



Phyllis Marie Bennett

May 10, 1938 - December 8, 2020

Phyllis Brewer Bennett was born May 10, 1938 at Sargent, Georgia. She passed December 8, 2020, at home, peacefully with her family at her bedside. The close-knit community of Sargent built childhood friendships that lasted her entire lifetime. No matter where she travelled, the Sargent area and those friends were always “home” to Phyllis.

Friends and family were very important to Phyllis. Audie, her favorite son in law, often said she was happiest cooking a big meal with every table at her house full of people and more waiting to get in. She fiercely loved her family and friends, proving to be a force to be reckoned with; standing beside them in the valley as well as the mountain top.

Phyllis was an active member of the Arnco-Sargent Women’s Club of Bibb. The annual Halloween Carnival was a delight to the local children. But the highlight of the year was their annual out of town trip full of fun and fellowship to cities like Nashville or New Orleans.

Phyllis was committed to helping found the Coweta County Volunteer Fire Department. She worked on fundraisers to build Coweta County Fire Station 2 and to buy equipment. There was no 911 Dispatch center. She was one of the people who staffed the phone tree to alert others of the emergency. Phyllis was also involved with the Arnco-Sargent Elementary School PTA and the

Little League.

During Phyllis' career at Bibb Manufacturing, she became the first woman to manage Quality Control for an entire plant. Phyllis continued working in the textile industry by developing from ground zero a quality control program for a North Carolina company with two plants.

Phyllis' true forte and passion was Artist Management. She discovered one of Newnan's famous country music stars, Doug Stone. She cut three songs for Doug in a recording studio in Atlanta that secured his first record deal with Sony in Nashville. She guided his career to a Grammy nomination for his first release along with five #1 hits and ten top 10 hits.

Honorary Pallbearers are Sanders Ferrell, Wayne Webb, Charles Durrough, Frank "Doodle" Guest, Keith Bledsoe, Dean Bennett

Phyllis is preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Bennett, father, Leon "Sam" Brewer, mother, Earlene Jones, beloved step father, Willie Clyde "Buddy" Jones, brother, Samuel Brewer, and sister, Mary Brewer Goldberg.

She is survived by son, Dennis Bennett, daughter, Denise Bennett Burks (Audie), granddaughter, Lauren Bennett Crews (Jon) great-granddaughters, Josalyn and Calla Crews, sisters-in-law Lonette Bennett and Barbara Allread of Rome, GA along with nieces and nephews. Her music family, from Tennessee, Cathy Burch, Michael David Rodgers, Doug Johnson, Sharon Allen, Martha Borchetta, along with business partner, John Dorris, and The Stan Strickland family of Tampa, FL. Special thanks to beloved caregiver, Susan Toland for her love and devotion during a difficult time.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, no visitation is planned. The family will greet friends after the committal service at the cemetery.

Phyllis' funeral will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Rev. Andy Brown officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory | 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Phyllis Marie Bennett*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 12, 2020 at 08:06 AM

LC

“ *I, like Phyllis, grew up in that big family of Sargent. It was a wonderful place to grow up. I hold all of us who belonged to that close-knit neighborhood in a special place in my heart. Like Phyllis, no matter where life took me I always knew I was “Larealia from Sargent” and that was my home.*

Larealia Camp - December 11, 2020 at 04:42 PM

JS

“ *Jackie and Sandy Shores purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phyllis Marie Bennett.*



Jackie and Sandy Shores - December 11, 2020 at 12:49 PM

LF

“ I meet Mrs.Bennett when I was manager of Assisted Living in Newnan. We kept her sister for her on many trips to Nashville. Mrs.Bennett was so much fun to be around. I always carry a special place for her in my heart. So sorry your lose of such a great woman.



Larry Fogarty - December 11, 2020 at 11:56 AM

JC

“ I too was a founding member of the Coweta County volunteer Fire Dept. station 6, now called station 1 and although I did not know Phyllis I understand and appreciate the dedicated work she did to help the Fire Dept and her community. I know her Family and Friends were proud of her and will miss her.

John Coshnitzke

John Coshnitzke - December 10, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Marie Bennett.



December 10, 2020 at 08:23 AM

CP

“ My first job in 1967 after graduating from Newnan HS was working in the Quality Control Department for Bibb Mfg. Co. at Sargent. Phyllis Bennett and Mary Burnham also worked in that department. Those two ladies helped me transition into the real world. They were always so much fun and treated me like an adult. Periodically, Phyllis and I would talk and "catch up" on what was going on in our lives. I will miss those conversations because they went back through my entire life. As Phyllis would tell me "I remember when you were born, Connie". Phyllis was a fighter and a hard worker. I am sorry for your loss.

Connie Bryant Posey

Connie Bryant Posey - December 10, 2020 at 07:45 AM

JB

“ I have heard my Mom talk about her on a regular basis. We are somehow related and I am so sorry about your loss.

Joy Barnes - December 09, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Marie Bennett.



December 09, 2020 at 05:47 PM

SI

“ Sarah & Hugh Miller and Zana & AJ Ireland purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Phyllis Marie Bennett.



Sarah & Hugh Miller and Zana & AJ Ireland - December 09,
2020 at 04:24 PM