



## Denise Baird

November 18, 1962 - August 28, 2025

Denise Strickler Baird of Milton, Georgia passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on August 28, 2025. She was 62.

Denise was a beloved wife; mother; daughter; sister; aunt; Mimi; and friend. She will be remembered for her tremendous faith that fueled her love, kindness, compassion, patience, strength, and determination. She was preceded in death by her mother, Janis Brown Strickler; mother-in-law Barbara Fabian Baird; and father-in-law, Charles Bruce Baird, Sr.

Denise's relationship with Jesus was the foundation for how she lived her life and was demonstrated by her heart to serve others. Her life mantra was simple--love God, and love people. She would often pray that God would use her to be a light for Christ and this verse re-enforced it: "In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Denise was born in Raleigh, NC to Rev. Carl and Janis Strickler. Denise grew up in Kingsport, TN alongside her treasured younger brother, Michael. She was an active child and was often found playing football in the front yard with her brother and their neighborhood friends. She and Michael also had a paper route together where Michael would drive a motorcycle and Denise would ride alongside him putting papers in the mailboxes. Denise attended and

graduated from Dobyys-Bennett High School then went on to the University of Tennessee where she graduated with a degree in Business. At the University of Tennessee, Denise met her future husband, Bruce.

Alongside her faith, Denise loved and cherished her family. She was an exceptional wife and her husband's best friend. As a stay-at-home mom, Denise became involved in anything to support her two children Carol-Ann and Robert. She wore many hats including being the ultimate sports mom for gymnastics and baseball. Denise never did anything half-way – she put her heart and soul into everything she did. Denise never missed a gymnastics meet or a baseball game. She provided snacks, planned team outings, and traveled across the United States for games and meets. Not only that, but she made everything a family affair, never sacrificing time together. She ensured Carol-Ann and Robert knew how to be supportive of one another and cheer each other on. As well, Denise continued to foster a strong relationship with her parents and brother's family. They went on numerous vacations together, spent Thanksgiving and Christmas together, and planned impromptu trips solely to spend more time together. One of her favorite places to visit was the Florida Keys where she enjoyed the beauty of God's creation and quality time with her family.

In addition, Denise loved her extended family at BUMC (youth ministry, prayer team, church council and women's bible study). She also loved her Milton Athletic Club family and truly appreciated every time she could attend, often referring to them as "her other church home."

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Bruce; their children Carol-Ann Wiley (Kevin) and Robert Bryan Michael Baird; her father Carl Strickler (Ruth); her brother Michael Strickler (Debbie); her nieces Lauren Strickler Ford (Ben, Grant, and Lucy) and Stephanie Strickler; brothers-in-law Robert "Bob" Baird (Linda, Robert Jr., Maree, Grace, James, John, Hannah-Ruth, and Anne) and

Bryan Baird (Darby, Brice, Brianna, Sarah Grace, and Katelyn); sisters in law Merah Baird (Keith Devereaux and Rani) and Haerah Baird; mother-in-law Byung Ran Baird; and grandchildren, Jackson and Annie Wiley.

One of Denise's greatest joys was when she became a grandparent in 2022. She loved and adored her grandchildren. She spoiled Jackson and Annie, with snuggles, snacks, clothes, books with personalized notes, sleepovers, and so much more. She simply was the best. Denise cherished her family and loved being Mimi alongside Pop-Pop.

A celebration of her life will be held at her church home, Birmingham United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 6, at 2 p.m., followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Birmingham United Methodist Youth Program. Denise's family finds peace in knowing she is fully healed in Christ Jesus. <https://onrealm.org/BirminghamUMC/-/form/give/now>

# Cemetery Details

## Milton Fields

1150 Birmingham Rd.  
Milton, GA

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

SEP 6 (ET)

Birmingham United Methodist Church  
15770 Birmingham Hwy  
Milton, GA 30004-2687  
(678) 942-1600

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ I’m heartbroken for Denise’s family. I worked with this most precious being at Sharon Mays office about 7 years ago. She left an indelible mark on my heart. May she rest in paradise



Kay McKenna - September 06, 2025 at 07:59 PM

LF

“ Love, Bush & Zager families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Baird.

Love, Bush & Zager families - September 05, 2025 at 07:32 AM

LF

“ Love, Bush & Zager families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Denise Baird.



Love, Bush & Zager families - September 05, 2025 at 07:32 AM

AW

“ I feel truly blessed to have known and cared for Denise. She was a fighter and a tough cookie, yet she always carried a smile that could light up a room. She was a pure and genuine soul, and I'm grateful to have walked beside her in her journey.

The last time I saw her, she called me her angel. Now, we are the ones blessed, as she is our angel and finally at peace and free from pain.

Sending you my deepest sympathies and holding her memory close to my heart.

With love,  
Abby Woliver

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**abby woliver** - September 05, 2025 at 12:28 AM

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“ Abby Woliver, Winship Phase One RN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Baird.

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**Abby Woliver, Winship Phase One RN** - September 05, 2025 at 12:23 AM

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“ Abby Woliver, Winship Phase One RN purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Denise Baird.



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**Abby Woliver, Winship Phase One RN** - September 05, 2025 at 12:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Denise Baird.*



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September 04, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *Megan and Stephen Gennaro purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Denise Baird.*



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**Megan and Stephen Gennaro** - September 03, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ *Cheryl & Don Lee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Baird.*

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**Cheryl & Don Lee** - September 03, 2025 at 05:48 AM



“ *Cheryl & Don Lee purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Denise Baird.*



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**Cheryl & Don Lee** - September 03, 2025 at 05:48 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Baird.*



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September 02, 2025 at 10:39 PM



“ *Bruce and family- we are so sorry for your loss. Denise was a beautiful soul and we can not thank her enough for all the love she poured into Sydney during her time in youth. We are all so grateful to have known her. We are sorry to miss her service as we are having Derek's Mom's memorial right before yours at NS chapel. You and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. With much love, The Struchtemeyer Family.*

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**Darby Struchtemeyer** - September 02, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *The Bluhms and Broadys purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Denise Baird.*



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**The Bluhms and Broadys** - September 02, 2025 at 08:20 AM



“ *Scott W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Baird.*

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**Scott W.** - September 01, 2025 at 09:12 PM

MP

“ Bruce and family, we are so sorry to hear of Denise’s passing. She was a wonderful woman and will be sorely missed.

Mike and Cindi Purpura - September 01, 2025 at 05:48 PM

DW

“ Donald and Pam Wiley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Denise Baird.



Donald and Pam Wiley - September 01, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Denise Baird.

September 01, 2025 at 01:07 PM

TF

“ The Beals Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Denise Baird.



The Beals Family - August 30, 2025 at 01:37 PM