



## Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan

January 17, 1937 - September 10, 2023

Mrs. Billie Ann Beasley Buchanan, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away on September 10, 2023. She was 86.

Mrs. Buchanan was born on January 17, 1937 in Bowdon, Georgia to the late William C. "Bill" and Hattie McDaniel Beasley. On December 23, 1962, she married her sweetheart, Judge Buchanan. From this union, two children were born: Judge "Pete" Buchanan, Jr. (born 1963, deceased 1983) and Melanie Buchanan Tillman.

Between January 17, 1937 and early morning September 10, 2023, Billie, or Mrs. B as she was known, did a lot. She was active in her beloved church, New Hope United Methodist Church, and her Bowdon community. At New Hope, she was a certified Lay Speaker and Lay Servant in the United Methodist Church. She served in various capacities and was active in the United Methodist Women, now known as the United Women in Faith, the Missions Committee, church secretary, treasurer, the Administrative Council, and as a delegate to the North Georgia Conference. She was Co-Chair of New Hope's Scholarship Fund. She was truly willing to help in any capacity that would support the ministry.

Mrs. Buchanan was a 1957 graduate of Fort Valley State University and taught school for over 40 years in Carroll County and Carroll City Schools. She did her student teaching at Peach County Schools. During her professional career, she taught at Carver High School and at Springview (now Central Elementary) during the late 1950's and 1960's. In the late 1960's, she

taught at Burwell Elementary School and then at Bowdon Elementary School where she concluded her professional career in 2000, teaching fifth grade.

Mrs. Buchanan was also a charter member of the Alpha Zeta Chapter (Carrollton, GA) of the Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority, Inc.

In the Bowdon community, Mrs. Buchanan was active in the Bowdon Area United Christian Ministries (BAUCM), the Bowdon Schools Education Foundation, and was a member of the Bowdon Housing Authority for over 30 years.

Truly, in the early morning of September 10, 2023, Mrs. B transitioned from "Labor to Rest."

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Judge "Pete" Buchanan, Jr.; her brothers, James (Ruby) Beasley, Amos (Louise) Beasley, and Sidney Beasley. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Judge Buchanan, Sr.; her daughter, Melanie (Walter) Tillman; her grandsons, Jonathan (Jennifer) Buchanan and Vincent Tillman; her nieces, Mary Dedrick, Jacqueline Dobbs, and Norvis (Harry) Dunson; her nephews, Tommy Beasley and Billy (Linda) Brown; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Charlie Glenn, Daisy Ward, Martha Nell Buchanan, Evie Buchanan, and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at New Hope United Methodist Church. Rev. Roderick Freeman, Rev. Brent McLaughlin, and Rev. Lewis Askew will officiate. Mrs. Buchanan's grandsons will serve as pallbearers. The sisters of Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority, Alpha Zeta Chapter and the ladies of United Women of Faith will be honorary pallbearers. Interment will follow in New Hope Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 from 5:00 till 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## New Hope Cemetery

New Hope Road  
Bowdon, GA 30108

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home  
317 North Carroll Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108  
(770) 258-7239  
info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope United Methodist Church  
875 Highway 100 South  
Bowdon, GA 30108

# Tribute Wall

IK

“ I would like to extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the Buchanan Family for the loss of Beloved Billie Ann Buchanan. May GOD comfort each of you in his loving arms. With the love of Christ,  
Irene Keith & Family



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**Irene Keith** - September 06, 2025 at 05:55 PM

CW

“ Craig Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan



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**Craig Walker** - September 29, 2023 at 05:18 AM

PB

“ Mr Judge, Melanie & Family,  
We were very sadden to hear of Ms Billie's passing. May God's everlasting love and care continue to be with you and your family. Love and God Bless.  
Pat & Ozzie Binion & Family



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**Pat & Ozzie Binion** - September 14, 2023 at 01:24 PM

YM

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences!! Just found out last night. She  
Will certainly be missed, especially the visits at Louise United Methodist Church on the 2nd Sundays in August. I'll always cherish the long encouraging words of wisdom she shared many years as we met for dinner at Aunt Eunice's house! May God bless you all and keep you in his care.

*Loving cousin (Yvonne Marchman-Parker)*

*Lagrange, Ga.*

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**Yvonne Marchman-Parker-LaGrange, Ga.** - September 13, 2023 at 07:01 PM

SR

“ Susan Grainger Reese lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan



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**Susan Grainger Reese** - September 13, 2023 at 04:57 PM

SG

“ Sara S. George lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan



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**Sara S. George** - September 12, 2023 at 09:48 PM

SG

“ *Susan McCaghren Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



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**Susan McCaghren Gibbs** - September 12, 2023 at 08:55 PM

JS

“ *Jerry & Amanda Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



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**Jerry & Amanda Skinner** - September 12, 2023 at 08:23 PM

AW

“ *Amanda Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



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**Amanda Whitaker** - September 12, 2023 at 05:08 PM

KC

“ Ms. B was one of the finest people I have ever known. In my early years with Carroll County Schools I substituted for her on the rare occasions she was absent from her classroom. I could always count on her leaving everything I needed to make my day as smooth as possible. Her students were always so well behaved. Partly because she didn't “play” but also because they respected her. She was an astute observer of her students. In fact, I can say with certainty that she helped save my oldest son's life when he was her student. She noticed things about him that I had not paid attention to and contacted me with concerns. That lead to his diagnosis of juvenile diabetes and ultimately saved his life. I love you Ms. B and will be forever grateful to you.

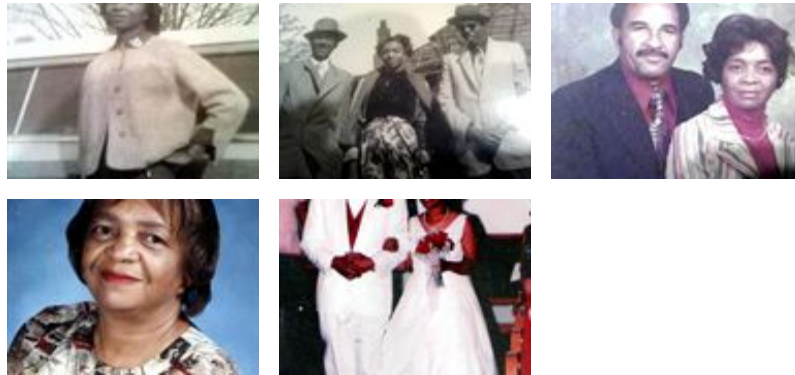
Kathy Cole

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Kathy Cole - September 12, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ 21 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Rainwater Funeral Home - September 12, 2023 at 04:05 PM

CB

“ *Candace Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



**Candace Brown** - September 12, 2023 at 02:17 PM

BM

“ *She was my ninth grade Biology teacher at Carver High School . A quiet spoken person but you didn't act up in her class .*

**Bernice Dyer Mabry** - September 12, 2023 at 02:10 PM

AG

“ *Audrey S Gurley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



**Audrey S Gurley** - September 12, 2023 at 01:27 PM

LV

“ *Lisa Vise lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



**Lisa Vise** - September 12, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Pink, White, and Purple Dahlia Saddle (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan.*



September 12, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan.

September 12, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Dottie Grizzard Cavender lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



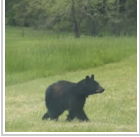
**Dottie Grizzard Cavender** - September 12, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *Judie L Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



**Judie L Jackson** - September 11, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ Debra Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan



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**Debra Ford** - September 11, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ Peggy R. Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan



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**Peggy R. Hewitt** - September 11, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Janie R Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan



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**Janie R Meadows** - September 11, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ Landon Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan



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**Landon Ledbetter** - September 11, 2023 at 04:34 PM

CP

“ *Cecelia Padgett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



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**Cecelia Padgett** - September 11, 2023 at 03:47 PM

MS

“ *Mike&Jan Stitche lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



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**Mike&Jan Stitche** - September 11, 2023 at 02:28 PM

BL

“ *Bart Loftin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Billie Ann Buchanan*



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**Bart Loftin** - September 11, 2023 at 02:25 PM