



Rubye Avant

February 18, 1937 - August 21, 2023

Rubye Inez Avant, 86, of Sandersville, passed away peacefully in Macon on August 21, 2023, following a brief illness. She was born February 18, 1937, to the late William Harlie Turner and the late Mildred Thompkins Turner. Rubye graduated from Sandersville High School in 1955 and later that year on November 26 married Marvin Wright Avant of Sandersville. The couple lived for a brief period in Milledgeville, but relocated to the Avant Family Farm, where Marvin, his father, and his brother raised cattle and grew soybeans, corn, and cotton. Here, they permanently settled and raised their two daughters, Debra and Donna. Rubye was employed in Milledgeville by Central State Hospital, J.P. Stevens, and later, Grumman Aerospace, from which she retired after 20 years of service. Rubye received her greatest fulfillment in spending time with her family, especially her children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughters. She took great pride in preparing her family's favorite dishes, and any request was always granted. Some of her family's favorites were her cornbread, banana pudding, and holiday dressing. In addition to cooking, she loved traveling, decorating, sewing, wreath making, and floral design. She was always sure to furnish an original floral arrangement for the sanctuary and fellowship hall at Olive Hill Baptist Church, of which she was a long-time member. Her giving spirit was one of her most notable traits, and people were drawn to her compassionate personality and thoughtful nature.

Rubye is predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Marvin Wright Avant; her

parents Mildred Thompkins Turner and William Harlie Turner; her brother, William Turner, Jr.; her sister, Elaine Turner Giddens; and her niece, Renee Giddens Brett, all of Sandersville. She is survived by her two daughters, Debra Tyson of Dublin and Donna Morgan (John) of Macon; four grandchildren, Thomas Baugh, Jr. (Erin) of Panama City Beach, Florida, Jackson Morgan, Taylor Morgan (Ashlee), and Kayla Morgan all of Macon. She also leaves behind two great-granddaughters, Abigayle Baugh of Macon and Keller Baugh of Panama City Beach, Florida. Also left to mourn her loss are several brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews who all were a very important part of her life.

The family will be at the home of Rubye Avant in Sandersville on August 23 after 12:00 PM to greet visitors. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Williams Funeral Home in Milledgeville, with a visitation on August 24 from 1:00-2:00 PM prior to services at 2:00 PM. Burial will be private at Washington County Memorial Gardens in Sandersville. Officiating will be the Reverend Andy Carter and the Reverend John King. Pallbearers include nephews Wayne Bloodworth, Glenn Veasey, Bryan Young, Ray Bryant, Jr., Billy Turner, and Chris Turner. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Pine Pointe Hospice at 6162 Peake Road, Macon, GA 31210, or to Olive Hill Baptist Church c/o Pam Boyd, 117 Stephanie Lane South - NE Milledgeville, GA 31061.

The family would like to thank the professional, compassionate staff at Pine Pointe Hospice in Macon, and Theresa Archer for her loving dedication in caring for both Rubye and Marvin in their later years.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville
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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 Rubye Avant



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - August 24, 2023 at 12:41 PM

BM

“ She was a sweet lady who loved her children

brenda manning - January 03, 2024 at 01:11 PM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Friends are with you. 🙏❤️🙏

Luther Minor - September 08, 2023 at 04:30 PM

EK

“ Condolences to the Avant family at this difficult time. Rubye will be greatly missed. Bessie Leverette Tanner

Evelyn Kelley - August 29, 2023 at 03:26 PM

EK

“ Evelyn Kelley lit a candle in memory of Rubye Avant



Evelyn Kelley - August 29, 2023 at 03:21 PM

LS

“ Linda Sloan lit a candle in memory of Rubye Avant



Linda Sloan - August 25, 2023 at 12:55 PM

KC

“ Ruby was one special lady,, always a listening ear and truly cared,, She will most certainly be missed,,, Mike and Karen Classen

Karen Classen - August 24, 2023 at 06:51 PM

MD

“ "Aunt" Rubye was so special and loved by so many people. We will miss her but always carry her in our hearts.

I'm so sorry for you loss.

All my love and prayers,

Marie Ennis Durden

Marie E Durden - August 24, 2023 at 02:52 PM

EB

“ Miss Rubye was one of my first supervisors at Grumman and quickly became one of my favorite coworkers. What a super lady! I'm proud to have known her and offer my sincere condolences to all of her family and friends.

Eric Buckley - August 24, 2023 at 02:09 PM

WB

“ Miss Rubye was a fine person who was respected by everyone she came in contact with. She respected those that worked for and with her. She always made time to show folks she really cared about them. She was a fine lady.

Wendell Barr - August 23, 2023 at 05:15 PM

DT

“ Such a sweet and beautiful lady! Ms. Rubye will be missed terribly! Hope that you and my momma are sitting there in heaven catching up!

deborah Tapley - August 23, 2023 at 03:11 PM

JB

“ Chris and Billy sorry to hear about the passing of your aunt. Prayers for you and your family.



Janice Bivins - August 23, 2023 at 12:42 PM

CH

Thank you. I sure am missing a lot of folks right now

Chris - August 23, 2023 at 03:32 PM

PD

“ *Patti Dennis lit a candle in memory of Rubye Avant*



Patti Dennis - August 23, 2023 at 10:41 AM

JM

“ *Jeff Minter lit a candle in memory of Rubye Avant*



Jeff Minter - August 22, 2023 at 07:14 PM

WB

“ *Rubye Avant was a very kind and loving person. I first got to know her upon working at Grumman Aerospace as the secretary and then later became the evening supervisor. She treated all of her subordinates with great respect. She would come by each day sharing information and checking to make sure that you were doing OK. She will truly be missing by her friends and families.*

Walter L. Butts - August 22, 2023 at 06:41 PM

BG

“ *I am so very sorry to know about Rubye. She and Marvin were two great people who loved everybody. My dad, Roy Garrett and Marvin were cousins. So Rubye and I tried to keep in touch after our retirement from Northrop Grumman. May you rest in peace Rubye. I love you.*

Betty Faye Governale - August 22, 2023 at 06:30 PM

JB

“ *Ruby was always a sweet kind lady. Always had an ear to listen...worked with her many years at Grumman.R.I.P. Love you*

jay. babb - August 22, 2023 at 05:45 PM

WM

“ *so sorry praying for the family at this difficult time . She was the sweetest person*

waylogene meyer - August 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM

JF

“ *Thinking of you all at this difficult time. My prayers are with you.*

Jason Foskey - August 22, 2023 at 01:09 PM

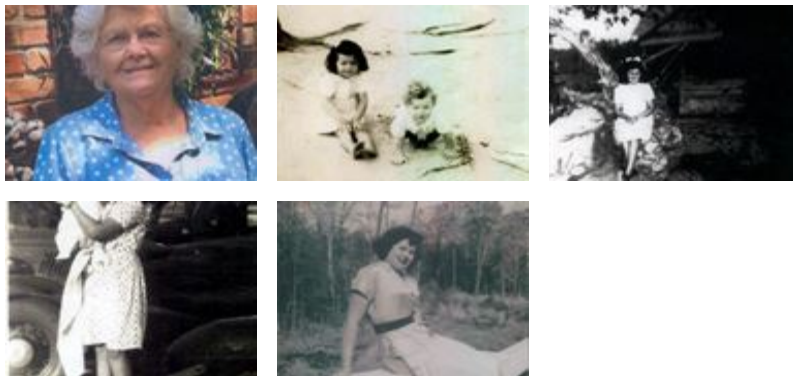
MG

“ *Oh my so sorry for loss this lady was a special person.. I always had great chats with her about good old days...prayers go out to family.*

Marsha Garner - August 22, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - August 22, 2023 at 10:18 AM

ES

To Mrs. Rubye's daughters as the remaining neighbor Mrs. Lillian Berry's Granddaughter I'm very sorry she's gone she, Mrs. Elaine and Mrs. Mildred were great ladies especially to me know that she will always be in heart always ❤️ 🙏

Esther. C. Richbourg

Esther - August 22, 2023 at 12:25 PM