



Mrs. Eloise Thornhill Herbert

December 13, 1932 - February 9, 2020

Mrs. Eloise Herbert, 87 of Poulan, Ga., passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at Pruitt Health Care Sylvester, after a seemingly lifetime battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday 13, 2020 at Banks Funeral Home Chapel, interment will follow in the Poulan Cemetery.

Eloise was born on December 13, 1932 in Poulan, GA, to the late Willie Griggs and Edith Coulter Thornhill. After a devastating accident in 1998 while delivering meals, she was forced to retire from SOWEGA Council on Aging in Sylvester, where she served as a director for many years doing what she loved, which is helping others. This began the downward spiral of this horrible disease which robbed her of any semblance of a normal life. During these years, she spent her time between Georgia and Louisiana being cared for by her daughters, Patricia and Sharon. Eloise wore many hats over the years including homemaker, wife, mother, a talented Cosmetologist, manager at World Cans, Personal assistant to Mrs. Stella Osborne (Published Author and Humanitarian), interim Postmaster in Poulan and lastly SOWEGA. Eloise was a prolific reader and visited any Library with open doors, learning to read at the age of four, checking out books from the one room Library only open one day a week in Poulan. She was a member of the Eastern Star as well as the Women's Club in Sylvester. She was a talented artist, seamstress, pianist with a love for gospel music.

Survivors include her children, William Neal Gay of Sylvester, Patricia Lynn

Barfield (Robert) of Poulan, Sharon Elaine Miller (Mike) of Louisiana and Eloise Anna Hood of Moultrie; 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. A host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Herbert was preceded in death by a sister, Hazel and brother-in-law, Hubert Champion; brother, Ralph and sister-in-law, Betty Thornhill.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 1:00 PM until the service hour at Banks Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 886 Mulberry Street Macon, Ga. 31201.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Poulan Cemetery

275 East Church Street
Poulan, GA 31781

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Eloise Thornhill Herbert*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Patricia, praying for you and your family during this most difficult time.*

Debbie Bridges - February 11, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Sending our deepest condolences to the family ,,,from the Staff and Residents of Lakeview Manor !!!*

Kristy Langlois - February 11, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *To Patricia, I am so very sorry for the loss of your "Mama"!! You have been with her, loved on her, taken care of her, like few do. My heart hurts for you, Robert, Neal, and the rest of the family during this difficult time. Know that she is at peace and that you were an excellent daughter to her! I love you Girl.*

Carol Daughtry - February 11, 2020 at 09:19 AM



*Patricia, Sharon and Neal,
So very sorry to hear about your mom passing. Praying for y'all during this difficult time.
Marsha and Hank*

Marsha Youngblood - February 12, 2020 at 06:37 AM

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Love you Trish thinking about you and your Loves 🙏🙏 Prayers to comfort you with much peace 🙏🙏🙏

shyann cooper - February 15, 2020 at 12:20 AM

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“ *Sandra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eloise Thornhill Herbert*



Sandra Jones - February 10, 2020 at 07:39 PM

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So sorry to hear about the loss of Eloise. I Blanche Pearson knew her when she lived in Red Rock and of course Randel Thornhill knew her from Poulan. She and Flora were playmates. She will always be fondly remembered by the thornhill family.

Blanche Thornhill - February 14, 2020 at 02:13 PM