



Jean Bates Holbrook

January 31, 1953 - March 6, 2025

Jean Bates Holbrook, age 72 of Canton, GA passed away the morning of March 6, 2025 at North Fulton Hospital following injuries sustained in a severe automobile accident. Jean, also known as “Mom” and “Bammaw” (grandma), is best known for her soft-spoken demeanor, gentle heart, and strong faith in Christ. As a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, she was actively involved in the lives of those she loved. She was preceded in death by her parents, Woodrow Bates and Inez Darby Bates, and her husband of nearly 50 years, Michael Holbrook. She is survived by her daughters Kimberley Castleberry and Alicia Holbrook, sister Ann Bates Price, grandchildren Kiersten Williams (Noah), Alexis, Ethan and Landon Castleberry, brother-in-law Lee Price, and Sisters-in-law Leisa Chastain (Anthony) and Kay Holbrook. Nieces, nephews, many wonderful cousins, friends, and extended family also survive.

She was saved and baptized at Liberty Grove Baptist Church in 1964 when she was 11 years old and has been a faithful member since. She shared her beautiful voice as part of the Liberty Grove Girls singing group and frequently enjoyed fellowship with the church. Jean was a bright student and graduated from Cherokee High School in 1971. She dedicated most of her career to Gold Kist Inc. as a Financial Administrator. She was highly regarded by her colleagues for her work ethic, loyalty, and friendship. She retired in 2007 after 30 years.

In her free time, she loved to play card games weekly with friends, chat at lunch outings, laugh and tell stories with family, cook, and bake. She was also a member of the Union Hill Homemakers Club. She had a gift for making the most delicious potato salad, but her greatest joy was always her family. She was not only beautiful on the outside, but she carried beauty and warmth within her. The most precious memories of Jean involve her hugs, singing, and lighthearted jokes. Her daughters and grandchildren think fondly of the years they spent in her home, under her care. She sang to them as children, dressed them up, always styling their hair just right. She also enjoyed reading books and ensuring everyone in the house was well cared for. Jean was the heartbeat of the family, always there to solve problems and offer a listening ear.

Jean Bates Holbrook will be remembered for her role as a caretaker to her family and an irreplaceable light in the lives of those privileged to have known her. She will be so missed by many.

Cemetery Details

Liberty Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

17005 Birmingham Hwy.
Alpharetta, GA 30004

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Liberty Grove Baptist Church
17055 Birmingham Hwy.
Alpharetta, GA 30004

Tribute Wall

RL

“ Rhonda Ann Lathem lit a candle in memory of Jean Bates Holbrook



Rhonda Ann Lathem - March 15, 2025 at 10:31 PM

RL

I will never forget sweet Jean. We went to school together and played basketball at Macedonia. She was a true Christian and lived it every day. I have wonderful memories of her and will never forget her sweet face and smile. I pray for her sister Ann and other family members during this time and may Jesus wrap his loving arms around all of you and give you peace and love.

Rhonda Ann Lathem - March 15, 2025 at 10:36 PM



Thank you so much for your post! It means a lot.

Kimberley Holbrook Castleberry - March 26, 2025 at 10:01 PM

FM

“ Faye Moore lit a candle in memory of Jean Bates Holbrook



Faye Moore - March 10, 2025 at 12:33 PM

GI

“ I was telling Ann and Jean's girls yesterday that I had the best older cousins in the world. Jean set a good example for me. She was solid gold. She left us too soon it seems, but she will not be forgotten. I pray for peace that passes all understanding for her family and friends in the days ahead. Ginger Collett

Gin - March 10, 2025 at 09:11 AM

TJ

“ Terry J. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jean Bates Holbrook.



Terry J. - March 08, 2025 at 02:26 PM

BC

“ Brenda westbrook C. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jean Bates Holbrook.



Brenda westbrook C. - March 08, 2025 at 11:29 AM

BF

“ Bryant and Lancaster Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jean Bates Holbrook.



Bryant and Lancaster Families - March 08, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jean Bates Holbrook.*



March 08, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ *Sweet Jean. So sorry for the loss of this mom for her daughters and grandchildren. For Ann's loss of her sister. I have fond memories of u all. Gail Rich*

gail - March 07, 2025 at 03:51 PM



*Jean and I worked at GoldKist Inc. My Uncle Jack Hogan was a Director for many years at Gold Kist Inc. Jean is a dear friend.
Joan Pickle Anderson
Murphysboro Illinois*

Joan Pickle Anderson - March 10, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ *John and Daphne Allan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jean Bates Holbrook.*



John and Daphne Allan - March 07, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Bates Holbrook.*



March 07, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jean Bates Holbrook.*



March 07, 2025 at 01:51 PM