



Kathlyn Flynt Barksdale

January 28, 1926 - November 25, 2024

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Barksdale, Kathlyn Flynt January 28, 1926 - November 25, 2024.

Kathlyn spread love wherever she went.

Born in Crawfordville Georgia to Kathleen Mitchell Flynt and Wales T. Flynt, Kathlyn grew up riding horses with her father, and playing with her cousins at her Big Kitty's house. She attended North Georgia College and graduated from the University of Georgia. Under the Arches at UGa, she met the love of her life, A.R.(Gus) Barksdale. She taught in Atlanta Public Schools, and in 1949, she and Gus married and made their home in Conyers.

A loving and devoted wife and mother, she created a warm home, cooked amazing meals, and fostered a love of family. She was down to earth and authentic with a keen dry wit and a great teacher of strength and resilience. Kathlyn was a member of the Conyers Civic League and devoted member of Conyers Presbyterian Church. She and Gus were a great team, and her events at the log cabin on the Barksdale Farm made beautiful memories for many. Kathlyn was a lifelong advocate for the Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD) population. Her son Brett was born with Down Syndrome and she and Gus worked tirelessly to advocate for access to special education in the Public Schools. Kathlyn even obtained her license so she could be a substitute bus driver to drive special ed students to DeKalb County, which had

the only special ed classes at that time. She was involved in the first Special Olympics in Georgia and she and a group of dedicated citizens started Rockdale Cares to provide respite services for the IDD population.

Following the death of her beloved husband Gus in 1987, Kathlyn led her family business, Flynt Lumber Company and served on several Boards, including Clayton State College. She was a hard worker and a creative, strategic thinker. A lifelong learner and an avid reader, she enjoyed traveling the world and was eager to learn from other cultures. In her later years, she enjoyed playing gin rummy with the grandchildren, solitaire and looking at the cows on the farm.

Kathlyn was preceded in death by her beloved Gus and her dear son, Brett. She is survived by her sons Wales Flynt Barksdale (Angela), Augustus Randolph Barksdale (Gail), and daughter Kathleen Mitchell Barksdale; Grandchildren Kathy Giles (Stephen), Reagan Barksdale (Taylor), Jay Barksdale (Lisa), Blair Barksdale, Guinn Shropshire (Clayton), Flynt Barksdale (Dana), Kathlyn Pattillo, Gus Pattillo, Ali Pattillo; and 16 Great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Kathlyn was love personified. Her mottos were "Love the Unlovable" and "If you can't say anything nice about somebody, don't say anything at all." She lived her faith.

Kathlyn spread love and inclusivity wherever she went and her spirit of love lives on.

The family is grateful for the support of family and friends, and for the commitment and dedication of her caregivers in recent years.

Kathlyn's life will be celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 11:00 am at Conyers

Presbyterian Church, 911 North Main Street, Conyers 30012

Visitation will be Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Scot Ward Funeral Home in Conyers.

In lieu of flowers, you may consider a gift to either:

Conyers Presbyterian Church, 911 North Main Street, Conyers, GA 30012;

The Kathlyn F. Barksdale and Carolyn B. Frey Community Center at Soaring Heights, www.soaringheights.org;

or Brett Works, 371 Gees Mill Parkway, Suite 600, Conyers, GA 30013

Cemetery Details

East View Cemetery

1127 East View Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Conyers Presbyterian Church
911 N. Main Street
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall

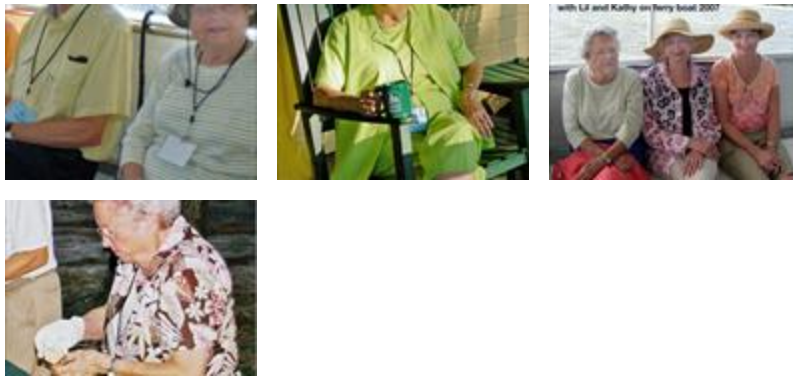
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“ Greetings, I remember Mrs. Barksdale while working at Courtesy Ford Dealership in Conyers Georgia. Based off of my working relationship with the Barksdale's I can truly say that she was a pillar of life for the entire Barksdale family and community. My sincere condolences and prayers go to the entire Barksdale family. Regards Christopher Byrd and family.

Christopher Byrd - November 08, 2025 at 10:22 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Little Saint Simon's Island 2007



Kathy Boylston Fletcher - December 10, 2024 at 08:54 AM

AE

“ Fond memories of the Barksdale Family. Love and appreciation of business deals Cecil had with Gus & Wales. Anne Etheredge

Anne Etheredge - December 05, 2024 at 11:13 AM



“ Wales, your Mom was always so nice to us when we were all running around as kids in Conyers. A great person that we looked up to. And I will always appreciate the friendship she had with my mother. She was a special person and lived a great life. We will keep all of you in our prayers.

John Willson

John Willson - December 03, 2024 at 08:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathlyn Flynt Barksdale.

December 03, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathlyn Flynt Barksdale.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathlyn Flynt Barksdale.

December 02, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathlyn Flynt Barksdale.*



December 02, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ *Mrs. Barksdale was a grand, caring, wonderful lady and was delightful to be around. Rest in peace, dear lady.*

Susan Vinson Ricker - December 02, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathlyn Flynt Barksdale.*



December 02, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *How does one describe such a life-force as Kathlyn Barksdale? She lived out what she believed and that positive force of a pure heart will forever be endowed to those of us who were privileged to have experienced her hand of compassion and love. I am very grateful that I was allowed that privilege. She left a footprint on my life that has directed me in the course of my life. May our beloved Saviour hold all her family in His loving arms as they travel this most difficult road of grief. Love and prayers being sent to all the Barksdale family, Jean (Yontz) Sprague*

Jean Sprague - November 30, 2024 at 07:31 PM