



## Mrs. Eris Christine Pate Johnson Barksdale

August 28, 1924 - May 7, 2022

Mrs. Eris Christine Johnson Pate Barksdale, 97, of Fitzgerald, formerly of Sylvester, died on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Life Care Center of Fitzgerald. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 9, 2022 at Gordy New Bethel Baptist Church, interment will follow in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. The Rev. Mike Carter and Rev. Bradley Floyd will officiate.

Mrs. Barksdale was born on August 28, 1924 in Brooks County, to the late Frazier Butler and Lena Virginia McRae Johnson. She had lived in Worth County since 1948 and was retired from the Worth County Board of Education where she worked as a cafeteria worker. Mrs. Barksdale enjoyed doing arts and crafts, making quilts, and playing the piano. She loved spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mrs. Barksdale was a member of Gordy New Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors include his sons, Ray Pate (Lavern) of Perry, GA., and Rex Pate of Sylvester; grandchildren, Ray Pate, Jr., Shannon Pate, Craig Pate (Sunday), Brandon Pate (Marley), Kristen Potter (Rob), Chad Downs (Jenni), Stacie Brooks (Keith) and Dawn Deal; 14 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Barksdale was preceded in death by her first husband, Blanchard Pate on December 13, 1964 and her second husband, Preston Barksdale on April 18, 1999; all of her siblings, and a daughter-in-law, Sue Pate.

The family will receive friends on Monday from 1:00 PM until the service hour

at Gordy New Bethel Baptist Church.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Pisgah Cemetery

1702 Evergreen Rd.  
Sylvester, GA 31791

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Gordy New Bethel Baptist Church  
1671 Massey Airport Road  
Sylvester, GA 31791

## Funeral Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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1671 Massey Airport Road  
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## Burial

MAY 9 (ET)

Mt. Pisgah Cemetery  
1702 Evergreen Rd.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Eris Christine Pate Johnson Barksdale*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Gail & Mike Alford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eris Christine Pate Johnson Barksdale*



Gail & Mike Alford - May 09, 2022 at 09:53 PM



“ *Miss Eris brought many years of happiness, joy, and love to my grandfather, Press Barksdale. She was such a good mother and grandmother; she was a kind and sweet lady. Miss Eris was such a good cook. She will certainly be missed. 🙏🙏🙏*  
*Sue Hill Rowland and family*

Sue Rowland - May 09, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *God new what he was doing when he brought this sweet lady into my life, my children and grandchildren , as we all will truly miss her kind spirit and sweet soul. Rest in peace Nanny. She is and was truly an angel loved by all.*

Anita York - May 09, 2022 at 12:56 AM

SG

“ *Susan Gwines Goff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eris Christine Pate Johnson Barksdale*



Susan Gwines Goff - May 08, 2022 at 08:29 PM

CM

“ *Carlton And Deborah Mainor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eris Christine Pate Johnson Barksdale*



Carlton and Deborah Mainor - May 08, 2022 at 11:27 AM

VM

“ *VaLenia Milling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eris Christine Pate Johnson Barksdale*



VaLenia Milling - May 07, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Tony Senkbeil sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eris Christine Pate Johnson Barksdale*



Tony Senkbeil - May 07, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ June Coker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eris Christine Pate Johnson Barksdale



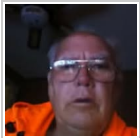
June Coker - May 07, 2022 at 06:48 PM



“ Charles Potts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eris Christine Pate Johnson Barksdale



Charles Potts - May 07, 2022 at 04:16 PM



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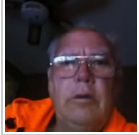
Charles Potts - May 07, 2022 at 04:14 PM



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“ *God bless&comfort her family.*



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**Charles Potts** - May 07, 2022 at 04:14 PM

 Karen  
Watson

“ *Our sympathy to Mrs.Eris's family. She was a fine Christian lady and we were proud to be among her many friends! Bobby and Karen Watson*

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**Karen Watson** - May 07, 2022 at 02:56 PM