



Janet Cottle Prince

May 31, 1934 - September 8, 2023

Janet Cottle Prince, age 89, died peacefully on September 8, 2023 from complications of Alzheimer's. Prior to moving to assisted living in Woodstock, Ga, she was a lifelong resident of Newnan, Ga. She was born on May 31, 1934, the only child of the late Howell Vernon Cottle and Bana Kelley Cottle. Janet's life can be summarized as: faith, family and friends. She was deeply committed in her faith, which was a cornerstone of her life. She was a 60+ year member of First Baptist Church of Newnan. She was a children's Sunday School teacher for many years, a committed leader in summer Vacation Bible School and a stalwart in the Adult Choir well into her late 70s. First Baptist was her church family, and she lived her faith every day of her life.

Janet met the love of her life, Gene, as a schoolgirl on the village in Aruco. They went to Newnan High School together and built a relationship that stood the test of time - 47 years. After their marriage, Janet packed up with their oldest son in tow and moved to the Panama Canal Zone for Gene's service in the U.S. Army. After Gene's military service, they returned to Newnan and continued building their life together - with the addition of two more sons. Gene was a young banker at C&S Bank when they decided to take a different path and strike out on their own into the furniture business. In the early 1960s, Janet was instrumental in the founding with Gene of Maxwell- Prince Furniture, a fixture in the Newnan community for over a quarter century, where customers could "Drive a Little and Save A Lot". She was a true partner in the

business providing support and taking care of the books. Gene and Janet built a successful business by living the golden rule and demonstrating respect for their many co-workers, suppliers, and customers. There are still family dining room tables, La-Z-Boy recliners and pianos in service throughout Coweta County from Maxwell-Prince. Dozens of Newnan teenagers (including her three sons) had their first job delivering furniture at Maxwell-Prince and witnessed Gene and Janet living their core values every day in the business.

After retiring in the mid-1980s, Janet displayed incredible grace, courage and strength in caring for Gene in his later years and then her mother, Bana, in her later years. Janet was the epitome of the "servant's heart." It was said best at Gene's memorial service at FBC Newnan in 2000, "Janet was the most caring, selfless, grace-filled woman we have ever known." Janet loved her family. She loved her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also was a devoted and caring daughter to her mother, after she was widowed at a relatively young age. Janet was the organizer of many family get-togethers and weekends on Lake Martin and Lake Wedowee. And she particularly enjoyed holidays with family and the family reading of the Christmas Story each year. Janet was a friend to many, including lifelong friends from her childhood years in Arnco. She treasured these relationships, as her friends were a great source of joy and support through the years. Janet was preceded in death by her loving husband, Gene W. Prince, Sr., and her parents, Vernon and Bana Cottle. She is survived by her three sons, Gene Prince, Jr. and his wife Carol, Greg Prince and Alan Prince and his wife Cathy. Janet also was a loving Nana to her 11 grandchildren - Tripp (Rachel), Max (Amy), Christa (Matt), Jack, Piper, Coles, Walt (Olivia), Emma, Annie, Gregory and Christopher - and her 8 great grandchildren.

McKoon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. The funeral service celebrating Janet's life will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 11:00 am, at First Baptist Church, Newnan, Ga. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn

Memorial Park, Newnan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Janet's memory to Newnan First Baptist Church, 15 West Washington Street, Newnan, Ga 30263. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Newnan
15 West Washington Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Janna Melson lit a candle in memory of Janet Cottle Prince*



Janna Melson - September 15, 2023 at 08:07 AM

JM

Allan, I haven't seen you in years, but I am so sorry for your loss and you all have my deepest condolences. Janna Hudson Melson Class of 1982

Janna Melson - September 15, 2023 at 08:09 AM

BB

“ *Our sympathies to the family of our good friend Janet Prince. Our apologies, too, for thinking the service today was at 3:00PM. We were so surprised to find out we had missed it, and regret not letting the family know that we care. How could we have allowed this to happen? Old age? Maybe. Just know that we have always loved your family.*
Bill and Guilford Brewer
(members of First Baptist Church, Newnan)

Bill and Guilford Brewer - September 13, 2023 at 04:08 PM

TG

“ *Tommy Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Janet Cottle Prince*



Tommy Gilbert - September 13, 2023 at 10:11 AM

MH

“ Dear Gene, Greg, and Alan: We send our love, prayers and deepest sympathy for our sweet Janet! We called her Aunt Janet because your dad and my dad were close and she always treated me like special family. I loved our visits with her to shop with her in Newman and just enjoy fun talks. Thank you for taking such good care of her during this time. We are so thankful for her sweet spirit, her love for all and her deep faith in our Lord. She loved you all so very much and was always so proud of you! Sending hugs, Mitzi Prince Henley and Family stay in touch.

Mitzi Henley - September 12, 2023 at 09:20 PM

TS

“ Tim Shoemake lit a candle in memory of Janet Cottle Prince



Tim Shoemake - September 12, 2023 at 07:43 AM

RF

“ Robuck Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Cottle Prince.

Robuck Family - September 11, 2023 at 11:32 AM

RF

“ Robuck Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Janet Cottle Prince.



Robuck Family - September 11, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Cottle Prince.



September 11, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ I remember going into Maxwell-Prince as a little kid with my mom and dad and into my high school years. I always loved walking around and looking at everything. I Aldo remember going to the Princes' house with my mom after Mr. Gene got sick. Miss Janet was the sweetest lady. Thinking of you all at this sad time.

Jennifer Welch - September 09, 2023 at 09:32 PM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of "Mrs Janet", as my family called her. A wonderful lady who lived a selfless life making sure others were served with happiness and love. "Mrs Janet / Mr. Gene" were like sister and brother to my parents from the early 1950s as neighbors across the street, to building homes next door to each other in the 1960s... where the 3 Prince kids were 'family' to the 3 Singleton kids. Being so close and always together with my parents, later in the 1990s when our sons were young, they recognized that love and closeness to the point of referring to her as "Aunt Janet"... as they really thought she was my parents' sister. I share that to illustrate the love and care "Mrs Janet" provided my entire family for as long as I can remember. A wonderful lady who we will dearly miss, and will always remember. - Brian & Crissie Singleton

Brian Singleton - September 09, 2023 at 12:17 PM

GW

“ *Janet was the epitome of a gracious lady. The kind smile was ever present. Bobby and I bought our first furniture from Janet and Gene in the early 1960's and I still have a few of the pieces. Both of them were so kind and understanding and were fine with our "charging" things to us as we didn't have any money and credit cards were not in existence. She was loved by so many. May she rest in eternal peace.*



Geraldine Welch - September 09, 2023 at 09:11 AM

GP

“ *Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Janet Cottle Prince*



Gerrie Petty - September 09, 2023 at 07:51 AM