



## Mrs. Leah Y. Monk

July 19, 1921 - July 5, 2020

Leah Yarborough Monk, age 98, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at home in Sylvester, Georgia. She was born July 19, 1921 in Albany, Georgia. While a student at Albany High School, Leah excelled at basketball, acrobatics, and dance. She attended Valdosta State University and later worked as secretary to the Executive Officer at Turner Field in Albany. She is survived by Ridley Monk, her husband of over seventy-two years, their four children, Sue Monk Kidd (Sanford), Wade Monk (Gayle), Bob Monk (Ann), and Don Monk (Karon), eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Her life exemplified her deeply held belief that the true measure of life is the good one does for others. For over sixty years she worked in the nursery of First Baptist Church in Sylvester, bestowing love on children. She sewed baby blankets and layettes for countless newborns, as well as lap quilts for nursing home residents. She spent many years as a Cub Scout, Brownie Scout, and Girl Scout leader, as well as a pink lady at Phoebe Worth Hospital, where she became known as the Rose Lady for bringing roses from her garden to the patients.

She found her greatest purpose in family, motherhood grandmother-hood, and the making of a home. Named Mother of the Year by the Sylvester Woman's Club, she embodied the title throughout her life. As a quintessential cookie maker, she delighted in baking life-size bunny cookies every Easter for

seventy years for her family.

Her legacy is her enduring goodness. She loved deeply, gave generously, and lived with an abiding sense of joy on the family farm. Each day, she repeated a prayer that her mother wrote, which concluded with the line, "I thank God for every good thing."

There will be private family memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Best Friends Humane Society in Sylvester, Georgia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Leah Y. Monk*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *I am so sorry that we were unaware of her passing. Please receive the Stickney families love and sadness.*

**Aprile Hyder** - September 23, 2021 at 12:02 AM



“ *My sympathy and prayers go to the Monk family during this time. Ms. Leah was the sweetest woman I have ever met, and will always remember her laugh when she was tickled about something. Rest in peace, Ms. Leah.*

**Sharon E Rhoads** - July 12, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ *William Monk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leah Y. Monk*



**William Monk** - July 12, 2020 at 12:47 PM



*Grandma was the best grandma anybody could wish for and we miss her dearly. Visiting the farm house will never be the same without her. We love her so much and know she is looking down upon us with her continuous love.*

**William Monk** - July 12, 2020 at 12:52 PM

LJ

“ One of the sweetest souls ever. I always enjoyed her coming in the store to look for that special outfit to go to see Sue being recognized. So graceful & full of kindness. My sincere sympathies to all of the family.

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**Lisa P. Jones** - July 10, 2020 at 10:22 AM

MM

“ Mrs. Leah was a woman I always treasured. Is he was a fantastic woman, friend, and neighbor. She will be missed by many.

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**Marilynn Hurst Mims** - July 08, 2020 at 10:57 PM

JL

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the Monk family.

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**Judy Spence Lowe** - July 08, 2020 at 04:29 PM

PW

“ She needlepointed receiving blankets for Ryan. She made him A Halloween bag when he was little. She taught both my boys in Sunday School. She was always there for sporting events when I was in high school. She never met a stranger or made you feel like a stranger. She was a inspiration to everyone!

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**Paula Wishum** - July 07, 2020 at 11:41 AM

GS

“ Gerry Sutton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leah Y. Monk



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**Gerry Sutton** - July 06, 2020 at 10:06 PM

JC

“ *Janie Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leah Y. Monk*

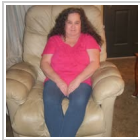


Janie Crowe - July 06, 2020 at 09:58 PM

DD

“ *Prayers for all of the Monk family. With love, Danny and Debbie Dunn*

Debbie Dunn - July 06, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ *Jane Durham Hurst sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Leah Y. Monk*



Jane Durham Hurst - July 06, 2020 at 11:46 AM

LP

“ *Remembering all the Monk family at this time God bless.*



Lamar & Betty Ports - July 06, 2020 at 10:26 AM

BL

*Prayers for comfort and strength in the days ahead in the mighty name of Jesus Amen.*

Betty Lister - July 06, 2020 at 03:33 PM

LP

*Potts not Ports*

**Lamar & Betty Potts** - July 06, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *Kristi Hartsfield - Whittington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leah Y. Monk*



**Kristi Hartsfield - Whittington** - July 06, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ *Mrs. Leah was one of the most hardworking, sweetest, and kindest women I've ever met. It's obvious when you look at her family that she was an amazing woman. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

**Zach Williams** - July 05, 2020 at 07:13 PM

BA

*The matriarch of an amazing family and the life partner of Mr Ridley, she will be greatly missed by all.*

**Bill Acord** - July 06, 2020 at 06:51 AM

JB

*Keeping the Monk family in our thoughts and prayers.  
John & Kim Brownlee*

**John Brownlee** - July 07, 2020 at 10:27 AM

 Diane Bridges

*Sorry to hear about your mama Bob and family - she was a great lady - Lanier Bridges and family*

**Diane Bridges** - July 08, 2020 at 06:27 PM

JJ

*Mrs. Monk was my Den mother in Cub Scouts. She gave me a birthday party when I was 10. Her kindness and sense of humor made others feel at ease around her. Her four children have made her so proud as they would any parent. She and Mr. Monk have set a sterling example of lives well lived. I know she has already heard, "Well done my good and faithful servant."*

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**Jeff Jones** - July 08, 2020 at 07:42 PM

MP

*My deepest sympathy goes out to you Bob and your family, my thoughts and prayers are for you and your family.*

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**melvin benny paulk** - July 08, 2020 at 08:49 PM

GC

*An angel has lived among us setting extraordinary examples for us to follow. If there ever has been a supermom, She would be it in my book. Wade and Monk Family our thoughts and prayers are with you. Glad she was with you until her 98th year. We were blessed to know your mom.*

*Gaill Boiwen Carlton, Johnny Bowen & Barry Bowen.*

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**Gail Bowen Carlton** - July 10, 2020 at 03:55 PM