



Mrs. Erma Jean Devane Fernandez

September 10, 1936 - April 11, 2021

Mrs. Erma Jean DeVane-Fernandez, 84 of Sylvester, died on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at her residence.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Banks Funeral Home Chapel, interment will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. The Rev. Richard Carr and Rev. Karen Carr will officiate.

Mrs. Fernandez was born on September 10, 1936 in Nashville, GA., to the late Hillie and Odell Davidson Hodges. She had lived in Worth County since 1960 and was retired as owner and operator of Park-Built Body Company in Sylvester. Mrs. Fernandez enjoyed sewing in her younger years, cooking and reading her Bible, but most importantly spending time with her friends and family. She was a member of Open Door Fellowship Church in Sylvester.

Survivors include her husband, Elio Fernandez of Sylvester; children, Tony DeVane and Tim DeVane; step-children, Eliot Fernandez, Ruben Fernandez and Mayra Fernandez-Yon ; grandchildren, Amanda Price, Brad DeVane, Erica DeVane-Simpson and Josh DeVane; 9 step-grandchildren 16 great-grandchildren; brother, B.F. Hodges; a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Fernandez was preceded in death by her son, Vic DeVane and 7 siblings.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

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

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Erma Jean Devane Fernandez*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Could not be more blessed to have known her. She was Granny Jean to my daughter Abby. She never once failed to invite me into her home and I especially loved running into her smiling face in Walmart. I will forever be grateful for the genuine love she and Papa have shown for my Abby. They couldn't have loved her more if she were their own flesh and blood. She will truly be missed.*

Janice Brooks - April 13, 2021 at 10:39 PM



“ *Mrs. Jean and Mr Elio are such a special sweet couple. I loved it when they would come in together. They were both so upbeat and happy just to be able to get out and be among people. I will dearly miss Mrs. Jean she was so down to earth and had a great sense of humor. I now know why that she and I got along so well. She and my husband have the same birthday and Randy has known her brother for 40+ years. I also went to Kindergarten with Vic at Farmer in the Dell 55 years ago. Love you Mrs Jean and Mr Elio hope to see you soon*

AMY Rickett - April 13, 2021 at 10:31 PM

DH

“ I met sister Jean at church about 10 years ago. She taught me alot about the Lord and we had awesome conversations. She will be greatly missed. Such a caring and sweet lady love ya sister Jean



Diane Hollis - April 13, 2021 at 04:28 PM

KT

“ I only met Mrs. Jean a couple of times but remember her as being a very kind lady who loved her family. I'm so sorry for her family's great loss! You are in my prayers.



Kimberly Tison - April 12, 2021 at 08:09 AM

TM

“ Mrs Jean was very sweet and special lady. I worked for her at Park Built and she taught me so many things with the job, but I cherish mostly our talks and laughter concerning life. She became a wonderful friend whom I loved running into later just to catch up. She truly loved her family and was strong in her faith. A very admirable and strong Lady. My thoughts, hugs and prayers for Elio and her family. She will be tremendously missed.



Tosha McDonald - April 11, 2021 at 08:21 PM

RM

I knew Jean as a gracious woman & devoted wife to my uncle Elio Fernandez. I remember all those many years ago attending their wedding and proud my uncle was of Jean and how she was of Him. The way they looked at each other one could tell how great the love they shared and would share going forward would blossom and grow until the Lord called them home. Jean was a woman of faith "God's Girl" and my uncle Elio a devoted Believer who knew that he had been truly blessed to have Jean for his wife. My condolences & prayers are with my Uncle and all of Jeans family who knew and loved her. Indeed, it is a fearful thing to love what death can touch but I believe that we will see all our loved ones again in Paradise. Only then will we understand the reason for all we knew and loved as we passed through this life. So for my wise uncle Elio and Jean's Family I offer you the Peace that God offers us in his Word. Jean is back Home with the God she worshipped all her life. And we who are left behind will keep her Memory alive as long as we have breath. Erma Jean DeVane Fernandez you will be missed by many. Amen

Robert Anthony Montesino - April 11, 2021 at 09:17 PM

MC

Mama Jean special to us you were like a mom love you always and forever Mercedes

Mercedes Cunningham - April 11, 2021 at 10:03 PM

EC

“*Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma Jean Devane Fernandez*



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - April 11, 2021 at 02:13 PM

TW

I will truly miss this beautiful woman of God, I admired her dedication to her Lord, her family, and her church, I loved making her laugh, as well as her making me laugh, she was my buddy, my friend, and I know angels are singing in heaven this morning as they welcome this angel home, rest well sister, I will surely miss you.

Tony waller - April 12, 2021 at 10:11 AM

TL

“ So very sorry to hear about Mrs Jeans passing. She was a very sweet lady and will be forever in our memories. Praying for Mr. Emilio and her family.



Tammy & Jeff Lawhorn - April 11, 2021 at 01:05 PM

JO

“ So sorry to hear about Jean. She was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. Grew up with the family at Sylver Lake and my brother married into the family. May God bring you all peace because I know she is with the Lord.
Love Lee and June Cross Odom

June C Odom - April 11, 2021 at 10:23 AM