



## Mrs. Marian Norman Bagwell

October 17, 1914 - August 9, 2016

Marian Norman Bagwell of Alpharetta, GA died peacefully on August 9, 2016 at the age of 101. Marian was born to Nancy Shell Norman and Clifford Pierce Norman on October 17, 1914, in the historic Norman House on Cumming Street in Alpharetta. After graduating from Milton High School in 1931, she attended LaGrange College in LaGrange, GA where her mother also graduated in 1902 to become the first teacher in Milton County with a college degree. At LaGrange College Marian was president of her sorority, member of the glee club, president of the International Relations Club, and a member of the May Court each year. After graduation in 1935, with her B.S. in Music and Elementary Education, she began teaching music privately prior to beginning her first teaching job at Northwestern Elementary School in Crabapple, GA. On December 27, 1939, she became the first bride to be married in the Chapel of the First United Methodist Church of Alpharetta to Hewlett Bagwell. Her husband's work in the cotton business took them from Alpharetta to Atlanta, Memphis, TN, Gainesville, Spartanburg, S.C., Greenwood, MS and back to Alpharetta upon his retirement in 1975. During these years, they had three daughters and eventually saw the birth of 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. After enjoying many years of gardening, blue ribbon winning flower arranging, painting, and, of course, her love of music, Marian went back to work as Director of Kindergarten at the First United Methodist Church of Alpharetta. She believed in using music in various ways with children and discovered the more she taught the more she liked teaching. She retired as

director of the school after 20 years in 1994 where she saw the pre-school grow from 20 students to 120. After retirement, she enjoyed her continued involvement at the First United Methodist Church and rarely missed a senior event. She also remained active in the LaGrange College Alumni Society, serving as its President, and enjoyed her friends with the Alpharetta Garden Club. In addition to enjoying time at home with her family and friends, Marian loved traveling with them as well visiting a wide range of countries, including Russia, the UK, Germany and Austria. Upon her 100th Birthday, Marian was honored by the Alpharetta Garden Club and the Alpharetta Historical Society and was presented proclamations by the Mayor, the Governor, President Obama, as well as given a certificate of Lifetime Achievement from the Garden Club of Georgia. She was fond of her friends and the staff at Brickford Senior Living in her later years and appreciated their own celebration of her 100 years. Marian was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Hewlett and her sisters, Elizabeth Norman and Nelle Cobb Johnson. She is survived by her three daughters, Anita Guy, Nancy Black (Glenn) and Susan Owen (Chris), 6 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. A memorial service celebrating the life of Marian Bagwell will be held on Saturday, August 13 at 3:00 PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA (770-645-1414). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be made to Alpharetta First United Methodist Church, 69 North Main Street, Alpharetta, GA 30009.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Marian Norman Bagwell*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Marian was my Mom's (Betty McCoy) best friend at Bickford and she dearly loved her. She would go to Mom's apartment and escort her to every meal there. Mom died last year at the age of 93. She would have loved to have seen Marian again but once she had her bad fall, she went downhill and was in the hospital, then a nursing home. I am praying for the family. I know you will all miss her. She really was an adorable lady! I loved the fact that she wore lipstick and had her nails done. What a cutie.  
Mary McCoy (Betty's daughter)*

**Mary McCoy** - August 13, 2016 at 10:13 AM



“ *I am sadden to hear of Marian's death. The Alpharetta Garden Club loved her so. She was an inspiration to us all. She attended many of our meetings these last few years, and still came to the night Christmas parties, even played Christmas carols on the piano for us. This last year's Christmas party she came all dressed up in her Christmas sweater and her sweet smile. This was the first year she didn't play for us, but stayed until after 9:30 at night.*

*I know she has a special place in heaven, and we will all miss her so. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Ellen Fuller, Alpharetta Garden Club co-president*

**Ellen Fuller** - August 10, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marian Norman Bagwell.*



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August 10, 2016 at 12:19 PM