



## Maxine Byrd Murphy

July 26, 1922 - March 12, 2020

Maxine Byrd Murphy  
Milledgeville

Mrs. Maxine Rogers Byrd Murphy, 97, passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2020 in the Milledgeville First United Methodist Church with Rev. Mac Enfinger officiating. Interment will follow at 3 PM in Roberta City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the church from 10:30 AM until the service hour.

Mrs. Murphy was a native of Elmore County, Alabama. She was the daughter of the late Rev. H.E. and Lenora Rogers. She was a retired banker with over 25 years service having worked with The Bank of Ft. Valley, Cumberland County Bank, and First Federal Savings and Loan. She loved to travel, dance, cook, sing in the choir, spending time with her family and friends. She was also well known for her famous caramel cake. She touched many lives with her beautiful smile. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Mercer Eugene Byrd; second husband, John R. Murphy; son, Dwight Slade Byrd; parents, and 5 other siblings. She was a member of Milledgeville First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son, Eddie Byrd (Lu) of Lake Oconee; daughter, Nancy Buchanan (Tonny) of Milledgeville; daughter-in-law, Britt Owen Byrd of Milledgeville; grandchildren, Ryan Frier, Justin Seymour, both of Milledgeville, Cory Seymour (Kathryn) of Madison, Adam Buchanan (Marissa) of Knoxville, TN, Paige Buchanan of Clanton, AL, Whitney Joris Whitlock (Ben) of Charlotte, NC, and Maggie Joris Wiles (John) of Atlanta; great grandchildren, Kaitlyn Frier, Jenna Seymour, Corbin Seymour, Eliza Kate Seymour, Lydia Buchanan, Eva Buchanan, Smith and Lily Whitlock, and Louise Wiles; and sister, Bobbie Jean Harlow.

Flowers accepted and for those who wish, expressions of sympathy may be made to Milledgeville First United Methodist Church.

Express online condolences at [www.williamsfuneral.net](http://www.williamsfuneral.net)  
Williams Funeral Home & Crematory

# Cemetery Details

## Roberta City Cemetery

550 S. Dugger Ave  
Roberta, GA 31078

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Methodist Church of Milledgeville  
366 Log Cabin Drive  
Milledgeville, GA

## Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Methodist Church of Milledgeville  
366 Log Cabin Drive  
Milledgeville, GA

## Interment

MAR 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

Roberta City Cemetery  
550 S. Dugger Ave  
Roberta, GA 31078



# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Lisa Hudson lit a candle in memory of Maxine Byrd Murphy*



**Lisa Hudson** - March 26, 2020 at 04:16 PM

TB

“ *Todd And Jill Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Maxine Byrd Murphy*



**Todd and Jill Blackwell** - March 17, 2020 at 07:27 PM

Jl

“ *Condolences to the family.*



**Jill** - March 17, 2020 at 07:26 PM

JF

“ *I always enjoyed seeing Mrs. Maxine at Herb's each time Mrs. Doriann would bring her. My condolences to the family.*

**Jason Foskey** - March 16, 2020 at 09:42 AM

RW

“ I always enjoyed when she visited Milledgeville and sang with us in the choir at FBC. She was always so bright and perky. A fun lady!

Ruby Werts - March 14, 2020 at 01:59 PM

BA

“ Ben and I are so sorry for your great loss, your dear sweet mother. We are praying you are filled with peace as God gives you strength for today and hope for tomorrow. Our love and prayers are with you and your family.



Ben & Linda Allen - March 14, 2020 at 07:08 AM

EW

“ Miss Maxine.....what a special lady. Such sweet memories I have as a child growing up in Ft. Valley. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. God Bless Elaine Strickland Watson One of Mr. Mercer's LITTLE BOYS lol

Elaine Strickland Watson - March 13, 2020 at 11:59 PM

DG

“ Eddie, Judy and I are so sorry to learn of the loss of your Mother. It is never the same without your Mother here but Heaven is a lot brighter with her there. Brother, our thoughts and prayers to you and the family.

Don and Judy Gallops  
Salem, AL.

Don Gallops - March 13, 2020 at 05:22 PM

SB

“ Nancy and all of the Byrd family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during the loss of your beautiful mother. God bless each of you.

*Steve and Lisa Bradley*

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**Steve and Lisa Bradley** - March 13, 2020 at 04:49 PM

BG

“ Linda and I had some good times with Ms. Maxine. She was a good friend and loved to socialize. She will be greatly missed by us and all her friends. Always smiling and glad to see you. Good dance partner and such a sweet lady. Rest in peace Maxine. God has taken in a joy to heaven!



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**Billy Griner** - March 13, 2020 at 04:38 PM

CB

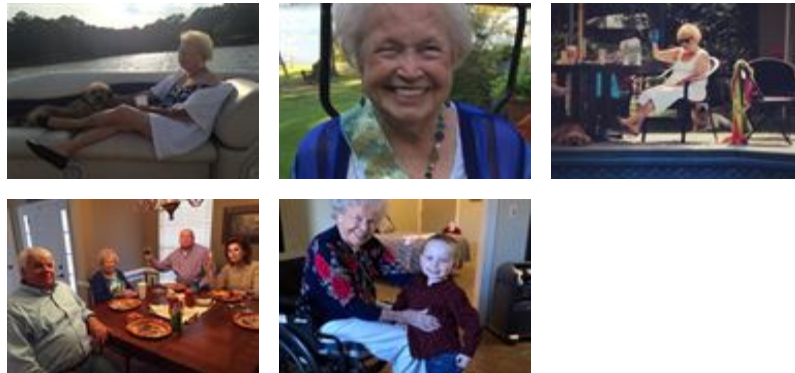
“ David and I still remember the first time we met Maxine many years ago. She was the kind of person who made a lasting impression! She was full of God given joy. We would drive her to church, and just delighted in seeing her singing with such joy, even though she couldn't see the hymnal, but knowing every word. We enjoyed visiting her on Sundays at Fellowship, and always left with some of her joy in our hearts. She will be truly missed.

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**Carol and David Ballew** - March 13, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - March 13, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ Nancy and Tony...our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sorrowful time. May God bless you all.  
Marsha and Charles Grimes

Charles Grimes - March 13, 2020 at 09:27 AM



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



Luther Minor - March 13, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ Oh what a Byrd she was! She shared her infectious smile 100% of the time! I know she is still smiling, just in a different place. Love to Nancy, Eddie and the family! 🙏❤️🙏  
😊 Carol 😊

carol hattaway - March 13, 2020 at 07:36 AM

KG

“ Eddie and Nancy, I am saddened by the news of your loss. I loved singing with your mom in the choir. My prayers are with the entire family at this time. Ken Grahl

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**Ken Grahl** - March 13, 2020 at 06:20 AM

SB

“ Monica and I are sorry to hear the news. She is free of the difficulties of this earth and is in peace. We are thinking of all her family and friends.

*Steve and Monica Buchanan*

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**Steve Buchanan** - March 12, 2020 at 11:10 PM

CH

“ Maxine was such a bright light in the neighborhood where I grew up, in Roberta. She and Mercer were always laughing and cutting up.. even as a child I remember that! How much fun did we all have running up and down that hill--Caroline, Kathryn, Dwight, Eddie, Nancy, the Tassies, Al Kite! She was ALWAYS smiling, and I can see from the Facebook pictures she was smiling to the end. What a lovely mother you had.. and I can see how well you cared for her. To have Maxine on early for 97 years -- what a gift! I know you will miss her!

*Caroline Andrews Helwick*

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**caroline andrews helwick** - March 12, 2020 at 10:23 PM

LM

“ *Nancy and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.*



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**Luther Minor** - March 12, 2020 at 05:43 PM

SB

“ *So sorry to hear about your Mom, Nancy and family. May God give you comfort.*



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**Sonny & Patsy Bass** - March 12, 2020 at 04:12 PM