



## Catherine McWhorter

May 2, 1931 - November 7, 2006

Catherine Houghton McWhorter, 75, of Alpharetta, Georgia passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, surrounded by her loving family. Catherine Houghton was born May 2, 1931, in New York City, and lived in Boston, Massachusetts, Norfolk, Virginia, and Miami, Florida, where she graduated from Miami Edison Senior High School. At age 16, Catherine enrolled in the University of Miami and earned a B.A. in Education. She also earned a M.S. in Education from Nova University. At the University of Miami, Catherine was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority. A sorority sister, Viola McWhorter, arranged for her brother Bill to be Catherine's blind date for the Delta Zeta Rose Ball. Not long afterwards, he proposed to Catherine. They were married 54 years and had a loving family with three children. Catherine came from a family of educators, and enjoyed a 30-year career as an elementary teacher in Miami: at Flagami, Kenwood, Coral Reef; and her favorite, Palmetto Elementary, where she stayed for 18 years, two as Assistant Principal. Her students loved her yearly tradition of reading aloud the book *The Lion's Paw*, by Robb White. When they retired to Cocoa Beach, Florida, Catherine volunteered for the Cocoa Beach Library for more than fifteen years. In the Cocoa Beach Women's Club, she served on the Scholarship Committee and enjoyed the Space Coast King fund raising activities which culminated in an annual Space Coast Ball. She was active in beach conservation efforts for sea turtles, sand dunes, sea oats, and was a spotter for the Right Whale Society. With patience and precision she created beautiful needlework and won many

awards. A loving mother and grandmother, she was active and energetic in her love for children, books, crossword puzzles, movies, theater, parties, dancing, travel, seashells, cooking, music, watching space launches and her and her husband Bill's favorite restaurant Bernard's Surf. Catherine is survived by daughter Gail Hansen and son-in-law Bill Hansen of Alpharetta, Georgia, daughter Shauna Tucker of Birmingham, Alabama, son Shane McWhorter, PhD of Decatur, Georgia, grandson Alan Hansen of Albany, New York, granddaughter Jenna Hansen of Columbus, Ohio, and grandson Alexander Hansen of Alpharetta, Georgia. She is also survived by her sister Miriam Gautier and brother-in-law Joe Gautier of Dunnellen, Florida, brother Jon Houghton and sister-in-law Rae Houghton of Miami, Florida, brother James Houghton and sister-in-law Rosemarie Houghton, sister-in-law Charlene Houghton of Charlotte, North Carolina, sister-in-law Viola Waugh and brother-in-law James Waugh of Stuart, Florida, brother-in-law John L. McWhorter, of Miami, Florida, and 16 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brothers Anthony, Richard, Charles, and Mike. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Friends of the Cocoa Beach Library, 550 N. Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. Memorial services will be held Saturday, November 11 at the Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, Georgia, 770-645-1414. The family will receive friends from 3:00 to 4:00 PM, and the Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 PM.

# Cemetery Details

## Sikorski Funeral Home

3630 West George Street  
Chicago, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Service

NOV 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine McWhorter*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *God is Blessing All of You. I am sending each of you a personal message, and will call as well. You know you have been in my heart this whole week. Much, much love always, Viola.##imported-begin##Your Aunt Viola##imported-end##*

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November 12, 2006 at 03:15 AM



“ *Gail -*

*I enjoyed reading about your Mother's life. I know from talking to Chuck Allen that the past few years had been tough for her, but it sounds like for the most part she lived life on her own terms. As a teacher, she no doubt touched many lives and made an enduring impression on young people. As part of a large and supportive family, she benefited from the kind of ties that are the envy of many. I'm sure that those very same ties will help see you through what must be a difficult time, especially considering the recent loss of your Father. Please know that I join others at SunTrust in extending you and your family my deepest sympathy.*

*Garland Watkins##imported-begin##Garland Watkins##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2006 at 02:47 PM



“ To the Family of the McWhorter's  
If tears could build a stairway,  
and memories build a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven, and bring  
you home again.  
My prayers are with you.  
Love you,  
Shelley Swofford###imported-begin##Shelley Swofford###imported-  
end##

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November 09, 2006 at 01:43 PM



“ My deepest sympathy on your loss; my prayers are with you.  
  
Ewana Davis###imported-begin##Ewana Davis###imported-end##

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November 09, 2006 at 01:30 PM



“ My prayers are with the family. we were privileged to have your  
mom live here at Dogwood Forest and to be part of her life. I'm  
gonna miss singing to her "you are my sunshine, my only  
sunshine."They are now together with your dad. There is a quote I  
read somewhere after my mom died that has lived with me, which I  
want to share with you. "To live in our hearts is not to  
die."###imported-begin##Essie Waithaka###imported-end##

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November 09, 2006 at 01:25 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Catherine's death, following so quickly the death of Bill. I will always remember her kindnesses to me when I was a member of the Houghton clan.##imported-begin##Doris Connolly##imported-end##

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November 09, 2006 at 11:54 AM



“ Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kim Joyner##imported-begin##Kim Joyner ##imported-end##

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November 08, 2006 at 04:30 PM



“ Gail --I wish I could be there to at least give you a hug. Words can't adequately express my sympathies and concern for you and your family. You are in my thoughts and my prayers.##imported-begin##Jeanne Dial##imported-end##

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November 08, 2006 at 04:28 PM