



Martha Houston Avery

November 12, 1934 - August 3, 2020

If it was possible for Martha Houston Avery to transcend the space between heaven and earth, she might quote the verse of John 14:27, "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Martha Houston Avery lived a simple life in which she served her family, her God and her community with great tenderness and efficiency. At first thought, that might draw one to think of someone who kept a stopwatch on her comings and goings. Martha Avery's life was tempered not so much by the clock as it was by a gentle spirit that knew that much could be accomplished by careful planning and patience. For all the years she worked with the Pike family in their trucking business, she was a crucial part of the system where time was of the essence. She worked for Pike Transfer Company in an office where most of the others were men, but they knew and respected her for her diligence and dedication to the company. Even after the owners passed on, she continued as a trusted advisor to that family. Martha was a devoted member of Raymond Baptist Church. Her concern for her community expressed itself in her service through the Turin chapter, The Order of the Eastern Star. In the years following her retirement, Martha found that her servant's heart could be put to good use as a caregiver for families who were faced with their desire to keep their aging loved ones in their own homes. It was a perfect fit for all involved as Martha broadened her extended family to include these new people in her life. Born in 1934, she was the daughter of the late William Howard and Martha Ruth Beavers Houston. Martha is survived by her daughter, Donna Avery Andrews

and her husband Michael, and her son, Howard Avery and his fiancée Tammy Billitteri. Her grandchildren are Dean Avery and his fiancée Christine Klugh; Kyle Avery and his girlfriend Alex Sartor. Her great-granddaughter is Bailey Avery. She is also survived by her dear aunt Mrs. Ann Houston and an extended family of cousins in South Georgia, Florida and the Atlanta area. Out of respect for the health of others, Martha's life of service and devotion will be remembered at a private family service. A more public gathering will be planned at a later date. Interment will be in Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those who may wish to do so might consider a gift in Martha's name to either Raymond Baptist Church or Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church. Martha's family expresses thanks to Southern Grace Hospice and Hope Center Memory Care for their love and compassion in caring for her. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Gilead Methodist Cemetery

2651 E. Hwy 16
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Tribute Wall

TC

“ So sorry for your lost. She was a great lady and always had a smile and so caring to everyone and outstanding church member. God speed m

Timmy Chitwood - August 08, 2020 at 04:36 PM

RM

“ ROBERT ND MERIAM MITCHELL lit a candle in memory of Martha Houston Avery



ROBERT ND MERIAM MITCHELL - August 07, 2020 at 02:00 PM

RM

Prayers for strength and healing for you and your family Howard

ROBERT AND MERIAM MITCHELL - August 07, 2020 at 02:02 PM

SS

“ Martha was a great lady and a wonderful friend. I enjoyed our rides together to church each Sunday.



Sarah Calhoun sarshjgc51@gmail.com - August 07, 2020 at 08:07 AM

BR

“ Dear Donna and Family,
Though i did not personally know your dear Mother, I know her through the legacy of faith and faithfulness she has left in you. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, knowing her presence in heaven is a loss for you here on earth. Blessings and grace from the Lord, brenda

Brenda - August 06, 2020 at 11:03 AM

JW

“ Avery family,

Martha entered into my family's life when she became one of my grandmothers sitters over 20 years ago. She had such a sweet spirit and took such good care of Grandma. Over the years I would cross paths with Miss Martha in the grocery store or she would call in and request a song when I was doing my gospel radio program. I last saw her when Howard brought her to my dad's visitation at McKoon in 2014. Again her sweet spirit was a comfort to us. She was a dear lady who will be missed. Your family is in my prayers.

James Williams

James Williams - August 05, 2020 at 06:03 PM

MH

“ Howard, Donna Lynn and families: I was so saddened to hear about the loss of Martha. When I first heard it, I began to reminiscence about all the good times we had together in our younger days. One of the things I remember most is that we would wear our swim suits under our clothes to Sunday School and Church. When Church was over we would head to Callaway Beach and undress in the parking lot so then we would be right ready to head for the beach. I also remember spending nights with she, Miss Ruth, and Aunt Ethel. Eventually we both got married, had children, and were both still working. About the only time we saw each other was at Raymond Baptist Church. After I stopped going to church there, we would occasionally run into each other. Our sons turned out to be very close friends. I will always cherish these wonderful memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. May God comfort you and help you to find peace at this time as only He can. All my love to the family.

Mary Elisabeth (Liz) Hughie - August 05, 2020 at 01:38 PM

SY

“ Sylvia Yeager lit a candle in memory of Martha Houston Avery



Sylvia Yeager - August 05, 2020 at 11:34 AM

SY

Martha became my "best buddy" when I started attending Raymond Baptist Church. She soon invited me to help with the church bulletin and I quickly discovered what a patient loving person she was. She was fulfilling a dream when she bought that white mustang! ! Donna hold tight to your wonderful memories. From time to time close your eyes and remember a special day.....she'll be right beside you with her beautiful smile.

Sylvia Yeager - August 05, 2020 at 11:46 AM

JH

“ *Judy Rudbeck Hughie lit a candle in memory of Martha Houston Avery*



Judy Rudbeck Hughie - August 05, 2020 at 09:29 AM

PC

*Donna and Howard,
What a beautiful obit for your Mother. She was a special lady and we are privileged to have known her and called her friend. Donna, I am glad that we reconnected after so many years at Explorers Bible Study and you shared your Mother's last year with me.
Love, Pat and Gene*

Pat and Gene Craven - August 05, 2020 at 02:46 PM

JS

*The obituary was so beautiful and perfect to describe her life. She was a beloved member of the ECHS Class of 1952. As class members we have remained close down through all these years, with reunions every year, when possible. It was always good to see her smiling face. Donna and Howard you are fortunate to have such a wonderful mother and role model. My heart goes out to you and all the other family members.
With love, Jeanette Williams Storey*

Jeanette W Storey - August 05, 2020 at 06:42 PM