



Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan

March 3, 1937 - August 25, 2023

Alice Jeannene Bryan, 86, died August 25, 2023, at her home in Sumner, of complications from cancer.

Funeral services are planned for 10 am, Monday, August 28th, at Pinson Memorial United Methodist Church, with burial to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. Rev. Donnie Duncan will officiate.

Jeannene was born March 3, 1937 at her parent's home near Doles. She graduated from Sylvester High School in 1954 and attended Georgia Baptist Nursing School in Atlanta for one year before returning home to work at C & S Bank, in Albany, in November, 1955. She married David Bryan on December 29th, 1957, and their marriage lasted 64 years until his death in 2022.

They joined Pinson in August, 1964. Jeannene worked in the nursery for 16 years, and taught Sunday School from elementary ages up to the Maude O'Sheal class. She had perfect attendance in Sunday School for 42 years. Jeannene spent most of her time supporting her husband and four children, and the constant practice made her an accomplished cook, especially with deserts. Her Milky Way Cake was a favorite. She developed recipes just for contest entries and won many ribbons and prizes. She would often mention that her high school home economics teacher thought she would never learn to cook.

She had several other hobbies over the years, including raising award-winning Persian cats. She was an avid gardener who delighted in the challenge of growing new plants from seeds and cuttings, and at one point had hundreds

of named daylillies tagged in her garden. She was a life-long collector of cookbooks and compiled the "Feeder's Digest" cookbook at Pinson. What became a herd of donkeys started with a pair that she raised, feeding them by hand. She enjoyed fishing, and picking fruit, which she said reminded her of her childhood.

Jeannene and David had four children: Beth, Jimmy, Johnny and Emory. Beth's children are Bryan Bridges, (wife Johnna, children Anna Beth & Sadie) and Julie Thompson (husband Jared, children Reni-Kate, John Bowen, and Rhett); Jimmy's children are James Bryan (wife Chelsey, daughter Lillie) and Drew Bryan; Johnny and wife Debbie Bryan's children are Jason Copeland, (children Lexi and Bynlee), Timothy Bryan (wife Ashley) and Annie Bryan, Jennifer Fowler (husband Dustin, children Emmie Barwick and Boone Fowler), Clint Bridges and Dylan Bridges; Emory and wife Melissa's children are Rebecca, Kelly, Laura and Emily.

Jeannene is survived by two siblings: Lendy Gay, his wife Barbara, and their son Michael, all of Sylvester; and Sandra McDonald, of Albany and her daughter Tori (husband Ryan) Burns, of Cordele. Her brother, Danny Gay, died Monday, August 21, 2023. A day-old sister, Melany Delane Gay, died in 1956. She was pre-deceased by her parents, John D. Gay, and Alice Tison Gay, granddaughter Laura Beth Bridges and grandson John Bridges, and niece Debbie Gay.

Funeral services by Banks Funeral Home, Sylvester.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Pinson Memorial Methodist Church
109 East Pope Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Pinson Memorial Methodist Church
109 East Pope Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Burial

AUG 28 (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall

CE

“ Beth, Jimmy, Johnny, and Emory, I have just learned of the passing of your sweet & beautiful Mama. I am so sorry for the sadness I know you are feeling. Mrs. Jeanine was a great friend to both my Mama Caroline Sellers and my step mother, Ellen Sumner Melton Sellers. She was always a true Southern lady and an earnest Christian lady. May The Lord bless and comfort you. CarolAnn Sellers Eubanks.

CarolAnn Sellers Eubanks - September 08, 2023 at 12:44 AM

SW

“ Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan



Sandra Watson - August 30, 2023 at 09:31 AM

DB

“ Prayers for all of you for peace and comfort 🙏 Mrs. Jeannene was a special lady and she will be missed. Love ❤️ to all of you.

Greg and Debbie Bridges



Debbie Bridges - August 29, 2023 at 06:20 AM

AH

“ Johnny and Debbie sorry for your loss. prayers for you and all the family
Ann Holloway

ann holloway - August 28, 2023 at 09:55 AM

DW

“ *David Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan*



David Wilson - August 28, 2023 at 09:11 AM

MP

“ *Always will remember Mrs. Jeannene for reaching out to me and my wife when she had cancer. Will be praying for the family.*

melvin paulk - August 27, 2023 at 10:14 PM

TS

“ *Tony Senkbeil lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan*



Tony Senkbeil - August 27, 2023 at 05:28 PM

JS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are for Jeannene's family. She was a christian woman that lived it everyday. Her family has lost a good Mother and Father but God has brought them home to be with Him, no more pain! God be with each one of you.*

Judy&Mack Sutton - August 27, 2023 at 01:21 PM

DM

“ *Denise Mann lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan*



Denise Mann - August 27, 2023 at 11:30 AM

JC

“ *Janice Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan*



Janice Carter - August 26, 2023 at 09:54 PM

CY

“ *Carol York lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan*



Carol York - August 26, 2023 at 08:46 PM

EA

“ *Eric Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan*



Eric Adams - August 26, 2023 at 03:27 PM

MM

“ *Martha McMickin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan*



Martha McMickin - August 26, 2023 at 12:45 PM

EC

“ *Jeannene was a special lady. Whatever she chose to do, she was one of the best at. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all the Bryans. I hope you can take comfort from knowing the great reunion that she and those who went before, are having in heaven. You are all in my prayers.*

Elizabeth and Charles Cowles - August 26, 2023 at 12:19 PM

LW

“ *LaVerne Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan*



LaVerne Watkins - August 26, 2023 at 10:19 AM

KT

“ *May God bless your family at this time of great loss and give you peace knowing Mrs. Jeannene is in His loving arms. You're in my thoughts and prayers.*



Kim Culpepper Tison - August 26, 2023 at 10:02 AM

RH

“ Bryan Family, Tracy and I would like to offer our condolences for your loss. May God give you the peace and comfort that only He can provide during this time.

Ricky & Tracy Harrell - August 26, 2023 at 08:50 AM

GC

“ Ms. Bryan was such a beautiful lady inside and out. She was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. God be with all of you in this time of sorrow.



George and Kay Coker - August 26, 2023 at 08:41 AM

DK

“ I have many fond memories of Mrs Bryan! She was truly a serving lady! She loved her family and others and was a care giver to many in need ! Davis and I extend our deepest sympathy to all of her family during this sad time! Thoughts and prayers , Davis and Donna King

Donna King - August 26, 2023 at 07:26 AM

CJ

“ Carole Burkhart Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan



Carole Burkhart Jones - August 25, 2023 at 11:45 PM

MH

“ Mike & Teresa Hinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan



Mike & Teresa Hinson - August 25, 2023 at 11:09 PM

DM

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to all the Bryans. May God's peace help you through the days ahead. You're in our thoughts and prayers.



Dan and Pat Miller - August 25, 2023 at 10:53 PM

BF

“ Ben Fraelich lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan



Ben Fraelich - August 25, 2023 at 10:36 PM

RM

“ Rita Miner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan



Rita Miner - August 25, 2023 at 10:29 PM

JD

“ *My deepest regards to Johnny and Debbie and the rest of the family. Janice Dent*

Janice Dent - August 25, 2023 at 10:09 PM

KM

“ *Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan*



Karen McDonald - August 25, 2023 at 08:26 PM

GS

“ *Gail Snipes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alice Jeannene Gay Bryan*



Gail Snipes - August 25, 2023 at 06:29 PM