



## Mavis Isabelle Wiggins

October 5, 1924 - January 23, 2021

Mavis Olivent Wiggins, 96 passed peacefully Saturday January 23, 2021 at her home in Conyers, Georgia.

Mavis was born the only daughter to Olga Thaddeus 'Odge' Olivent and Wilma Aline Freeman Olivent on October 5, 1924 in Bainbridge, Georgia. Her five brothers are Edgar 'Red' Olivent (deceased) and his wife Catherine of Faceville, GA., Reverend James Olivent and his wife Bernice (deceased) and second wife Jerelene (deceased) of Hannatown, GA., Francis Olivent (deceased) and his wife Polly of Lawrenceville, GA., Thad Olivent and his wife Jane, of Oviedo, FL, and William 'Preston' Olivent and his wife Carolyn of Georgetown, TX.

At 17, after graduating from Faceville High School, Mavis left the family farm in Faceville, Georgia and moved to Atlanta where she worked as a nanny, housekeeper and cook for a Japanese family. Later, she worked in a similar capacity for a Jewish family.

She met her husband, James, while serving as a greeter at Capital View Methodist Church in Atlanta. James and Mavis were married on November 23, 1949 and enjoyed 59 years together until his passing in April 2009. James and Mavis had three children: Wesley Wiggins and his wife Catherine (deceased) and second wife Carol of Hiram, GA., Charles Wiggins and his

wife Sherry of Conyers, GA., and Mark Wiggins (deceased) and his wife Theresa of Willis, TX. Grandchildren include: Chris Wiggins (Julie), Patrick Wiggins (Kaleigh), Travis Wiggins, Carver Wiggins, Jill Stillwagon (Michael), and John Wiggins. Great grandchildren include Philomena Wiggins and Everly Wiggins. Mavis also had many nieces and nephews.

Mavis served as Church Secretary at Asbury United Methodist Church in Decatur, GA., and later at Conyers First United Methodist Church. While at Conyers she typed the Doctoral Thesis for Reverend Nat Allen Long and later his autobiography 'My Long Life.'

Mavis and James retired to Lake Oconee and enjoyed 13 years fishing and were very active at Walker United Methodist Church.

Mavis had a servant's heart no matter where she lived. Having grown up on a farm and worked in the fields of corn, peanuts and cotton, she was not averse to hard work and it showed in her life service. She was as comfortable mowing grass as visiting homebound residents. She quilted approximately 100 quilts for others. She received honorary life time memberships in the United Methodist Women and the PTA. Her last stint as a volunteer was at the Rockdale Emergency Relief's food bank where she served for 14 years retiring at the age of 88. Her heart of service was Christ centered.

She and James had a zest for life and enjoyed visits to the Holy Land, a trip to Alaska while serving at a summer youth camp and numerous bus trips with their traveling club. She most of all enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved playing Mexican Train with her friends.

Visitation will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday January 30, 2021 at Scot Ward Funeral Services followed by a graveside service at 2:00 pm at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens in Conyers with Rev. Dr. Dave Benson officiating,

Georgia where she will be interred next to her husband.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Conyers First United Methodist Church Hope Fund. Conyers First United Methodist Church. 921 North Main Street NW. Conyers, GA. 30012.

Condolences may be submitted online at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com), Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, Ga 30012.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 Legion Rd.  
Conyers, GA 30012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

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

## Service

**JAN 30.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LP

“ *Your obituary comments and your pictures are extremely NICE. I worked at Lakewood, in Traffic, with her husband, Jim. He was also a very special person. What a nice family you have. 96 years old! whew. What wonderful memories you have. Thinking of your Family. Linda and Larry Parker*

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**linda and larry parker** - February 05, 2021 at 09:41 PM

BC

“ *What a precious soul! Served on many Emmaus team with Miss Mavis. She is surely with her Heavenly Father with whom she served her entire life. Prayers for comfort to the family. Becky Chapman*

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**Becky Chapman** - January 29, 2021 at 06:13 PM

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“ *I only met Mavis once as I know Sherry abs Chuck. She was very friendly to me and I was in awe of of her independence. May God bless the family with peace from God. Beverly Payne*

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**Beverly Paynw** - January 29, 2021 at 06:11 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Chad Olivent** - January 29, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mavis Isabelle Wiggins.*



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January 29, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Scot Ward Funeral Services** - January 26, 2021 at 04:20 PM

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*My dear Mavis was such a special lady. She was very humble and certainly never tooted her horn. But when you look back at the things she did, you are amazed at her accomplishments. She was in my life 56 years as a sister in law (love). During those years she was the one that helped when help was needed. She and James shared their home with her 5 brothers at different times. My husband Preston would have never been able to attend college had he not been able to live with Mavis. What a difference she made in our lives. She and James were adventurous and traveled with the boys and later her grandchildren all over the country. She was always ready to go fishing and hosted many fish fries. Later in life she enjoyed daily trips to Dairy Queen for a blizzard. How blessed we are to have known Mavis.*

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**Carolyn Olivent** - January 30, 2021 at 10:48 AM