

## Vergie Anderson White

September 27, 1918 - May 28, 2014

Mrs. Vergie Knox Anderson White, age 95, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2014. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at The Church of God of Prophecy in Brunswick, Georgia with Rev. Richard Kemp and Rev. Hinton Johnson officiating.

Visitation will take place on Friday, May 30, 2014 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Williams Funeral Home Chapel of Milledgeville. Preceding the funeral service on Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 1:00-2:30 p.m., the family will receive friends at the Church of God of Prophecy in Brunswick, Georgia.

Mrs. White grew up in Brantley County and spent 36 years married to her first love, Fred Anderson before he passed away. She moved from Brunswick to Milledgeville for 10 years before marrying her second love, J.L. White in 1988. She moved to Ormond Beach, Florida where she spent 9 years. After Mr. White passed away, she moved back to Milledgeville. Mrs. White loved her children and grandchildren and cherished all of her family. She was a "Rosie Riveter" during the World War II era at the Brunswick Shipyard. Mrs. White was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy in Sterling, Georgia.

Mrs. White is preceded in death by her mother, Grace Herrin Knox Edgy; father, Wiley Everett Knox; sister, Joanna Riggins; and brother, Carroll Knox.

Survivors include her daughter, Carolyn A. (Baxter) Dunn of Milledgeville; son, Joel F. (Lynn) Anderson of Townsend; Grandsons, Blake (Lorea Sheffield) Dunn of Ivey, Andy (Anna) Dunn of Milledgeville, Joey (Sammi) Anderson of Washougal, WA; granddaughters, Minda (Miles) Sills of Madison; Katie (Joe) Zuko of Vancouver, WA; 7 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

For those who wish, you may send flowers or send a donation to a charity of your choice in Mrs. White's name.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery

133 Stu Daniel Drive  
Brunswick, GA 31525

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
[staff@williamsfuneralhome.net](mailto:staff@williamsfuneralhome.net)  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

## Visitation

**MAY 31.** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Church of God of Prophecy  
370 Old Jesup Rd  
Brunswick, GA 31520

## Service

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MAY 31. 2:30 PM (ET)

Church of God of Prophecy  
370 Old Jesup Rd  
Brunswick, GA 31520

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Lise' Salter Brantley lit a candle in memory of Vergie Anderson White*



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**Lise' Salter Brantley** - June 03, 2014 at 09:07 AM

AK

“ *I was saddened to hear of the passing of Aunt Vergie. She was a dear, sweet soul and will be missed. Now she is home with our Heavenly Father in Paradise. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Alice Mary*

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**Alice Mary Knox** - May 31, 2014 at 06:44 PM

LH

“ *Aunt Vergie, what a sweet soul. She was such a blessing to our family. I am sure she has touched many lives throughout her years here on earth. My heart goes out to Carolyn, Joel and their families. No one could have summed up her life no better than Gary Riggins. I love you all and forever will hold the memories close.*

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**Loretta Riggins Hylton** - May 31, 2014 at 03:51 PM

KA

“ Great Aunt Vergie came out to the wild west of South Dakota to visit our family several times and on one of those occasions I was telling her that I had fond memories of sitting around my Grandma Jo's table eating what has turned out to be one of my favorite 'go to' things to eat in the summer.....she said 'Oh yes, poor mans salad!' haha...yes. I told her I could never get it quite right and she then shared the recipe....'Get a big juicy 'mater and cut it up with a cucumber. Put in a big dollop of mayo and crunch up a handful of saltine crackers real good. Mix it with a sprinkle of pepper and EAT!' I still chuckle when I think of her sharing that recipe, complete with hand gestures. It is still my favorite salad but I call it 'Vergie Salad' now.

My other memory of her was when she attended my wedding and made fast friends with all of my husbands family just because she was so genuine and warm. She especially struck up a bond with my husbands Great Aunt Sylvia. Their relationship in many ways bonded our families on that day because of their similar spirits. They jointly caught my bouquet when I tossed it and even though they were both well into their 80's there wasn't a person there that thought it might not be possible for either of them to 'grab a man' as Vergie put it!

I am sorry to not be at her memorial service today but know that she will be remembered well. Rest in peace, Great Aunt Vergie!

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karrie - May 31, 2014 at 08:27 AM

 Jady  
Lindsey

“ CAROL & JOEL,  
I was deeply saddened to hear of Ms. Vergie's passing. She was always a bright star on my night shift. I will cherish mine and her time forever, and will truly miss her smile.

Prayers for your family,  
JADY

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Jady Lindsey - May 31, 2014 at 08:24 AM

AA

“ *Angela Allen lit a candle in memory of Vergie Anderson White*



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**Angela Allen** - May 30, 2014 at 06:27 PM

AA

*Carolyn and family , my prayers are with you during this time and the days to come. Think about all of your wonderful memories with your family . I hope this will lessen your pain.*

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**Angela Allen** - May 30, 2014 at 06:31 PM

KZ

“ *5 files added to the album Pictures from Katie*

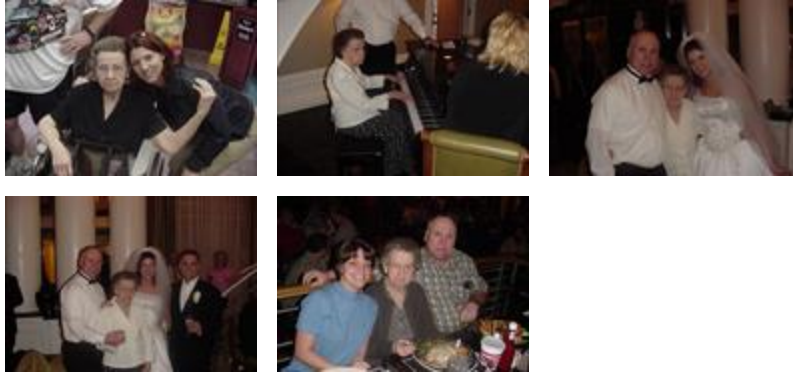


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**Katie Zuko** - May 30, 2014 at 01:57 PM

KZ

“ 5 files added to the album *Pictures from Vegas 2003 Katie's Wedding*



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**Katie Zuko** - May 30, 2014 at 01:45 PM

PM

“ *Pat (Herrin) Murray lit a candle in memory of Vergie Anderson White*



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**Pat (Herrin) Murray** - May 30, 2014 at 12:56 PM

## “ Aunt Virgie

*In a way, I was so sad to hear about the passing of Aunt Virgie, one of the heroes of our family and my faith. The loss is especially tough for Carolyn and Joel and their families. To all of them, my deepest sympathies. The next few days will be about us and our loss. Aunt Virgie is just fine. Nothing we can say will change her destiny. Her race is won. However, the grace oozing out of the sweet memories shared in churches and around kitchen tables over the next few days about this unusual woman of faith will help heal the deep wounds left by her passing. As one poet put it, The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain. Aunt Virgie was all about joy.*

*The lady was not intimidated by anything life threw her way. She met it head on, never shying away from responsibility. She did more than her share. In the big war, she welded planks of steel onto ships that would eventually win it. At home she cooked, fixed Uncle Fred his coffee, and always found time to laugh about it all, especially in the shotgun houses our families shared at Mr. Edgy's sawmill.*

*Circumstance was a puny opponent for this spirited lady.*

*This brave woman walked the hills and valleys of life armed with a genuine faith rooted in love. She feared no one or no thing. She was not easily offended, an uncommon attribute of one raised in an era of religious hyper sensitivity. In a time when bowling, permanent waves, and moving picture shows could damn one's mortal soul, she took me and my cousins and brothers to see my first movie, *The Charles Lindberg Story*, in the theatre in St. Mary's, Georgia. I have seen that same movie on TBS several times since and each time I think of a courageous woman who taught me that true faith is not a list of dos and don'ts—it can't be shoehorned into nouns and verbs. Her faith was a no holds barred covenant with God to embrace life with both arms wrapped tightly around it.*

*As they say on TV, Aunt Virgie was "all in." Yesterday she finally cashed in her chips, and she won—big time! What I really loved about Aunt Virgie is that she would be perfectly fine with that analogy. After all, she took her fair share of chances. She gambled*

*on men that most would not. She passionately loved a saw miller who could not fill out a job application. He gave her two beautiful children. When he died, she cast her lot with a worn out preacher. He became the object of her fearless love, and she, his delight. But all of her life she really loved a young carpenter who turned to preaching the last few years of his life. He too had no formal training. Ironically it was His obsessive love that allowed Aunt Virgie to love others with such reckless abandon. We will all miss her, but as the part-time carpenter and itinerate preacher said, let not your heart be troubled.*

*Last Wednesday morning, Aunt Virgie clearly heard the gentle carpenter whisper come unto me...I will give you rest. The next few days will be tough and hope will be essential. The things hoped for that sustain us will be built of the sturdy stuff of Aunt Virgie's brand of bare knuckles faith. For those who lack a full measure, I'm sure she'd be glad to let you have some of hers. Her race is over. She won, but heroes always win in the end. She's now off to the grandest adventure of all. Sail on, Aunt Virgie...sail on!*

*Affectionately,  
Gary Riggins*

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**Gary L. Riggins** - May 30, 2014 at 06:51 AM

TE

*BEAUTIFUL GARY!!!*

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**Terri** - May 30, 2014 at 01:05 PM

AW

*Wow. Love this and look forward to reading it again and again! Well said!*

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**Allison Walker** - May 31, 2014 at 11:59 AM

TJ

“ 1 file added to the album Aunt Vergie



Terri & John - May 29, 2014 at 08:13 PM

KZ

:) Nice to hear my Daddy sing and Nanny play.

Katie Zuko - May 29, 2014 at 11:42 PM

MH

Great memories love this.

Melanie Horton - May 30, 2014 at 10:21 AM

MH

I really was taken back years ago as a young girl when I was able to attend the church in Brunswick with Sis. Vergie and Family. Also the Riggins Family. We were such a close-knit church.  
Martha Ann Head

Martha Ann Head - June 01, 2014 at 12:44 PM

MR

“ Mary Riggins lit a candle in memory of Vergie Anderson White



Mary Riggins - May 29, 2014 at 06:02 PM

VG

“ Vicki Gholson lit a candle in memory of Vergie Anderson White



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**Vicki Gholson** - May 29, 2014 at 04:38 PM

VG

*Carolyn & Family, I am sorry for your loss. Enjoy the wonderful memories with loved ones during this time!*

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**Vicki Gholson** - May 29, 2014 at 04:40 PM

JS

“ Joyce Smith lit a candle in memory of Vergie Anderson White



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**joyce smith** - May 29, 2014 at 04:28 PM

KZ

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**Katie Zuko** - May 29, 2014 at 04:19 PM

PM

*Such a precious video of Vergie. It has been years since I have seen her since we lived in CA. for years and just been back in area for last few years. She was my cousin on my daddy's side (the late Jim Herrin of Thalmann) and also a great friend. Have fond memories of Vergie, Fred & family many years ago when we lived in St. Mary's at same time. My love and heartfelt condolences go to Carolyn & Joel. Love you guys so much. Pat (Herrin) Murray.*

**Pat (Herrin) Murray** - May 30, 2014 at 12:55 PM

DP

*“ Always lived Aunt Vergie. Such a sweet loving person. Never saw her without a smile on her face. I know she wasn't my real aunt but when you're raised up around someone all your life the become family.*

**Darlene Phillips** - May 29, 2014 at 03:50 PM

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*“ "BABY NIECE TERRI" sent a virtual gift in memory of Vergie Anderson White*



**"BABY NIECE TERRI"** - May 29, 2014 at 03:41 PM

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*HERE'S TO BRANTLEY COUNTY'S STAR BASKETBALL PLAYER!!! HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR "TRIP" IN THE "GOOD OLE GOSPEL SHIP!!!!"*

**"BABY NIECE TERRI"** - May 29, 2014 at 03:45 PM

BB

“ *Brad R. Bowman purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Vergie Anderson White.*



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**Brad R. Bowman** - May 29, 2014 at 03:28 PM

TJ

“ *TERRI & JOHN lit a candle in memory of Vergie Anderson White*



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**TERRI & JOHN** - May 29, 2014 at 02:59 PM

TE

*We will miss you, but we know "you are having a time where the sun always shines, IF WE ONLY KNEW!!!" LOVE FROM YOUR "BABY NIECE!!!"*

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**TERRI** - May 29, 2014 at 03:04 PM