

*Gwinnett County  
Retired Educators  
Association*

*In Memoriam*

*2022 - 2023*



*A Special Memorial Edition of the GCREA Newsline*



Remembering  
Mary Louise Pickens Bryant  
February 1, 1962 - December 11, 2022

We are here to celebrate the life and legacy of Mary Louise Pickens Bryant of Destin, Florida. She was a graduate of Central Gwinnett High School, Brevard College, and the University of Georgia. Mary earned her master's and specialist degrees from the University of West Georgia.

Mary was an educator, coach, and administrator for twenty-eight years. She was a member of the Beta Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International, an honorary education society.

After her retirement, she and her husband fulfilled her dream of traveling for four years. They lived in Elephant Butte, New Mexico for a while. Mary loved the outdoors, especially walking on the beach at sunrise and sunset to see God's handiwork. She even became a Mary Kay Sales Director and made products available to others as she traveled.

Mary Louise Pickens Bryant made the most of her life by touching students and peers wherever she traveled and by spreading joy to those around her.



Remembering  
Katherine Willis Carlyle  
July 31, 1930 - April 20, 2021

We are here to celebrate the life and legacy of Katherine Willis Carlyle. She was born in Americus, GA but grew up in Marietta. After her marriage she moved to Norcross. Her last sixteen years were lived out in Duluth, Ga.

As a youth Katherine played basketball and had a passion for tennis, which she played until she was 60. She enjoyed coaching her daughters in softball and basketball. Katherine was an avid bridge player and loved music, especially playing the piano. She belonged to the Norcross Garden Club and attended Norcross First United Methodist Church.

Katherine Willis Carlyle made the most of her life as she had a thirty-year career in education in Gwinnett County Public Schools as well as all her extracurricular activities. We remember Katherine for her love of children, coaching and music.

Remembering  
Katherine Ann Cash Emerson  
April 6, 1936 - December 6, 2022



We are here to celebrate the life and legacy of Katherine Ann Cash Emerson of Lawrenceville, GA. This native Atlantan was born at Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital. She graduated from Lawrenceville High School in 1954. Then went on to earn three degrees from the University of Georgia. In 1983, she earned her Early Childhood Education degree, then a degree in School Library Media and Librarianship in 1985, and finally her Educational Technology degree in 1989.

Katherine was a School Library Media Specialist for five years at County Line Elementary in Barrow County, Georgia before spending the next eleven years at Lawrenceville Elementary as their School Library Media Specialist. She retired from Lawrence Elementary.

Katherine belonged to numerous honorary societies. Among them were the University of Georgia societies for academic excellence. She had an interest in photography which she inherited from her father. Katherine became an avid practitioner of all kinds of photos.

We celebrate Katherine Ann Cash Emerson for her dedication to helping children learn to enjoy books and read for joy as well as her yearning for learning.



Remembering  
Patricia Ann Glenn Farmer  
December 27, 1931 - July 2022

We are here to celebrate the life and legacy of Patricia Ann Glenn Farmer who was an Atlanta native, born on December 27, 1931. As a teenager she learned to play the violin and became an avid member of the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra. Later in life, she used her talent by playing the violin as well as singing at the Snellville United Methodist Church.

Pat earned her teaching degree at the University of Georgia and her Master of Education degree from Auburn University. She taught elementary school in the City of Atlanta as well as in Grayson, GA.

Pat made the most of her life by being actively involved in teaching Sunday School at Martha Brown United Methodist Church in East Atlanta, First Decatur Baptist Church, and Snellville United Methodist Church. Pat and her husband loved to travel and square dance. We remember Patricia Ann Glenn Farmer for her love of music and young children.

Remembering  
Eddie Fite  
December 3, 1941-March 24, 2023



We are here to celebrate the life and legacy of Eddie Fite of Cumming, GA who grew up in Dalton, Ga. Eddie always had a silly joke for anyone around him.

Eddie studied business at Berry College where he met his wife, Rosa. He had many vocations in his lifetime: accountant, business advisor, life coach, outdoorsman, and amateur comedian. He was a devoted family man and friend.

Eddie's joyfulness shone through in everything he did. Whether camping, tubing, flying kites, gazing at stars, or launching rockets, he did it with joy. In the schools he was a puppeteer for "Hands Are Not for Hitting". His silly jokes were a cherry on top of a sundae (you either laughed or groaned!). In his retirement, he learned to fuse glass, became a master naturalist, and volunteered with GCREA to which Rosa belonged.

Eddie Fite was an active participant in life, always trying to make the dreams of others come true and showing his faith by being a positive influence for many. It was a life well lived.

Remembering  
Virginia Marie Krawiec  
February 16, 1926 - November 28, 2022



We are here to celebrate the life and legacy of Virginia Marie Krawiec who was expected to share a birthday with Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth. Instead, she was the first "preemie" born at the new Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, New Jersey. Weighing only three pounds, she inspired the nuns to pray through the night on her behalf, and ultimately, she went home with her parents.

Ginny graduated from Teaneck Elementary and High School and went on to Englewood Hospital Nursing School as a member of the US Cadet Nurse Corps. She graduated as a registered nurse. Later Ginny went back to school at New York University where she received her bachelor's degree in health education and administration., She returned to Holy Name Hospital as a clinical instructor. Ginny also worked in medical/surgical supervision at Englewood Hospital.

After her children were in school, Ginny applied to work as a school nurse. However, her qualifications in nursing education prompted an offer of a teaching position at Woodbridge Junior High School. She taught health and sex education.

Ginny and her husband Frank moved to Lawrenceville, GA to be closer to their children and grandchildren. As outgoing as she was, Ginny became active in her community which included church, bowling league, Eastside Hospital, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She was a Red Hat Lady and proud member of GCREA. She loved to travel with her husband and after he passed, she continued to see the world with good friends. We remember Virginia Marie Krawiec for her love of education, students and traveling.