my mom through the years! I enjoyed seeing her at Wesley Woods when my mom was still there. She is worshipping at the feet of Jesus now!*

Lisa June - December 24, 2020 at 01:47 PM

RB

*So true, Lisa. Moms are special, as you know!! It's so comforting to know that she is in the presence of our loving God. Thank you for your sincere words of comfort.*

Rita B Brown - December 24, 2020 at 03:15 PM

JM

“ Jimmy Millians lit a candle in memory of Ethel Bruner



Jimmy Millians - December 24, 2020 at 09:59 AM

RB

*Thank you, Jimmy. That is so perfect. A shining light for a bright, radiant lady.*

Rita B Brown - December 24, 2020 at 11:45 AM

MH

“ Miss Ethel was a dear friend and neighbor of our family for many years. She was my mother's Sunday school teacher and encourager and was a wonderful example to all of us. She was a devout Christian and full of love and grace. I know that she is going to enjoy celebrating the birth of Jesus with Him in heaven this Christmas. Rita, may God's sustaining grace help you at this time. We send to you our love and promise our prayers. Martha Jean Maxwell Harris

Martha Jean Harris - December 24, 2020 at 09:50 AM

RB

*Oh, Martha Jean....how many wonderful memories our two family shared!! Your momma was so like mine. They were both loving and nurturing women of deep faith. Thank you for your precious message. And yes, Mom is now restored and with our loving God for Christmas.*

Rita B Brown - December 24, 2020 at 11:50 AM

CM

“ Rita,  
*Miss Ethel was beautiful inside and out. She was so kind to the youth at First Baptist. I remember many get togethers at the lake house at Lake Hills. When my parents were at Wesley Woods, I always enjoyed visiting with your mon. She was always a breath of fresh air.*  
*Hugs to you and you family.*  
*Cheryl Estes Morgan*

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**Cheryl Morgan** - December 24, 2020 at 06:52 AM

RB

*We have so many memories to cherish, Cheryl. Thank you for your sweet words about my sweet mom. She will forever impact those of us who knew her.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 24, 2020 at 07:06 AM

CB

“ Rita,

*I'm so full with so many emotions right now. I'm grateful for having the opportunity of meeting you and Mrs. Ethel. Being able to be apart of your love and carefulness. Precious memories how they linger in the core of my soul. Thinking of her calling my cell phone about something that was going on at Wesley Woods needing my assistance. So much joy and pain of losing her Tuesday. I will forever be changed by her goodness. Thinking of her doing her daily walks, coming by my desk to let me know she is getting her walk on. Saying: You know I Love You with that lovely smile on her face with her head tilted slightly to the side. She is in my head, heart and spirit. Precious memories ohh how they are lingering on me. Rita I love you my sister you are in my heart and my prayers. Know I am always here for you anytime. So happy to have met you. Mrs. Ethel is rest with the Angels! For she was a true example of unconditional love! I saw Father God in her everyday of seeing her. Gone too soon simply heartbroken.*



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**Cynthia Wright Blossomgame** - December 24, 2020 at 01:59 AM

RB

*Oh, Cynthia. I can not express how precious you are to me and how precious you were to mom. You were one of our most constant go-to persons in The Plaza. You will still be one of my treasured go-to persons when I need to remember her in her Wesley Woods home. How many times did we collaborate to make sure she was happy and satisfied?? Too many to even count! Thank you, thank you for loving my mom as sincerely as you did. I will be forever grateful. Love, your Sister Rita*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 24, 2020 at 07:14 AM

DT

“ *Rita, you are in our thoughts and prayers. I feel like I got to know Miss Ethel through knowing you. She was a beautiful person just like you are! Love Danny, Audrey, Elijah, Maddox, and Esther.*

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**Danny Tomlinson** - December 23, 2020 at 07:09 PM

RB

*How kind. I thank you for the comparison but I'm still working on my goal to be as kind and loving as she. She is a wonderful role model! Hugs to you and all your darling family.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 23, 2020 at 08:53 PM

CB

“ *" Miss" Ethel was one of my favorite people. She was always there for us all. She was always upbeat and sincerely interested in others. She was a fixture at First Baptist Church of Newnan, and, I know where she always sat. We will all miss seeing her there. She and my Mom are already " catching up" in heaven I am sure, We are all thinking of the family at this time. All best regards to all, Chip Barron*

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**Chip Barron** - December 23, 2020 at 05:50 PM

RB

*Yes! She and "Miss" Genet are having a grand time remembering fun times together! Thank you for your sweet words.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 23, 2020 at 08:56 PM

JE

“ *Miss Ethel was wonderful and fun-loving. It was such a treat to come to the Bruner house for church picnics; and she traveled with our youth choir to Switzerland--what a treat! This is a lovely tribute to her.*

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**Jill Exner** - December 23, 2020 at 01:10 PM

RB

*That trip was so special to her. I have her album with all the pictures to prove! Thank you for the sweet words.*

Rita B Brown - December 23, 2020 at 01:15 PM

JO

“ *I got to know Mrs. Ethel when I was invited to give monthly Thursday morning devotions at Wesley Woods. She always greeted me with a warm, welcoming smile. She was truly an amazing woman who loved people deeply and who held a strong faith. I love her much and am so grateful to the wonderful folks at Wesley Woods, especially Chaplain Sharon Edgar, for allowing me the blessing of knowing Mrs. Ethel and the wonderful people I've met during these devotions. Mrs. Ethel will be terribly missed.*

Jimmy Orr - December 23, 2020 at 09:42 AM

RB

*She adored that group and she love you! She spoke of you so often and she really enjoyed your devotions. Than you for your kinds words.*

Rita B Brown - December 23, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ethel Bruner.*



December 23, 2020 at 09:17 AM

AR

“ *Rita, you are in my thoughts and prayers right now. Your Mom was a beautiful lady with a special gift of love for everyone. We loved the store and will always remember her many acts of kindness to us. Give the girls a big hug from us. Annette and Oliver Reason.*



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**Annette Reason** - December 23, 2020 at 08:57 AM

RB

*Oh, Annette, so sweet to hear from you! She truly did have a special gift. Thank you much for your sweet words.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 23, 2020 at 01:21 PM

JW

“ *I know Mr Virgil was waiting at the gates of Heaven for his bride. Mrs Ethel was the kindest, sweetest Southern Lady. Thinking of all of you this First Christmas without her physical presence. Our faith that we will see her again is comforting! Judi Worth*

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**Judi Worth** - December 23, 2020 at 08:21 AM

RB

*So true, Judi. Thank you for honoring her with your heartfelt words. And you are right. Dad was waiting and so was my brother David. That will be the comfort I hold on to this Christmas.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 23, 2020 at 01:23 PM

TS

“ *Mrs. Bruner was a very sweet person and a dear friend of my mother, Charlotte Shoemake. She and Mom enjoyed spending time together for many years, both before and while they each lived at Wesley Woods Assisted Living. Heaven has truly gained a true angel.*

*Tim Shoemake*

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**Tim Shoemake** - December 23, 2020 at 07:18 AM

RB

*So true, Tim. Our earthly angel is now back home! Thank you for your sweet words.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 23, 2020 at 07:34 AM

BW

“ *Bobby And Geraldine Welch lit a candle in memory of Ethel Bruner*



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**Bobby and Geraldine Welch** - December 23, 2020 at 05:48 AM

RB

*A beautiful light for a beautifully bright soul. Thank you, Geraldine and Bobby.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 23, 2020 at 07:35 AM

DB

“ I met Mrs. Ethel while working at Wesley Woods in security . Mrs. Ethel was the sweetest kindest and most caring person I ever have had the privilege of meeting , she made you feel special just by the way she talked and always was smiling and lifting everyone's spirits up . My prayers are with her family and friends . She will be missed

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**Donna Bailey** - December 22, 2020 at 11:33 PM

RB

Oh, Donna. Your words are spot on! She made everyone feel special to her because everyone IS special. Thank you for your post.

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**Rita B Brown** - December 23, 2020 at 07:37 AM

BS

“ Ms. Ethel was a huge part of my growing up years at First Baptist Church in Newnan. . .one of the kindest women I've ever known. I am very sad that she is no longer here on earth with us. . .but, one thing I know--I will see her again when we are both rejoicing in Heaven. A lovely lady in every way. . .She influenced me greatly in what kind of person I want to be.

My love to all the family. . .

Betty Ingram Smith

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**Betty I. Smith** - December 22, 2020 at 10:16 PM

RB

Thank you, Betty. Mom is now restored and at peace with our loving God. Her faith was her rock and she shared it with all . What a role model she was.

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**Rita B Brown** - December 22, 2020 at 10:32 PM

DM

“ Rita, I was so sad when I heard the news this morning of Mrs Ethel’s passing. I have so many memories of her and your Daddy. I was excited when she got on Facebook earlier this year. 2020 has definitely been a tough year! Our prayers are with you and the rest of the family. Lean on God firing the tough times, and He will always be there to comfort you.

Deborah Kendall Marchman - December 22, 2020 at 09:35 PM

DM

Rita, not sure why it didn’t post my whole name: Deborah Kendall Marchman.

Deborah Kendall Marchman - December 22, 2020 at 09:37 PM

RI

How kind! She was truly a special lady and her faith was strong and an inspiration to me. And yes, I am leaning!!

rita - December 22, 2020 at 09:52 PM

PB

“ Rita, there are no words that can capture Ms Ethel’s sweet spirit and inspiration to others. She was a dear friend to our family and a blessing to all who knew her. Allow me to express our sincere sympathy for your loss, and hope you will find comfort in the certainty that Love is eternal.

Polly Propst Bell

Polly Propst Bell - December 22, 2020 at 08:10 PM

RB

Thank you, Polly. Mom loved you and shared wonderful memories with me about you and your family. I am so blessed to be her daughter. What a perfect role model she is!!

Rita B Brown - December 22, 2020 at 08:39 PM

FB

*Rita, I am so saddened by the passing of your sweet mother, Miss Ethel. We shared a friendship as her deacon and one of my best friends at Wesley Woods. She was indeed , an angel , who brightened the lives of so many.Her homemade peach ice cream was one of my favorites and something that I looked forward to each summer.My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.Rest assured that she has her rightful place in heaven and is at the knee of the Lord she loved and served so well her entire life.*

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**Frank Barron** - December 22, 2020 at 09:37 PM

RI

*She loved you so, Frank. Saving you some ice cream was a huge priority! She is, absolutely with our loving caring God.*

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**rita** - December 22, 2020 at 09:54 PM

MJ

*“ Rita, I am heartbroken about Ethel. She will be missed so much. I’m so sorry.*

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**Mary Jo** - December 22, 2020 at 07:55 PM

RB

*Thank you, Mary Jo. You meant so much to her in her Wesley Woods home. She loved you and looked forward to the fun times you created for her. I will always remember your kind care for her.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 22, 2020 at 08:42 PM

PC

“ *What beautiful testimony to a beautiful lady. My first personal contact with Ms. Ethel was at First Baptist Church where she taught a Sunday School Class of 12 year old girls. I always loved visiting with her at Bruner's Ladies Wear. I once told her that I always remembered her as my S.S. teacher and she said "you could pay me no higher compliment". She lived what she taught. Her passing at Christmas brings to mind a quote from Mother Teresa - "It's Christmas every time you let God love others through you". Love and sympathy to Rita and family.*

*Pat Craven*

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**Pat Craven** - December 22, 2020 at 07:46 PM

RB

*Thank you, Pat. I've heard from others that she was a wonderful S. S. teacher. She lived her faith and that is the ultimate testimony to a true role model.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 22, 2020 at 08:46 PM

BG

“ *Dear Rita: What a wonderful lady Miss Ethyl was.. from the first I remember her from Parks Avenue all the way until Wesley Woods. She was always so very supportive of everyone she met. During the times our band played at Wesley Woods she was always the very first to be seated... I don't know if she thought we were good or just simply enjoyed any and all music. There is no doubt in my mind that she's with the Lord now.*

*Banks & Carol*

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**Banks Glover** - December 22, 2020 at 06:10 PM

RB

*Thank you, Banks. Mom told me how much she enjoyed your guys and she LOVED your music. And yes, our Parks Avenue community was special. She is, for sure, restored and at peace with our loving God.*

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**Rita B Brown** - December 22, 2020 at 08:49 PM

ML

“ I worked in the office at the dress shop for Mrs Bruner from 1974 to 1979. She was a joy to be around and I learned so much from her as I went on to run my own business and office. We were able to talk several times over the years and she never forgot me and always asked about my son by name. Mrs Bruner I will never forget you. Rest in peace. You are a true Southern lady and all that name implies.

Miriam Horton Lanier - December 22, 2020 at 05:28 PM

RB

Thank you, Miriam! She truly was a precious lady and a WONDERFUL mom. I so appreciate your sharing this post and honoring her.

Rita B Brown - December 22, 2020 at 08:51 PM

SN

“ Dear Rita, I am so saddened by your mother's passing. She was the epitome of a true Southern lady. She gave me my very first job wrapping Christmas gifts when I was a Junior in high school. I always admired her so much. Even years later she would always speak to me and we would visit for a few minutes even though it had been a few years since we had seen each other. My heart breaks for you and the family. May you feel Gods peace and comfort in the difficult days ahead. Love and prayers. Sue Nolen

Sue Nolen - December 22, 2020 at 05:21 PM

RB

Thank you, Sue. She truly was a special lady. I'm not surprised that she keep you in her heard over the years. That is exactly who she was and why she is so loved and remembered by all.

Rita B Brown - December 22, 2020 at 08:54 PM

CK

*We met your Mom during a very difficult time in our lives. You know the story, Rita; but the point is that your Mom made us feel special as we visited CTCA for cancer treatment. She shared her love and concern and told us "funny" stories. She reached out to a couple 5 hours away from home and made us feel special. I grew to love your Mom, because of her sweet spirit. Terry went to be with the Lord in July, and your Mom never stopped showing me her love and support even after he was gone from my life. My hope is that they are both having a great time in heaven doing things together and introducing loved ones to each other. May your heart find peace in knowing that she loved God with all of her heart.*

*Connie Kibler (Hermitage, TN)*

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**Connie Kibler** - December 31, 2020 at 08:26 PM

LM

*Rita, I was saddened to learn Ms. Ethel's passing, but happy she is in her Eternal Home. Ms Ethel was truly the sweetest lady and shining light of God's love for everyone. I feel blessed to have known her the few years I worked at Wesley Woods. My prayers for you and family to know God's comfort and love as she will be missed so much.*

*Linda McGee*

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**Linda McGee** - January 04, 2021 at 12:36 AM

RB

*Oh, Connie. She so loved you and Terry. She would share with me how much she enjoyed your visits and how you guys became prayer warriors from the beginning of your friendship. Thank you for loving my mom and showing her how much she meant to you. Yes, she and Terry are having a gab fest right now!*

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**Rita B Brown** - January 04, 2021 at 04:36 PM

RB

*Thank you, Linda. She was a true angel! Thank you for honoring her with your sweet words. I think we were all blessed in her presence. Thank you for your prayers for us. We are at peace knowing she is restored forever.*

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**Rita B Brown** - January 04, 2021 at 04:40 PM