



## Mrs. Pat Akins

August 30, 2024

Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Nunnelly Akins, aged 86, passed away on August 30, 2024.

Pat was born on the family farm on Stateline Road near Bowdon on December 23, 1937, to the late James Washington Nunnelly and Dura Garrett Nunnelly. She was married to the love of her life, Clyde “Arch” Akins for 66 years until his death on March 11, 2024. She was a graduate of Bowdon High School and West Georgia College, where she earned a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education. Pat was a beloved educator who taught for 31 years, first at Burwell before moving to Bowdon Elementary School, where she taught third grade until she retired in 1990, to take care of her family,

Family was important to Pat. She took care of her aging parents as well as her grandchildren and many other family members. She cooked large meals, especially for Sunday lunch and holidays. She always cooked extra, never knowing who might drop by.

Pat was an avid reader, loved to dance with her husband and loved spending time with her family. She was an active member of Garretts Chapel Methodist Church. She and Arch were active in the Bowdon Booster Club, the Bowdon Jaycees, the Bowdon Sertoma Club, and the Bowdon Area Historical Society. Pat and Arch were honored to have been named Sertomans of the Year in

2010, as well as Grand Marshalls in the Bowdon Founders Day Parade in 2015.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Pat was preceded in death by her brother, Frank Nunnelly, and her sister, Carole Crutchfield.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Greg and Penny Akins of Bowdon and Pam and Ray Sewell of Bremen; her grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Jessica Akins, Tripp and Sarah Sewell, Callie Sewell, and Ashley and Joshua Estep; and great-grandchildren, Trey Akins, Lexi, Skylar, Addi and Gunner Estep, and Caleb Sewell. She is also survived by her niece and caretaker, Trinkia Crutchfield, as well as many other family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Rainwater Funeral Home. The family will receive friends and family beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until the funeral hour. Graveside service will follow at Garretts Chapel Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Garretts Chapel Church, 4590 Stateline Road, Bowdon, GA 30108.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home  
317 North Carroll Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108  
(770) 258-7239  
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# Tribute Wall



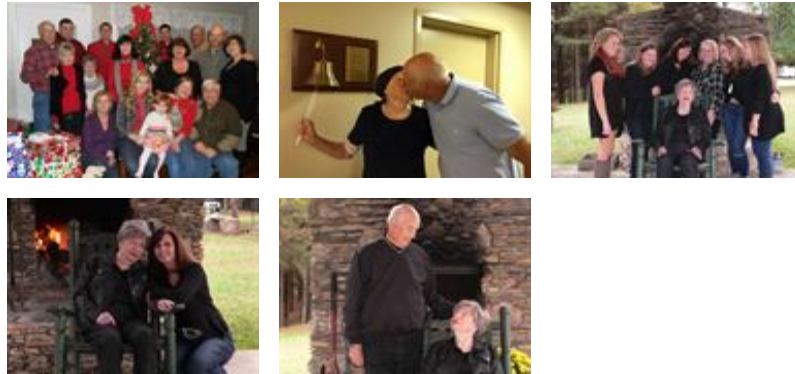
“ *Laura Crews Evans lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins* ”



**Laura Crews Evans** - September 10, 2024 at 09:56 PM



“ *79 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



**Rainwater Funeral Home** - September 05, 2024 at 08:46 AM



“ *Dottie Grizzard Cavender lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins* ”



**Dottie Grizzard Cavender** - September 04, 2024 at 08:25 AM

KM

“ Penny and Greg, I’m very sad to hear this. I’ll always remember Pat and Jeanette being such good friends. No doubt they’re both together now and reminiscing about their careers and families. I started a page on Find A Grave for Garrett’s Chapel a few years ago, please add her. I’m keeping you all close in thought and prayer. Love always.



Kathy Williamson Meigs - September 04, 2024 at 08:11 AM

DC

“ Deana Crews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins



Deana Crews - September 03, 2024 at 09:23 PM

TS

“ Tonya Sparkman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins



Tonya Sparkman - September 03, 2024 at 09:02 PM

MM

“ Martha Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins



Martha Morrison - September 03, 2024 at 12:10 PM

TC

“ TommyJudy Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins



TommyJudy Cantrell - September 03, 2024 at 10:59 AM

SM

“ Sherrie Musick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins



Sherrie Musick - September 02, 2024 at 05:34 PM

PH

“ Paula Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins



Paula Hall - September 02, 2024 at 04:36 PM

SS

“ Sullivan Billy & Sue lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins



Sullivan Billy & Sue - September 02, 2024 at 03:25 PM

JS

“ *Jan Stitcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins*



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**Jan Stitcher** - September 02, 2024 at 03:11 PM

TH

“ *Tom & Patty Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins*



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**Tom & Patty Hardy** - September 02, 2024 at 10:34 AM

WY

“ *Wilda Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins*



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**Wilda Yarbrough** - September 02, 2024 at 08:22 AM

WY

*Scott and Ashley, I am so sorry to hear of your grandmother's passing. Your families are in my thoughts and prayers! It was a joy to know all of you!*

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**Wilda Yarbrough** - September 02, 2024 at 08:24 AM

WY

*A delight to know this family!*

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**Wilda Yarbrough** - September 02, 2024 at 08:26 AM

LV

“ *Lisa Vise lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins*



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**Lisa Vise** - September 02, 2024 at 08:09 AM

VT

“ *Velinda Herren Tilton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins*



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**Velinda Herren Tilton** - September 01, 2024 at 08:37 PM

JM

“ *Janie R Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins*



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**Janie R Meadows** - September 01, 2024 at 06:34 PM

JJ

“ *Judie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins*



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**Judie Jackson** - September 01, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ *Kay Driver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Akins*



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**Kay Driver** - September 01, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ *My third grade teacher. Always part of me. A special lady.*

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**John Barrett** - September 01, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ *I loved “Miss Akins.” She was a favorite teacher of mine at Bowdon Primary School.*

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**Sabrina Morrissey** - September 01, 2024 at 12:22 PM