



Virginia Watts Wray

November 25, 1936 - December 14, 2014

Virginia Watts Wray peacefully passed away on Sunday, December 14, 2014 with her children by her side. Virginia was born November 25, 1936 in Laurel, Mississippi, to Thomas Lyon Watts and Dorothy Morrow Watts. Virginia's family moved to Waycross, Georgia shortly after her birth and she remained there until her high school graduation. After high school, Virginia moved to Milledgeville, Georgia to attend Georgia State College for Women (now Georgia College and State University). Virginia met Jimmy Jackson Wray, of Milledgeville, while attending college; they married and had five children. She continued her education, receiving a Masters Degree in Childhood Education. She taught kindergarten for over thirty years in Milledgeville, loving each and every child in her care. She often had the opportunity to teach children of her former students. Virginia was the oldest of four children. She is predeceased by her parents, brother Thomas Lyon Watts, Jr. and son Richard Lyon Wray.

She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and remained actively involved in the Coastal Georgia Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association. Virginia served as sorority chapter advisor at Georgia College for many years. She was a member of the Milledgeville Town Committee of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, and a long time member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Milledgeville, Georgia.

She is survived by her children Jackson Mell Wray, Lisa Wray Anderson

(Richard), Sarah Virginia "Ginny" Wray of St. Simons Island, Georgia, and Hammond Keith Wray of Milledgeville, Georgia, Virginia's last ten years were spent enjoying her four grandsons, John Wesley "Jack" Anderson, Richard Davenport Wray, Robert Colin Mell Wray and James Jephtha Wray, all of St. Simons Island, Georgia. She is also survived by her former husband, Jimmy Jackson "Jack" Wray of Macon, Georgia, sister Dorothy Watts Mills of Zachary, Louisiana, brother Richard Morrow Watts of Gainesville, Florida, sister in law Sara Watts of Columbia, South Carolina, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service and interment will be held at Christ Church, Frederica, St. Simons Island, Georgia on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Parish House.

The family suggests that remembrances be made to the Chard Wray Food Pantry, 472 Broad Street, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061.

Express online condolences at <http://www.dignitymemorial.com/edo-miller-and-sons-funeral-home/>

Edo Miller Funeral Home of Brunswick in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Services

DEC 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Church
Frederica Road
St.Simons Island, GA

Tribute Wall

MC

“ We have fond memories when we were all young and our children were growing up. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



maynard and June Chambers - December 25, 2014 at 04:10 PM

KF

“ May Jehovah God continue to comfort your family during this trying time.

Knox Family - December 24, 2014 at 06:00 AM

LM

“ I'm so sorry to see this. I really had no idea. My thoughts are with all of you.

Lori Muggridge - December 23, 2014 at 05:21 PM

FB

“ Ginny, Mel, Keith & Lisa,
We're so sorry for your loss--our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Frank & Patty Baugh

Frank & Patty Baugh - December 19, 2014 at 12:19 PM

JR

“ I have many fond memories of Virginia during our time together at St. Stephen's. We shared many laughs and good times and I will fondly remember her lively spirit. I remember one Fourth of July when Chard took my boys in the back of his pickup to watch the fireworks at the mall. We had the best time that night! Please know the we are praying for your family.

Jill Roberts & Family

Jill Roberts - December 17, 2014 at 07:06 PM

DB

“ She taught my daughter in kindergarten and was such an influence in both our lives. Keith and chard were friends with my son and our family. Broke her heart and everyone's when Chard was killed. They are together now. Keith, I loved your mom and you. So sorry for your loss, she was special to half the world it seemed. Thinking of you.

Doris Beck - December 17, 2014 at 06:22 PM

DO

“ Mrs. Wray taught both of my sons when they were in kindergarten at Midway Elementary. I worked as a substitute teacher and many times I would substitute for her. I have many fond memories of those days. My oldest son even did yard work for her when he was a teenager. After many years of substituting, I began working as a paraprofessional at Midway and for the last years before Mrs. Wray retired I worked in the room right next to hers. There are so very many memories to cherish. I am so glad to have had Mrs. Virginia Wray as a teacher for my boys and a good friend.



The Merritt family send our sincere sympathy to all of Mrs. Wray's family. May God bless you and give you peace and comfort.

DONNA - December 17, 2014 at 05:05 PM

SB

“ Mrs. Wray was my son's kindergarten teacher in 1979 at Midway school. Because he talked so much she punished him by making him sit under her desk! During a parent-teacher conference she once told me that Trey would grow up to be a Philadelphia lawyer!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Wray's family during this time of grieving...

Sara Beasley - December 17, 2014 at 05:03 PM

MB

“ I was a very good friend of Chard's. I met your mother several times and fell in love with her! I can still remember her Christmas tree LOADED with beautiful ornaments!

I also had five children and lost a son myself. I know that your mother and Chard will be celebrating in heaven this Christmas!

I am so sorry for your loss-

Michelle Wansley Boston Sheehan

michelle boston - December 17, 2014 at 02:24 PM

LH

“ Lisa Helton Hudson lit a candle in memory of Virginia Watts Wray



Lisa Helton Hudson - December 17, 2014 at 11:01 AM

LH

Just wanting to send love and sympathy to all of you....as my sweet Mama passed this year as well, it is a big adjustment. I will always remember Ms. Virginia for being such a sweet, gracious, Southern lady...her voice lives in my head and I always loved to hear her talk! I know you will miss her and know I am thinking about all of you with love and support.

Lisa Helton Hudson - December 17, 2014 at 11:04 AM

LC

“ Ginny & Lisa, sooo sorry to hear about your Mom. She sure did love her family!! This is a lovely picture of her!! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time. Lisa Corr

Lisa Corr - December 17, 2014 at 09:28 AM

GC

“ So sorry for your loss. May gods love blanket you with comfort. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Glenda Brookins Chandler



Glenda Chandler - December 17, 2014 at 04:49 AM

LL

“ Peace be with you - Ginny, Lisa, Mel, and your entire family.

Lori Lendrum Long - December 17, 2014 at 12:14 AM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Virginia Watts Wray.



December 16, 2014 at 08:19 PM

VS

“ What a beautiful picture of Virginia! She was always so full of life and loved her Children and grandchildren so much. She also loved her ADPi sisters! Ginny and Lisa, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love to you and your family.

Viicki Somora - December 16, 2014 at 08:00 PM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss prayers to the wray family

lisa massari - December 16, 2014 at 07:55 PM

MJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all! Sincerely, Martha Hall Josey*

Martha Josey - December 16, 2014 at 07:53 PM

CD

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. Mrs. Wray taught me for Kindergarten 30 years ago at Midway Elementary.*



Crystal Daniel - December 16, 2014 at 01:26 PM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Friends at JMG*



LUTHER MINOR - December 16, 2014 at 01:03 PM

RS

Thoughts and prayers for your family at this time and in the days to come.

Robin Spence - December 17, 2014 at 06:04 AM



*Keith and family,
Im so sorry for your loss. Words cant express how special a person your mother is. She will be missed by all.*

Barry Mike Jarrett - December 17, 2014 at 09:04 AM