



Mrs. Ann Akins Gay

May 16, 2020

Statesboro, GA

Mrs. Ann Akins Gay, age 82, died on Saturday May 16, 2020 at Community Hospice in Vidalia, GA. The youngest of Carlton “Jake” and Edna Woods Akins, a sister Virginia Akins Hall; brothers James Ray Akins and Carlton Joe Akins all preceded in her in death. She grew up in a house beside First Baptist Church in Statesboro, where she started attending at the age of five. She joined the church membership at a tent revival at the age of 10 alongside her brother Carlton age 14. Mrs. Ann tried to join the church choir at age 12; at the age of 14 she tried again and made it. When she was 14, her brother Carlton bought her a piano which she cherished for many years. She sang in the church choir for many years and played the piano in the Sunday school class. She was also a member of the Camilla Boyd Sunday School Class and Celebration Choir.

Mrs. Ann married Cecil Talmadge Gay, the love of her life and they stay married for 54 years when he went home to be with the Lord.

She was retired from Cooper Wiss. She also attended Ogeechee Technical College and Georgia Southern University. She had a love for animals as did her husband Cecil and they spent many happy years caring for them.

Surviving are a niece Edna Hall Addison a great niece Edna Virginia Calarco and a sister-in-law Gladys Akins of Milledgeville, GA.

A graveside funeral service and burial will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 am at Eastside Cemetery with Dr. John Waters officiating.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to First Baptist Church of Statesboro, 108 North Main Street, Statesboro, GA 30458.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery

Eastside Cemetery
Northside Drive
Statesboro, GA, 30458

Events

MAY 20 **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Ms. Ann was one of my very favorite people. She was truly an humble, kind, and caring friend. I am so sorry that I did not know how sick she was. I would like to have talked to her and tell her that I loved her.
God bless her family. She loved you all so much! I pray that good memories of Ann will stay with you forever.
See you in the Heavenly choir, Ann. Save me a seat next to you, please! I miss you already! God bless you.

Lovingly, Jane Harkleroad

Jane Harkleroad - May 22, 2020 at 11:39 PM



“ Ann was a sweet lady we used to see her every Sunday as we we get out of our vehicle to walk into church for first service she always had a smile on her face we will truly miss her in the choir. She sings in a bigger choir in heaven will join her someday prayers for all the family at this time of loss Maggie Reese

Maggie Reese - May 20, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ Dad and I only heard of her death today. She was such a kind person and her voice reminded me so much of Grandma jJosiephine

Dawn Finch - May 19, 2020 at 11:03 PM



“ Sweet Ann, a friend from church and in our class at SHS. So saddened to learn of her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Sara Groover Shepherd - May 19, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ I sat next to Ann in the Celebration Choir for many years. She never said an unkind word, and was so sweet, kind, and gentle. She never complained even though I know she was in a lot of pain. I certainly will miss her, but she is lifting her voice in the heavenly choir. Rest in peace, my sweet friend. Barbara Glisson

Barbara Glisson - May 18, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ Remembering Ann so well from Statesboro High School and Statesboro First Baptist Church. She was a wonderful caring person. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Sara Groover Shepherd
SHS Class of 1956

Sara Shepherd - May 18, 2020 at 08:03 PM