



Eleanor "Miss Ellie" Bryant

November 10, 1932 - February 12, 2013

Eleanor "Ellie" Bryant, a lifelong resident of Bowdon, passed away the morning of Tuesday, February 12, 2013. She was born in Bowdon on November 10, 1932, the youngest of seven children to parents Looney Alfred Bryant and Carrie Drummond Bryant. At four feet tall, she used to say she was "born during the Depression days, when folks were a little short on things."

Ellie graduated from Bowdon High School in May 1949 and subsequently attended the Harrison-Draughon School of Commerce in Atlanta where she received a Secretariat of Science Certificate in September 1950. She later attended The John Marshall Law School in Atlanta and earned a Bachelor of Law degree followed by a Master of Laws degree.

Ellie spent both her professional and personal lives in service to others and during her lifetime was a continuous and devoted member of the Bowdon First United Methodist Church. She began her working career in Atlanta in 1950, where she was employed at the Georgia Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. She later worked with the Crippled Children's Unit of the Department of Human Resources at Elks Aidmore Clinic on the Emory University Campus.

She entered the Peace Corps in 1967 and traveled to Clearfield, Utah, where

she studied Farsi (Persian), the language of Iran, the country to which she was sent for her initial tour of service. During her time there she lived in Shiraz, where she organized a secretarial class and trained Persian girls whom she later helped with job placement. She subsequently taught commercial subjects at Damavand College in Tehran.

Ellie returned to Bowdon in 1972 and began working at Tanner Memorial Hospital, organizing what ultimately became the Social Services department. She later worked for Equifax Services in Carrollton, which position required her to travel extensively throughout Carroll and Haralson Counties. After her retirement, Ellie continued her work by volunteering in multiple capacities for numerous organizations in Carroll County.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Willette Springer of Oakdale, Nebraska, a multitude of nieces and nephews including nephew Bruce Beckett of Monroe, Georgia, nieces Bonnie Beckett of Winter Park, Florida and Judy Beckett of Atlanta, Georgia, great-niece Alysha Beckett of Atlanta and many other loved ones including cherished friend James Coy Bonner of Bowdon.

For countless years Ellie was an integral part of the Bowdon and Carroll County communities. Her always joyful and occasionally piquant spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A memorial service will be held in her honor on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Specific time and location to be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her memory to the Bowdon Area United Christian Ministries or to the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall

GW

“ *The Peace Corps Iran Association is saddened to hear of Ellie Bryant's death. A notice of her passing will be included in the next issue of our newsletter KhabarNameh which reaches out to volunteers and staff who served with the Peace Corps in Iran from 1962 to 1976. On behalf of the Peace Corps Iran community, we extend our deepest sympathies to Ellie's family and friends. On behalf of Peace Corps Iran Association
Genna Wangsness.*

Genna Wangsness - May 28, 2013 at 02:17 PM

TA

“ *I am so sad to hear about Miss Ellie.....I truly loved her. I will always feel very blessed to have known her. She, I know has a place in heaven that was waiting for her. She was a little person in size, but had the heart of a giant. I first met her when I worked at Carroll EMC and will never forget how many people Miss Ellie helped keep their lights on paying out of her own pocket, plus working with the Bowdon Womens Ministries that help so many people. I believe God sends people for us to meet in our lifetime and I am so thankful he let me met Miss Ellie. She will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends. Love, Terri Armstrong*



Terri Armstrong - March 22, 2013 at 11:05 AM

EM

“ My favorite memory of Miss Ellie is when she showed up on the farm in her elf costume at Christmas. She was born in my room on the farm I grew up on. It's called the "jailhouse room" because its the room in the center of the home. She was quite an amazing person, and I never heard her complain.
~Eliska McGrew

Eliska McGrew - February 18, 2013 at 04:55 PM

LG

“ As a child I attended First United Methodist Church and was extremely involved with Miss Ellie.. I remember one summer my brothers and myself spent the night with her and her Doug smokie.. We had so much fun making candles and just sharing tons of laughter.. She will be greatly missed.



Ladusta Gilbert - February 17, 2013 at 06:12 PM

SS

“ Samantha Simpson lit a candle in memory of Eleanor "Miss Ellie" Bryant



Samantha Simpson - February 15, 2013 at 09:49 PM

AA

“ *Aileen Adamson lit a candle in memory of Eleanor "Miss Ellie" Bryant*



Aileen Adamson - February 15, 2013 at 06:50 PM

AA

“ *I was shocked to find Miss Ellie name in the obits.this morning. She was a good friend.and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.*

I was helping her in her yard one day as I got ready to leave. I walked over to tell her see you later. I kissed her on her forehead. She thanked me for that. My sympathy goes out to all the family..She was great person!!!!!!

Lisa Adams (the egg lady).

Aileen Adamson - February 15, 2013 at 02:26 PM

GE

“ *Gloria Emory lit a candle in memory of Eleanor "Miss Ellie" Bryant*



Gloria Emory - February 15, 2013 at 12:36 PM

MS

“ *Mary Anne Smith lit a candle in memory of Eleanor "Miss Ellie" Bryant*



Mary Anne Smith - February 15, 2013 at 10:38 AM



“ *Eleanor was a special person. We enjoyed knowing her in school, at home, church and as a friend in our adult years. I remember the joy she brought to shut-ins with her Christmas bags in her elf outfit. It brightened Mother's day when she came to see her.*

Rebecca Singletary - February 14, 2013 at 10:25 PM



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Rebecca Singletary - February 14, 2013 at 10:15 PM

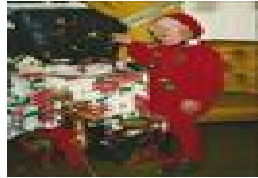
RS

“ *R.I.P. Eleanor, you fought the good fight. She was an inspiration to many. There are many happy memories as a friend, in school and church and our later years. I remember her as the Elf bringing gifts to the shut-ins and nursing homes at Christmas.*

Rebecca Moore Singletary - February 14, 2013 at 08:49 PM

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