



## Mrs. Merle Preble Pate

July 23, 1930 - January 19, 2023

Mrs. Merle Preble Pate, aged 92, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at her residence.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Evergreen Baptist Church, interment will follow in the Church Cemetery. The Rev. Todd Brooks will officiate.

She was born to Daniel "Dick" and Emmie Lila Callaway Bius in the Sumter County community of Flintside. She married AJ Pate in 1948 and lived in Worth County most of her life. She loved quilting, sewing, and crocheting. She spent many years working as a quality inspector at Doerun Sportswear. Following her retirement, she spent 14 years as a people greeter at the Albany Walmart. She was a faithful member of Evergreen Baptist Church. Survivors include her son Roger and his wife Judy Pate of Lee County, and her daughter Janice Holt of Worth County; grandchildren Jill Barlow of Leesburg, Brian (Melissa) Holt of Leesburg, and Nancy Holt of Statesboro; great grandchildren Blake (Logan) Barlow, Andrew Barlow, Julie (Joseph Bryant) Barlow, Audrey Holt, Zachary Holt, and Levi Holt; and one great great grandchild Shiloh Barlow; sister Claire Etheredge of Worth County, sisters-in-law Faye Bius of Worth County and Joyce Bius of Ellicott City, MD, and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Pate was preceded in death by her husband, as well as her brothers Leon Bius and Danny Bius, her sister Margie Rivers, and her son-in-law Ronnie Holt.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Gideon's or to the Mt. Pisgah-Evergreen Cemetery fund.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Baptist Church Cemetery

1724 Evergreen Rd.  
Sylvester, GA 31791

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 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

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Evergreen Baptist Church  
1702 Evergreen Rd.  
Sylvester, GA 31791

## Burial

JAN 21 (ET)

Evergreen Baptist Church Cemetery  
1724 Evergreen Rd.  
Sylvester, GA 31791

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Merle Preble Pate*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Janice, I am so sorry for your loss. I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the funeral. I'm sure you understand that it's just too soon for me right now. I love yall and I am praying for yall.*

**Sandy McCarty** - January 23, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ *Janice and family, so sorry abt the passing of your dear mother. She was a sweet lady. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.*

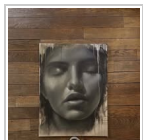


**Judy Smith** - January 23, 2023 at 02:43 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Preble's family. She was a special lady and a dear friend. I pray that God will hold you close and give you peace and comfort at this sad time.*

**Mary Helen Barfield** - January 20, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ *Brian, Nancy and family we are sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. May God give you comfort and peace.*  
*Jonathan and Teresa Medders*

**Teresa Medders** - January 20, 2023 at 07:52 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Mainor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Merle Preble Pate*



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**Deborah Mainor** - January 20, 2023 at 08:01 AM

MW

“ *My condolences to the family.*



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**melissa williams** - January 19, 2023 at 11:59 PM

CY

“ *Carol York lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Merle Preble Pate*



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**Carol York** - January 19, 2023 at 06:18 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Merle Preble Pate*



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**Sandra Watson** - January 19, 2023 at 04:36 PM

JC

“ June Coker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs.  
Merle Preble Pate



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**June Coker** - January 19, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ Always knew Preable. God bless&comfort  
Janis&Roger. Also their families.



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**Charles Potts** - January 19, 2023 at 12:40 PM