



## Louise Pursley

August 1, 1923 - November 11, 2021

Louise Freeman Pursley died peacefully at her home on November 11, 2021 in Milledgeville, Georgia at the age of 98. Louise Pursley was born in Dublin, Georgia on August 1, 1923 to the late John Ernest Freeman and Gradye Thigpen Freeman. Louise's family moved to Rome, Georgia where she attended high school, and her father worked for the Farm Bureau. After living in Rome for several years her family moved back to Dublin where her father was president of the Four County Bank.

Louise Pursley attended college at Georgia State College for Women which is now Georgia College and State University. After college she worked in the Commandants office at Georgia Military College.

On May 20, 1951, Louise Freeman married John Augustus Pursley Jr. They were married for sixty-seven years until his death in 2018. Louise will be remembered for her love of family, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was affectionately known as Nana. Her greatest joy came from cooking meals and watching her family enjoy the fruits of her labor. Mrs. Louise was known for her famous cheese straws (they could never be too spicy!). Nana loved starting collections of Royal Doulton figurines, cut glass, and paper weights from all her travels for her children and grandchildren. Other than her parents, Mrs. Pursley is predeceased by a brother John Ernest Freeman, and a great grandchild, Wiley McTeer Bell. Mrs. Pursley is survived by a daughter Irene Pursley Miller (Charles) of Milledgeville, a son John Augustus Pursley III (Helen) of Milledgeville, six grandchildren, Jennifer Brown

Bell (Wiley) of Georgetown, South Carolina, James Parker Brown of Athens, GA, Helen Marie Pursley Davenport (McKenzie) of Milledgeville, Molly Brown Stanton (Hayes) of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, John Augustus Pursley IV (Jean) of Milledgeville, and Eliza Pursley Smith (Garrett) of Milledgeville and 13 great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the wonderful extended family of caregivers, Mary Jackson, Bernasta Waller, Shirley Butts, Kim Holsey, Betty Jackson, Margie Dean, and Shandreka West. Mrs. Pursley touched the lives of many people and will be deeply missed.

A funeral service will be held Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at West View Cemetery and visitation will follow after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Louise Freeman Pursley to First United Methodist Church Building Fund or to Georgia Military College Foundation for the John and Louise Pursley Scholarship Endowment.

# Cemetery Details

## West View Cemetery

200 Ernest Byner St  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

NOV 14. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Debbie Yeager Pounds lit a candle in memory of Louise Pursley*



Debbie Yeager Pounds - November 30, 2021 at 09:04 PM

LH

“ *I honestly can't remember a time that Mr. and Mrs. Pursley were not in my life. They were such good friends of my parents and spent a lot of time eating together and having get togethers during my growing up years. Mr. Gus was the sweetest man in the whole wide world, always with a smile on his face and Miss Louise's personality so fun and humorous! She was just as jovial and so sweet, kind and welcoming. She had such a cute sense of humor and a sharp wit, and I will always remember both of them with the fondest of memories. My deepest sympathies to all of your family.*



Lisa Helton Hudson - November 18, 2021 at 12:49 PM

WG

“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR OF MS. PURSLEY PASSING. OUR PRAYERS GO OUT FOR THE FAMILY.*



WALTER GRIMES - November 16, 2021 at 09:39 AM

MJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

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**Martha Hall Josey** - November 15, 2021 at 05:08 PM

KB

“ *Ms. Irene and family  
I was so sorry to read of your Mother's  
passing please know tht you are in our  
thoughts and prayers.  
Love  
Shirley and Kim Byrd*



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**Kim Byrd** - November 15, 2021 at 10:52 AM

ER

“ *Mrs. Louise was a beautiful Southern Lady, that always had love for  
everyone she met. She will be missed by many that loved her. We  
will keep you all in our prayers. Eddie and Denise Renfroe*

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**Eddie and Denise Renfroe** - November 13, 2021 at 05:45 PM

LM


“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and all your  
Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery. 🙏❤️*

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**Luther Minor** - November 13, 2021 at 09:41 AM

MB

“ *Louise was a wonderful person, always smiling and glad to see you.  
Love, hugs & prayers to all of her sweet family and friends.*

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**Mrs Ray Bouchillon** - November 12, 2021 at 02:15 PM

 Gale  
Master

“ I enjoyed being Louise's cashier when she visited Kroger. She was a joy. Prayers for the family.

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**Gale Master** - November 12, 2021 at 09:51 AM

JF

“ Louise was a remarkable lady She always was smiling and cheerful. She was loved by her family and a multitude of friends. My love and prayers for the Pursley family.

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**Janet P Ferguson** - November 12, 2021 at 09:34 AM

SL

“ Mrs. Pursley will be missed by all who knew her. I really enjoyed taking goodies to her and getting some of her cheese straws. I will miss seeing her on the porch and talking to her. Praying for Gus & family!!

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**Sheila Leverett** - November 11, 2021 at 06:26 PM

LL

“ Mrs. Louise was a special lady. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

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**Louise Hall Layson** - November 11, 2021 at 04:34 PM

DF

My prayers,go out to the family .

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**David Falcon** - November 12, 2021 at 07:18 PM