



Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler

August 31, 1928 - July 10, 2023

Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler, 94, formerly of Worth County, died Monday, July 10, 2023, at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah. She was a resident of Harmony at Savannah Retirement Village since 2021. Marilyn was a long-term resident of Sylvester and retired educator for the Worth County Board of Education. She was preceded in death by her parents Porter and Alice Wilson, brother Stanley Wilson and her husband of 64 years Merrill Butler, Jr. She is survived by her sister Hazel Cofield; children Michael Butler (Sheila), David Butler (Susan), Chris Butler (Karen), Kenneth Sweringen (Felicia) and Caroline DeMarco (Michael), grandchildren Meghan Reed (Tanner), Michael Butler Jr. (Maggie), Jared Butler, Kristen Butler, Julia Butler, Jaden Hood (Zach), Brett Butler and great grandchildren Miranda Butler, Morgan Butler, Dominique Butler, Unique Butler, Isaac and Eli Hood. Marilyn was born in Enterprise, Alabama in 1928. She came of age in the Great Depression with education emphasized by her parents. She graduated from Huntington College with an education degree and later obtained a masters in education from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University). She met Merrill Butler, a navy veteran in Andalusia, Alabama, beginning a new life together that would last for 64 years and produce five children. Marilyn was a gifted teacher having taught for five decades in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. Her longest stretch was as an eighth grade Georgia history teacher in Sylvester. She was always an advocate for her students having the ability to connect on a personal level. Marilyn was a dedicated

mother and grandmother; family was her passion. During her early retirement years, she represented Georgia teachers as a member and officer of the Georgia Retired Teachers Association. She was a member of the Pinson United Methodist church, Sylvester Women's Club and Barnard Trail Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. Marilyn loved Sylvester and her friends; she never met a stranger. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Banks Funeral Home Chapel, interment will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. The Rev. Ben Palacz will officiate. The family will receive friends on Friday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

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Burial

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Tribute Wall

TL

“ Michael, David, Chris and family, Were so sorry to hear of your loss. I loved Marilyn very much and always admired her so much. She always had a smile for everyone she saw and the most loving and kind heart out poured from her soul. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this sad time.



Tammy & Jeff Lawhorn - August 04, 2023 at 04:50 AM

JN

“ I walked into my 8th grade homeroom and met a forever friend, Mrs. Butler. She introduced later that afternoon to Georgia History. I was struck by her beauty, intelligence and kindness. The small yellow textbook was just a jumping off spot for Georgia History....she was the true expert. She was the one whose knowledge led me to think deeper about the past and engage with the future of this state. She was the one who truly taught me how wonderful Georgia is--the beauty of the Cherokee Rose, the strength of the Live Oak, the elegance of the Brown Thrasher and the sweetness of a Georgia peach. She was the first person I remember who challenged me to really think about what a smart, strong southern woman could do and be. She talked to me about life, school, and the future. The impact a teacher makes truly last a lifetime and she was one of those who changed me. I loved her dearly and I am thankful for her kindness to me and to so many others. Well done good and faithful servant.

Janet Stacy Newman - July 19, 2023 at 03:00 PM

TH

What a beautiful tribute

Tamara Harty - August 14, 2023 at 10:38 AM

EC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Butler. She was the sweetest person and a great teacher. I had the opportunity of working with her at Worth County Middle School. I loved watching her teach and as a paraprofessional, I would sometimes just go sit in her room and watch and listen. She tried so hard to get me to pursue a teaching career. I really enjoyed talking to her as she was a wealth of knowledge. I know she will be missed. RIP Mrs. Marilyn!



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - July 19, 2023 at 05:21 AM

AH

“ Ann Haire lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler



Ann Haire - July 17, 2023 at 06:15 PM

DM

“ My favorite teacher ever! Condolences to her family.



Deanna Merritt - July 16, 2023 at 05:57 PM

MH

“ *Marilyn was the epitome of a true Southern Lady! She was always a joy to be around, and a great mentor to me as I pursued my degree in education!*



Marilyn Herring - July 15, 2023 at 10:57 PM

VM

“ *VERA MORMAN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler*



VERA MORMAN - July 14, 2023 at 04:34 PM

CS

“ *Cindy L Spence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler*



Cindy L Spence - July 14, 2023 at 11:43 AM

TB

“ *This special lady taught me so many things. She was a wonderful example of how everyone should be aware and involved in politics. She ran her classroom with a hard hand but a loving heart. She introduced me to Gone With the Wind and gave us all a love for history. So many important milestones with her. She was the classiest of them all! . I feel so lucky to have been her student and later as an adult, a friend. My condolences and prayers go out to her family.*

Toni Buckner - July 13, 2023 at 03:20 PM

LB

“ *Marilyn Butler was a special lady and a most gifted teacher that I was happy to call my friend. So sorry for your loss.*

Leila Beanblossom - July 13, 2023 at 02:06 AM

KB

“ *Kelly Watson Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler*



Kelly Watson Brown - July 12, 2023 at 08:32 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler*



Sandra Watson - July 12, 2023 at 07:52 PM

DB

“ *Debbie & Ray Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler*



Debbie & Ray Banks - July 12, 2023 at 06:52 PM

TP

“ *Terri Pate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler*



Terri Pate - July 12, 2023 at 06:52 PM

TH

“ *She was one of a kind. Always made her students feel special and loved. Praying for you all. 🙏*



Tami Jo Harris - July 12, 2023 at 03:27 PM

SD

“ *Michael and Butler Family. Mrs. Butler was one of a kind. She was a wonderful person and she and I had become friends over the years. Great teacher also, my son had her in the 8th grade. Sending prayers...*

Susan Davidson - July 12, 2023 at 01:50 PM

JS

“ So sorry Caroline! I enjoyed your mama’s class so much..

Jenny Thomas Snow - July 12, 2023 at 01:05 PM

SW

“ Mrs. Butler was my 8th grade Georgia History teacher. I admired everything about her from her style of teaching to the way she carried herself...a true Southern Belle. She left a legacy of which you children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren can be proud.

Stacy Weaver - July 12, 2023 at 12:32 PM

SR

She was absolutely one of the best teachers I ever had. I loved her class and she has such a poise to her. She will be missed.

stefanie Bartley Robb - July 12, 2023 at 07:43 PM

RG

“ My heart is broke. I'm sorry for your loss. Mrs. Butler was more than a teacher to me. I loved her dearly. She always treated me as if I were one of her own. God bless you all. Ronnie Goodwin - Sylvester, Georgia

Ronnie Goodwin - July 12, 2023 at 11:33 AM

 Brenda Hicks

“ I’m so sorry about your loss. I was taught by Mrs. Butler at Worth County High School and she was the greatest. Praying for her family and sending my deepest condolences to you all.

Brenda Hicks - July 12, 2023 at 11:02 AM

CA

“Mrs. Butler was truly an inspiration to so many students - I loved her as a person and as a teacher. She was a beautiful soul, and epitomized the quote by Booker T. Washington, "If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." She inspired me so much I decided to become a History teacher and taught Georgia History for many years. Prayers for her family and loved ones...

Carla Kirkus Andrade - July 12, 2023 at 10:28 AM

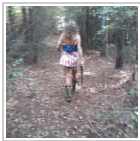
LA

“Mrs. Butler was my favorite teacher ever! She set high expectations and loved her students!

Praying for God's comfort and strength for all her friends and family & know she positively touched so many people throughout her life!



Louisa Awbery - July 12, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“Kristi Hartsfield - Whittington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler



Kristi Hartsfield - Whittington - July 12, 2023 at 09:49 AM

EC

“Marilyn was so much fun! I enjoyed her company during church events. She looked beautiful for any outing. Such a lady. She is missed already.

Elizabeth and Charlie Cowles



Elizabeth W Cowles - July 12, 2023 at 09:45 AM

RM

“ Rhonda And Scott Moree lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler



Rhonda and Scott Moree - July 12, 2023 at 08:46 AM

MG

“ MARILYN was just a LIVING DOLL.....GOD gave Marilyn SO MANY SPECIAL GIFTS---AND SHE USED THEM ALL WISELY AND WELL.

I Honor the Special and Precious Memory of MARILYN WILSON BUTLER...A True Southern Belle. ...She has "Graduated to Heaven" with All of its JOYS!

Most sincerely,

Marsha Carol Watson Gandy

Marsha Carol Watson Gandy - July 12, 2023 at 08:24 AM

RS

“ Rhonda Saylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler



Rhonda Saylor - July 12, 2023 at 07:43 AM

DK

“Marilyn Butler was a wonderful history teacher, friend and neighbor . She was the epitome of a true southern lady ! Our years living next door to her in Sylvester was a pleasure! Our condolences to all her family! Thankful for a life well lived 🙏 Sincerely,
Davis and Donna King

Donna M King - July 12, 2023 at 07:24 AM

JM

“ Jim McMickin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler



Jim McMickin - July 12, 2023 at 07:21 AM

DR

“ David And Dianne Register lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler



David and Dianne Register - July 11, 2023 at 10:36 PM

LP

“ The absolute best Georgia History teacher ever!! I loved having conversations with her. A true Southern lady...always beautiful. Praying for the family (who she always bragged about).

Laura Patterson - July 11, 2023 at 08:29 PM

SS

“ One of the best teachers ever!! She will truly be missed, always had a smile on her face and she would always listen to your problems and give you that advice. She was truly unique!! God rest her soul 🙏🙏🙏🙏



Sherri Seabolt - July 11, 2023 at 08:09 PM

KM

“ Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler



Karen McDonald - July 11, 2023 at 06:45 PM

BP

“ Bonnie Pottt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler



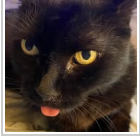
Bonnie Pottt - July 11, 2023 at 05:36 PM

BF

“ Beth Hill Favreau lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler



Beth Hill Favreau - July 11, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Edward Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler*



Edward Odom - July 11, 2023 at 04:22 PM

MH

“ *Mack And Mary Houston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler*



Mack and Mary Houston - July 11, 2023 at 04:08 PM

JC

“ *June Coker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler*



June Coker - July 11, 2023 at 01:20 PM

MB

“ *Mark Bibby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler*



Mark Bibby - July 11, 2023 at 12:01 PM

SR

“ Sharon Rhoads lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Wilson Butler



Sharon Rhoads - July 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM

SR

Mrs. Marilyn was such a sweet person. I met her when I joined the Women's Club years ago. Her smile was infectious. She will be missed by many. Prayers for the family.

Sharon Rhoads - July 11, 2023 at 10:02 AM

LH

so sorry to hear of her passing she was a beautiful person inside and out . no doubt where she is today knowing that I know sure makes it better although we are human and grieve. God bless you all and give you peace and understanding. prayers for the whole family

Lisa Potts Harden

lisa potts harden - July 13, 2023 at 09:06 AM

PS

My wonderful favoritE teacher who helped me transition out of Worth Academy to the new Experience of Public school..took me under her Wing and taught me much..will never forget❤️

Patti Davis Sumner - July 14, 2023 at 07:29 PM