



Elizabeth Hopson

June 9, 1931 - May 23, 2008

Ann Hopson of Milledgeville, Georgia passed away Friday, May 23rd, 2008 in Macon, Georgia.

Born June 9th, 1931 in St. Louis, Missouri, Ann was the daughter of the late George Souther Bloodworth and the late Willie Mae (Pettigrew) Bloodworth, both of Milledgeville, Georgia.

Ann was an artist. Musically, she was a supremely talented pianist. It was her life-long passion. In recent years she was the pianist for her beloved church, the Community Baptist Church of Milledgeville, Georgia, where she played beautifully for the church service the Sunday before falling ill.

She earned many awards for the wonderful quilts she made, but enjoyed sharing her work with family and friends much more than winning awards. Her other creative interests included weaving, needlepoint, counted cross stitch, and her most recent passion - making pine needle baskets.

Her four diversely successful children are a testament to what a great mother she was. Her children are each incredible in their own way ? one is a trained special education teacher and fabulous mother herself, one is a professional classical musician, one is a Naval Officer, and one is an Air Force pilot. She taught her children to be open-minded and curious, to explore their own artistic talents, to be considerate to other people, to be loving parents,

and to enjoy life to the fullest.

During the last several years of her life she took special trips with each of her four children including two Alaskan cruises, a Caribbean Cruise, and a trip to Hawaii.

She loved her dogs Buster and Jackie, and they loved her right back.

Ann grew up in Desoto, Missouri across the street from a young Jimmy Hopson. Her beauty and sense of style landed her a coveted job at Georgia Ann Style Shop, where she worked through high school. She was elected Basketball Queen and graduated from Desoto High School in 1949. She married James A. Hopson on May 25th, 1951. The couple moved to St. Louis in 1958, living in Des Peres and Overland before settling in University City, where Ann worked as a third grade teacher at Flynn Park Elementary School. Always intelligent and energetic, Ann earned her Bachelor Degree and a Master of Arts in Education Degree from Washington University. Ann and her growing family left University City for Overland Park, Kansas in 1966. They returned to University City, Missouri in 1970 for Jim to take up the position of Superintendent of Schools, and remained there until 1976. In 1976, they moved to Rock Island, Illinois and stayed there through Jim's retirement as Superintendent of the Rock Island/Milan School District. Jim and Ann moved back to St. Louis to be near family, living there from 1991-1998, when they moved for the last time to the family farm near Milledgeville, Georgia.

Survivors include husband Jim Hopson of Milledgeville, Georgia, daughter Judy Godwin of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, son William Hopson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, son Glenn Hopson of Coronado, California, son Mark Hopson of Omaha, Nebraska, and the ten grandchildren Lauren, Jim, Kate, Eric, Sophie, Ben, Hannah, Maddie, Sam and Holly.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her honor may be sent to Community Baptist Church at 143 Log Cabin Road NE, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061.

Later this summer, there will be a celebration of her life at Community Baptist Church in Milledgeville.

Ann Hopson lived a rich life, but she left us far too soon. She had many books to read, places to visit, lives to brighten and talents to share. And a beautiful quilt and pine needle basket, both unfinished, sitting in her home. She always met life with a smile. She was a lovely and special lady of whom we will always remember with love.

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory of Milledgeville in charge of arrangements

Tribute Wall



“ I just learned of Anns death. We grew up together and in recent years would visit on the phone. I lived in the Atlanta area. We had our picture taken together at the library when we were in the first grade! Judy I met you at a DHS reunion. Please accept my sincere sympathy. I really loved talking with Ann. I tried calling her but knew she was busy. She knew I was moving to Colorado. I also just learned that Jim died too. May God bless you all as you were blessed with your dear Mother .##imported-begin##Alice(Coleman) Micke##imported-end##

September 29, 2008 at 11:09 PM



“ On behalf of my sister Judy and my brothers Bill and Glenn, I'd like to thank everyone for their kind words. Our mom was a fabulous person and she will be missed greatly.

There will be a Memorial Service on Sunday August 10th at 2:00 PM at Community Baptist Church, 143 Log Cabin Road NE, in Milledgeville, Georgia. A Reception will follow at the church. You are invited to join us in celebrating her rich life.##imported-begin##Mark Hopson##imported-end##

July 26, 2008 at 09:08 AM



“ To Ann's Family,
I will always remember Ann as very intelligent, talented, & caring individual. The friendship I enjoyed with both Ann and Jim will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Tommy Jefferson##imported-begin##Tommy Jefferson##imported-end##

June 01, 2008 at 01:44 PM



“ *What a wonderful wife and Mom she was. Always a caring, loving woman to all who knew her. As a teacher of her children, a teacher in the school system for which her husband, Jim, was Superintendent, and as a fellow member of the same Church in Rock Island, my life was richer for having known Ann and her family.##imported-begin##Bob Motz##imported-end##*

May 30, 2008 at 03:53 AM



“ *Ann was a very special and precious person and a great asset to Community Baptist Church. She welcomed us into that membership and made us feel at home and loved. I miss her so very much and her presence in our church will be missed also. We send our love and prayers to the entire family!##imported-begin##Frances and Grady Torrance##imported-end##*

May 29, 2008 at 11:06 PM



“ *5/30/08*
I was introduced to Ann a few years ago by Katie Fowler. Just want the family to know that she was a great inspiration to me. Knowing her absolutely enriched my life.
Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss.
Margarett Coleman
Macon, GA##imported-begin##Margarett Coleman##imported-end##

May 29, 2008 at 05:41 PM



“ Judy,

We were so saddened to hear the news about your mother's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We miss you all here in St Louis.##imported-begin##Celia (Harmon) Homsher & family##imported-end##

May 29, 2008 at 12:59 AM



“ *She had the most Beautiful Smile and she will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Laurie Calvert##imported-end##*

May 28, 2008 at 03:41 PM



“ *We will miss Ann at Community Baptist. She was a very special lady and we are happy to have known her and loved her so much.*

Mary and Bobby Ward##imported-begin##Mary and Bobby Ward##imported-end##

May 28, 2008 at 02:54 PM



“ *The Hopsons were our neighbors when Jim was Supt. of Schools in Rock Island. Unfortunately, we lost track of them after Jim retired. We often thought of them, for they were wonderful neighbors & friends. Ann will be missed, for she was a wonderful person!##imported-begin##Jim & Ruth Ann Koltveit##imported-end##*

May 28, 2008 at 02:14 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Milly Thompson Day##imported-end##

May 28, 2008 at 09:39 AM



“ Dear Judy & family,
Ann was a wonderful woman and inspiration to us all. She was so full of love and life, joy and wisdom. She will be so greatly missed.
Love, Cindy Mize##imported-begin##Cindy Mize##imported-end##

May 27, 2008 at 09:56 PM



“ Mark and family,

So sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Our prayers are with all of you.

Dan & Lisa (Koltveit) Beekman##imported-begin##Dan & Lisa Beekman##imported-end##

May 27, 2008 at 09:26 PM



“ We cherish our memories of a truly beautiful, caring lady. Her music filled our minds & hearts and even our tapping toes sometimes with joy and delight.##imported-begin##Will & Becky Humphrey##imported-end##

May 27, 2008 at 05:14 PM



“ We will always remember the trip we took with Ann and Jim (Mr. and Mrs. Hopson to us) from St. Louis to Omaha one Christmas to visit Mark, Tanya, and Hannah; especially our stop at White Castle for lunch.

Ann made us a beautiful Christmas tree skirt that year that has adorned our tree every Christmas since.

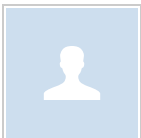
Our deepest sympathies to the entire family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Paul and Anne Marie Chapman##imported-end##

May 27, 2008 at 04:44 PM



“ Bryant and I knew Anne when she and Jim were in St. Louis area and members at Delmar Baptist church. She was such a good cook, so creative in arts and music, and so proud of her children. She was a good woman. I enjoyed talking with her. My thoughts are with you all as you adjust to this sudden loss.##imported-begin##nancy thompson##imported-end##

May 27, 2008 at 04:34 PM



“ I am so glad that I had the opportunity to know such a great lady. I will miss her. My heart goes out to all her family and friends, she was truly a godly lady.##imported-begin##debora brooks##imported-end##

May 27, 2008 at 11:25 AM



“ *Ann's life is such a testament--she truly enjoyed life through her many talents, accomplishments, and through her love of family and friends. The hours spent knitting, visiting, and laughing together will remain as treasured memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with her beloved family.##imported-begin##Donna and Bear Findley##imported-end##*

May 27, 2008 at 10:57 AM



“ *Judy*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Susan##imported-begin##Susan Mooradian##imported-end##

May 27, 2008 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Jim and family,
Bill joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to you on the death of your beloved Ann. We so enjoyed being in her company when you lived in Rock Island and I was a member of the school board. The obituary in the Quad City Times was beautiful, and we hope that your wonderful memories of Ann will provide all of you with comfort as you support each other at this time of your grief. We hope you find the strength to go on from day to day without her. With sincere condolences.*

Jaye Zessar##imported-begin##Jaye Zessar##imported-end##

May 26, 2008 at 11:58 PM



“ Ann was a wonderful, loving, and special person who will be greatly missed.

Our love and prayers are with the family at your time of loss.##imported-begin##Emmitt and Marjorie Foster##imported-end##

May 26, 2008 at 05:14 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about her passing. We went on the cruise in 2006, too, and enjoyed talking with her. A.W. knew her more than I did. Now I hate that I never took the time to go by and see her crafts. we will be praying for your family.##imported-begin##A.W. & Libby Leverett##imported-end##

May 26, 2008 at 04:56 PM



“ Ann has been our friend and our memories of her will always be special. She was a wonderful pianist and we enjoyed her arrangements of hymns weekly. We always marveled at her many interests and talents. We love her children and can see in them what a wonderful person she has always been. We will miss her so very much.

Love to all the family

Charles & Melba##imported-begin##Melba & Charles Burrell##imported-end##

May 26, 2008 at 04:12 PM



“ How blessed we are to have counted this gracious lady a friend. We miss her so much, and we know we will forever be sharing "Ann stories" with our Community Baptist Church family. She made a difference in the lives she touched.##imported-begin##Alan and Carolyn Mitchell##imported-end##

May 26, 2008 at 03:28 PM



“ Although I have only known Ann for the last several years, I have grown to love Ann whether just visiting or sitting in our circle of friends knitting. She was such a special person that I will miss so very much. My love to all of you in your grief but do remember that she is now at peace. She often spoke of all of her family with so much love. She will be missed so very much.##imported-begin##Dinah Peevy##imported-end##

May 26, 2008 at 02:30 PM



“ To all Hopson/ Godwin families: Agreed, a talented, gracious, caring, sharing lady gone far too soon.

I suspect Ann would be honored to have you all live your lives as she taught, and as she lived hers.....

Our deepest sympathies and best wishes to you all.##imported-begin##Pam, Jon, Tiffany, and Marjorie Chapman##imported-end##

May 26, 2008 at 12:48 PM



“ To all the Hopson children especially Glenn and Mark. Your mother was a blessing to everyone she touched. I remember our campouts and our mustgo dinners. We shared many hobbies together and I learned alot from her. She will be dearly missed. God Bless all of you.##imported-begin##Maggie King##imported-end##

May 25, 2008 at 10:58 PM



“ Our Condolences to the Family and our prayers are with you at this sad time. All of the family was missed in Rock Island.##imported-begin##Jerry & Carol Waeyaert##imported-end##

May 25, 2008 at 10:58 PM



“ Dear Glenn and family:

I am sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I have very fond memories of hanging out at the Hopson house in Rock Island. Sledding in the back yard to name a few. I hope all of you take time to remember the good times with her. She was a remarkable lady. Glenn if you or Kelli need anything please let me know. You all are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.##imported-begin##Lisa Waeyaert Wymer##imported-end##

May 25, 2008 at 10:51 PM



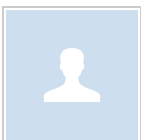
“ I am so blessed to have had a grandmother like Ann. When I was younger I would always look forward to the times when my parents would go out of town so I could stay with her. She would read books like Winnie the Pooh, and we would stay up for hours laughing. She would make me her signature cinnamon toast for breakfast, and bake cookies with me even though I made a mess. As I grew up she was still a big part of my life and supported me in everything I did. I am so grateful my mother, grandmother and I went to Nantucket for a trip two summers ago, memories from that trip will stay with me forever. She was such a sweet, loving, and caring person, and will be missed by everyone her life has touched.##imported-begin##Kate Godwin##imported-end##

May 25, 2008 at 03:19 PM



“ We treasure the times we shared in our church life here in Rock Island, and the deep friendship that grew since then. We are grateful for the love and beauty Ann gave to all she touched. We are so blessed to have known her.##imported-begin##John and Nancy Schwegler##imported-end##

May 24, 2008 at 05:32 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ann's passing. Ann was such a special friend. We shared so many laughs and stories, mainly about our dogs when she would come by for her haircuts. I loved her dearly and will miss her friendship and love.##imported-begin##Donna Bennett##imported-end##

May 24, 2008 at 03:21 PM



“ *To the memory of my best friend in all the world, I miss you. Love
Katie##imported-begin##Katie Fowler##imported-end##*

May 24, 2008 at 01:55 PM