



## Mrs. Kathleen Spruill

October 30, 1937 - October 24, 2011

Mrs. Judith Kathleen Spruill, of Carrollton, Georgia, passed away on October 24, 2011 at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, TN after complications from triple bypass surgery. She was 73.

Mrs. Spruill was born in Tishomingo, Mississippi to Berry Zeke and Elsie Esther Smith on October 30, 1937. She graduated from Central High School in Memphis, TN in 1955. While a teen, she sang with Teenagers for Christ in Memphis, a ministry group that was known for their radio broadcasts, Tuesday night Bible Studies, and revival services all over the metro Memphis area. She put herself through college and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education in 1961 from Bob Jones University. She acquired her Master's of Education Degree from The University of West Georgia and graduated in 1981. She was a school teacher for twenty nine years and retired in 2004. She also served as a teacher in the military as a civilian through the Department of Defense teaching in Okinawa, Japan and Heidelberg, Germany. She traveled all over the world going to many countries including Denmark, France, and Egypt. She served as a missionary teacher in Turkey, to China four times, Armenia, and Thailand, as well as many others.

Even with all the cultural richness that she had experienced, at age 55, she didn't think she had accomplished enough and decided to attend a school of clowning. She learned to be a professional clown and loved using the tools of

tying balloon animals; face painting, and doing magic tricks to teach children about the Gospel of Christ through block parties and church events.

She married Fred Flynt and had two daughters, Heather and Maia. Mr. Flynt had a massive heart attack and passed away in 1982. In 1986, she met Rev. Winford Spruill and they were married in 1987. They were married for 24 years until he passed away this past February.

Kathleen was involved in many aspects of children's ministry including teaching Sunday school, music, writing scripts for drama, and the puppetry arts. She had a beautiful, classically trained voice and sang in the choir, as well as performed solos whenever asked. She had a passion for missions and every week she faithfully worked with the local Good News club, the jail ministry, and went on mission trips. She loved to sew, paint, laugh, tell jokes, love on her three grandsons, and lend a helping hand whenever she could. The impact she had for Christ through her life on her own children, family, and anyone that was touched by her lifelong ministry will forever be remembered.

She is survived by two daughters, Heather Petero of Douglasville, GA and Maia Noles of Dahlonega, GA, two son-in laws, Glenn Petero and Jeremy Noles, three grandsons, Andrew Noles, Zachary Noles, and Seth Petero, her twin sister, Nadine Fairley of Olive Branch, MS, and two brothers, Harold Smith of Carrollton, GA and Duane Smith of McKinney, TX.

Funeral services for Mrs. Spuill will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Bowdon Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Corinth Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, October 28, 2011 from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.



# Cemetery Details

## Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery

79 Dot Road  
Bowdon, GA 30108

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 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>

## Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bowdon Baptist Church  
205 Mill Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerolene (Jerry) Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen Spruill*



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**Jerolene (Jerry) Williams** - October 27, 2011 at 09:38 PM

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“ When our pianist was away earlier this month, Heather 'filled in' for her and we were blessed to have Kathleen attend church with us at Lowell UMC, Carrollton, GA! Our pastor was also away with Walk to Emmaus, so I was the speaker (???) on that Sunday. I'm so glad I didn't know of all her accomplishments or I would have been even more intimidated. Had I known, I'd probably have asked her to speak in my place! Afterwards, I was telling her how much we loved Heather and how talented she is. She told me she had never had to make Heather practice piano lessons when she was younger, but sometimes she had to 'suggest' she stop and get her other lessons! She spoke of how proud she was of Heather's accomplishments. We also talked about the Prayer of Jabez as I had used that during my talk that morning. She told me that she often used that in her daily devotions. Last night at our Fellowship Dinner, I asked our pastor, Rev. Tim Constien, if Mrs. Spruill lived somewhere locally since they were using Rainwater Funeral Home and he told me that she was a member at Bowdon Baptist, he thought. I asked if he knew who any of her family was and he told me that her husband was Rev. Winfred Spruill, who served Antioch Baptist Church in Heard County for several years---the church where my mother was a member for sixty years prior to her death in 2005! I remember visiting her on Mother's Day and Rev. Spruill's 'talented family' provided music. What a small world it is. All of us at Lowell UMC send our sympathies to all of you during this difficult time. God will continue His blessings and give you that perfect Peace and Comfort that can come from no other!

*Janice Marshall, Roopville, GA*

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**Janice Marshall** - October 27, 2011 at 11:46 AM

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“ Kathleen's daughter, Heather, is my friend and I was privileged to meet Kathleen on two occasions. The second time was when Heather's husband, Glenn, celebrated his graduation from the seminary. It was very nice to see her again. The first time, however, was unforgettable! As Women's Ministry Team Leader at my church, I invited Heather to come and entertain our ladies with music and songs at Christmas a few years ago. Heather brought her Mom and Dad, as well as Glenn and Seth. About half-way through the program, Ms. Kathleen stood up, dressed in cowboy garb, and proceeded to recite a lengthy poem about a young cowboy. It was wonderful! She never hesitated over a single line and was just as "cute" as she could be as she presented the story in rhyme. We all loved it! I wish I had known her better; she raised such a beautiful daughter in Heather. My heart is heavy for all of her family at this time but I know she is rejoicing in heaven with her husband and her Heavenly Father.

*Pam Ray, Stockbridge, GA*

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**Pamela G. Ray** - October 26, 2011 at 01:10 PM