



## Nellie Merritt

February 13, 1933 - April 9, 2022

Nellie Ruth Smith Merritt, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2022. Funeral services for Nellie Ruth Merritt will be conducted Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 1:00pm in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville. Interment will be in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Williams Funeral Home on Thursday, April 14, 2022 from 12 Noon until the service hour.

A native of Ashburn, GA, Nellie was born to the late Homer Martin Smith and the late Ima Courtoy Smith. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Gerald Wade Merritt, her brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Gail Smith, and by a niece, Kim Smith.

Nellie loved to laugh, and being Nana to “our girl”, Lizzy. She had worked at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany. Mrs. Merritt had graduated from Ashburn High School where she was Valedictorian and she was a mother, Homemaker, and Sunday School Teacher to both children and adults. Nellie was also a talented Pianist, Seamstress, and Crocheter. She was a member of the Irwinville United Methodist Church.

Nellie is survived by her daughter, Susan (& Fred) Boothe of Alpharetta ; her granddaughter, Lizzy Boothe ; her sister, Joy Francis Long of Tennessee ; her sister-in-law, Joyce Carter of Fernandina Beach, FL ; her niece, Marie Brown ; her nephews, Mike and Mell Merritt, Brian and Shawn Smith, as well as

various cousins, nieces, and nephews throughout the country.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Nellie Merritt



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**Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory** - April 14, 2022 at 10:55 AM

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“ Dear family  
I am so very sorry to hear of your loss of Mrs. Nell. My father, Rev Howard Kitchens, was the pastor at Abba Baptist Church. We so much enjoyed being around Mrs. Nell and Mr. Gerald. My family thought the world of them. My daughters were young during that time and always wanted to see their dog Muffy...if I remember correctly. They always said that Muffy had to come to church also even if she sat in the car. We have shared many Friday night and Sunday lunch meals together. We had moved on from Abba several years ago and lost contact with them. When traveling on Hwy 107 I pass their home and think of them with happy memories. I wasn't aware that Mr. Gerald had passed before now. I know they are so happy to be together again. If you saw one the other was by their side. Your parents were part of our lives that we will never forget. The pictures of them both are just precious. God bless you during this time.

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**Michelle Kitchens Taylor** - April 27, 2022 at 11:56 AM

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“ Donna Ardolino lit a candle in memory of Nellie Merritt



Donna Ardolino - April 14, 2022 at 01:44 PM

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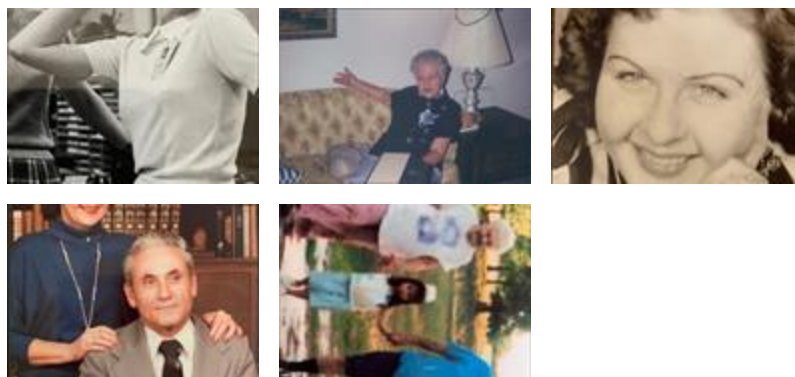
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Mell Merritt - April 14, 2022 at 11:11 AM

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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - April 13, 2022 at 02:26 PM