



Dr. Leanna E. Walton

March 7, 1942 - November 9, 2023

Dr. LeAnna Evans Walton, 81, of Albany died November 9, 2023, at her residence. Dr. Walton was born at Riverside Hospital in Bainbridge on March 7, 1942. Her parents were the late Ruby Loyless Evans and Jesse Howard Evans. Dr. Walton's life was centered on education, for herself and for so many others. She was a voracious reader and encouraged others to do the same. Dr. Walton was a graduate of West Bainbridge High School. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Elementary Education at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. She completed her education with a Ph.D. from Georgia State University, an event long commemorated by her Cadillac license plate saying "Dr. Babe". That endearing title was given her by a beloved brother-in-law. Dr. Walton began her teaching career at Fort Stewart in Hinesville. She spent the remainder of her career in Albany's schools, including Northside Elementary and Turner Elementary. She later became Principal of Palmyra Heights Elementary, serving for 18 years from August 1978 until her retirement in December 1996. She often lovingly talked of her former students she would see in town, expressing such pride in the careers they had entered. Dr. Walton was committed to serving her community through service organizations and her church. She was a proud member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the International Society for Key Women Educators. She led Delta Kappa Gamma as Charter President, State President in 1987-89, and Southeast Regional Director from 1998-2000. She served as Regent of Chehaw Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution for two terms, as

well as filling other offices for the Chapter. She also devoted time to exploring her faith and was a member, leader, and supporter of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. In addition to her parents, Dr. Walton was preceded in death by her siblings: Thomas Floyd Evans, Lea Evans Ash, Lou Evans Gebhardt, and Othello Evans. Also pre-deceasing her was former husband, Jerry Walton, and her special friend, Harris Povlot. Survivors include her brother, Raymond Evans (Carole); goddaughter, Amy Balmer Chu; her double first cousin Jimmy Loyless (Beth); many nieces and nephews; and so many cherished friends. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday November 18, 2023 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, followed by inurnment in the church's Columbarium. Honorary pallbearers will be the Vestry of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the memorial service at the church. In lieu of flowers, Dr. Walton requested that donations be made to the St. Patrick's Legacy Fund, 4800 Old Dawson Road, Albany, GA 31721. Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements. Banks Funeral Home P.O. Box 550 Sylvester, GA 31791 229-776-2055 Phone 229-776-5400 Fax www.banksfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
4800 Old dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31721

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Aunt LeAnna was always so thoughtful and generous! She had a huge heart and was always encouraging, especially towards education. I am proud of her and all that she accomplished. She will be missed.

Allie DeLoach Snow - December 14, 2023 at 03:19 PM

SD

“ Dr. Leanna was one of a kind ! Always best dressed, such a bright smile and generous heart. Always jealous of her shoes! You will be greatly missed. Rest in peace. Give Jim Purks a hug ❤️

Stacey Driggers - November 17, 2023 at 05:56 PM

BA

“ LeAnna rest in peace! You were a wonderful friend and so welcoming of us when we joined St Patrick's. You have more friends than you imagined and we will all miss you and never forget your kindness. Thank you for all you did supporting the community and St Patrick's. Bob and Aida

Bob and Aida - November 16, 2023 at 10:14 AM

AM

“ Rest in heavenly peace. You will be missed. 🙏🌹

Ava McDonald - November 14, 2023 at 02:15 PM

JC

“ You were a one of a kind. Loved you so much. You always had the best shoes ever!!! Rest in peace.

Jo cerrone - November 14, 2023 at 01:03 PM

BR

“ *Brenda Richards lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leanna E. Walton*



Brenda Richards - November 12, 2023 at 09:58 PM

BR

Both my daughters went to Palmyra Elementary when Dr. Walton was there. PTO meetings were always interesting and they were the fastest meetings anyone ever attended! RIP, Dr. Walton!

Brenda Richards - November 12, 2023 at 10:00 PM

JR

Dr. Leanna Walton will be missed. She looked after both of my children at Palmyra Elementary and they loved her. She was a wonderful principal and we will never forget you. Jan Rusin, Albany, GA.

Jan Rusin - November 13, 2023 at 04:36 PM

NJ

Rest in Peace, Leanna! Your St. Patrick's family loved you and will miss your faithful presence with us.

Nancy and John - November 14, 2023 at 03:13 PM

PA

Rest in Heavenly Peace Leanna! You were generous, stylish, and one of a kind!

Patty - December 14, 2023 at 03:17 PM