



## Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly

April 1, 1930 - December 7, 2024

Our beloved mother, Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly, passed away peacefully at her residence on December, 7th, 2024 at the age of 94. Carolyn was born in Gordy Community in Worth County on April 1st, 1930 to Clifton Paul and Annie Mae Baxley Whitfield. She was a lifelong Worth county resident. She graduated from Sumner High School as the Valedictorian of her class of 1947. Carolyn married her first and only love, Stephen "Thomas" Jolly Sr. on September 9th, 1947. She began working for Worth County Board of Education in 1966 and retired as the Superintendent's Secretary after 34 years of service. Carolyn attended Abraham Baldwin College for Secretarial Science. Along with raising 4 children and taking care of the Jolly Farm, she supported her community by being a member of the Sylvester Women's Club, Eastern Star, Daughters of American Revolution, and Worth County Historical Society. Carolyn was a member of Sumner Baptist Church where she was the pianist for 40 years and Sunday School Teacher for 20. Carolyn was a homemaker, colleague, and confidant to many, and ran a tight ship. Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, Aug 30, 2011, and their son David Franklin Jolly, June 26, 2005. Also preceded in death by her brother, Clifford Whitfield, and sisters Sue Ussery and Mollie Hamby. Her survivors are, Steve (June) Jolly, Emily (Joey) Thompson, and Susan (Paul) Davidson; grandchildren Stephanie McDonald, Russ Young, David Davidson, Traci Kennedy, Melissa Bartley, April Young, Brandy Stodola, and Jeremy Thompson; 16 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren with another

on the way in Feb 2025; and beloved caretaker Linda Gardner. Pallbearers: Lt. Cmdr. (Ret.) Walter (Russ) Young, David Davidson, Greg Ussery, Bennett Roberts, CJ Bozeman, Jackson McDonald. Honorary: Larry Ussery, Ray Sumner, Tommy Sumner, Tim Sumner, Mike Roberts, Larry Jones, Tommy McNair, Alan Kimbro, We invite all who cherished Carolyn to join us in a ceremony of remembrance at Banks Funeral Home on Friday Dec. 13th with visitation at 1:00 PM and services to follow at 2:00 PM where we will share stories, laughter, and tears, just as Carolyn would have wished. Dr. Jason Jones and Rev. Daniel Solomon will officiate. The interment will follow in the Sumner Cemetery. For those desiring to honor Carolyn's legacy, monetary donations can be made to Sumner Baptist Church, Sumner Library, or the Margaret Jones Library.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 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

DEC 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home  
PO Box 550  
210 N. Main Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791  
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## Burial

DEC 13 (ET)

Sumner Cemetery  
161 Sumner Road South  
Sumner, GA 31789

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ Tony Senkbeil lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



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**Tony Senkbeil** - December 13, 2024 at 07:21 AM

RL

“ Rita Leggett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



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**Rita Leggett** - December 12, 2024 at 08:55 AM

AC

“ Prayers of comfort for you all!  
-Angie, William, Emily Caroline & G. Theron Culler



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**Angie Roberts Culler** - December 11, 2024 at 10:26 PM

JD

“ Have very fond memories of Mrs. Jolly and her family! Love and prayers for the family!

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**Janice Dent** - December 11, 2024 at 02:12 PM

RF

“ *Ronnie And Vicki Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly*



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**Ronnie and Vicki Ford** - December 10, 2024 at 02:36 PM

JK

“ *Alan and Jan Kimbro*



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**Jan Kimbro** - December 09, 2024 at 04:44 PM

LP

“ *Lamar Potts sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly*



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**Lamar Potts** - December 09, 2024 at 03:36 PM

EA

“ *Eric Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly*



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**Eric Adams** - December 08, 2024 at 07:35 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Littleton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



Carolyn Littleton - December 08, 2024 at 06:26 PM

QG

“ Granny I'm going to miss you and your stories  
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Qua'Dayzhia Gardner - December 08, 2024 at 06:21 PM

MF

“ Mary Jane Fraley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



Mary Jane Fraley - December 08, 2024 at 06:08 PM

GS

“ Gerry & John Sutton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



Gerry & John Sutton - December 08, 2024 at 04:26 PM

CB

“ Chris Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



Chris Burrell - December 08, 2024 at 02:10 PM

KM

“ Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



Karen McDonald - December 08, 2024 at 12:17 PM

BW

“ Bobby And Karen Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



Bobby and Karen Watson - December 08, 2024 at 12:07 PM

JJ

“ Janet Durden Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



janet durden jacobs - December 08, 2024 at 10:49 AM

JC

“ June Coker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



June Coker - December 08, 2024 at 10:19 AM

TM

“ Tosha McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



Tosha McDonald - December 08, 2024 at 09:47 AM

CT

“ Culmer Tanner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



Culmer Tanner - December 08, 2024 at 09:37 AM

PO

“ Puddin Barbara Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly



Puddin Barbara Odom - December 08, 2024 at 08:30 AM

AM

“ *Andrea Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly*



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**Andrea Miller** - December 07, 2024 at 10:19 PM

SP

“ *Susan & Emily,  
I'm so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing.  
I remember her when I attended Sumner  
school for years where she was the secretary  
& Mr Whitfield the principal. She was such a  
sweet lady. Prayers to your family.  
Sherrie Dyess Phillips*



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**Sherrie Phillips** - December 07, 2024 at 09:39 PM

EC

“ *Susan and family, so sorry to hear about Ms. Jolly. She was a sweet lady. I know she will be missed. Thoughts and prayers sent to you and family. God bless you all.*



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**Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry** - December 07, 2024 at 09:12 PM

AE

“ *Ashley Edelen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly*



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**Ashley Edelen** - December 07, 2024 at 08:39 PM

JS

“ *Judy & Mack Sutton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly*



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**Judy & Mack Sutton** - December 07, 2024 at 07:43 PM

JH

“ *Emily and Susan my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family,*



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**Jane Durham Hurst** - December 07, 2024 at 07:27 PM

SR

“ *Emily, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*



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**Sharon E Rhoads** - December 07, 2024 at 06:40 PM

BP

“ *Bonnie Potts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly*



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**Bonnie Potts** - December 07, 2024 at 05:53 PM

SJ

“ *Sandra A Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Carolyn Whitfield Jolly*



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**Sandra A Jones** - December 07, 2024 at 05:30 PM