



## Ola Burton Tankersley

September 14, 1909 - August 13, 2007

Ola Burton Tankersley, 97, died August 13, 2007. She was born September 14, 1909 in Elbert County, GA, and was the daughter of Austin Ludie Burton and Margaret Craft Burton. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Ben L. Tankersley, as well as 12 siblings. She is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth Burton Mills and Hugh Mills of Elberton, GA. She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy Tankersley Ivey and C. Allen Ivey of Canton, GA. Surviving grandchildren and spouses include Mike & Kathy Ivey, Canton, GA; Kathy Ivey & Omer Umberger, Cumming, GA; Belinda Ivey & Perry Phillips, Canton, GA; and Susan Ivey & Steve Harmelin, Woodstock, GA. Surviving also are nine great-grandchildren, Ryan & Keri Ivey, Wesley Ivey, Beth Ivey, William Flynn, Melissa Flynn, Jennifer & Travis Smithwick, Amanda Phillips, Sara Harmelin, Stephanie Harmelin and two great-great-grandchildren, Casey Flynn and Bailey Smithwick. Many nieces and nephews also survive. Mrs. Tankersley was a long-time member of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA. She attended school in Bowman, GA and lived most of her adult life in Atlanta. She was a foster parent in the 1940s and 1950s, and during this time she took into her home many children, teenagers, and adults. Her employment included being a hairdresser, and she subsequently retired from the DeKalb County Board of Education as a dietician. The Tankersley family will be receiving friends on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, and for one hour prior to the funeral service, which will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 1:00

p.m. in the funeral home chapel, with Rev. Claude Smithmier officiating.  
Interment will follow at Resthaven Gardens of Memories, Decatur, GA, at 3:00  
p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

AUG 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

AUG 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ola Burton Tankersley*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Dear Peggy and Alan,  
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear mother. She was a good friend to my mother during those Inman Park, Bass High and Druid Hills days.*

*May the Lord bring you much comfort and peace during this time and in the days ahead.*

*Love, Helen and Richard##imported-begin##Richard and Helen Taylor##imported-end##*

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August 16, 2007 at 09:28 AM



“ *Belinda,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.*

*Thinking of you,  
Denise##imported-begin##Denise Hammontree##imported-end##*

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August 14, 2007 at 05:04 PM



“ *Belinda:*

*You (and your family) are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow. I wish I could come down to the funeral home and support you during this difficult time. My driving isn't that good and especially at night. But, please know that I am thinking of you.*

*God bless,*

*Linda###imported-begin##Linda Weaver##imported-end##*

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August 14, 2007 at 04:47 PM