



Ms. Virginia Hawkins Covington

September 14, 1932 - May 14, 2021

Ms. Mary Virginia Hawkins Covington of Arab, Alabama; passed away in the early hours of Friday - May 14, 2021 at the age of 88 years.

Mary Virginia (Hawkins) Covington was born in Guntersville, Alabama September 14, 1932 to Lewis and Rosalie Kennamer. She grew up in Guntersville, AL and attended Guntersville High School. Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Leemon Hawkins, who passed away in 1985. Virginia was later married to Barney Covington for 12 years, who preceded her in death. Virginia was the owner and operator of Joyland School, where she taught private kindergarten for many years.

Virginia and Leemon had three children together: Charles Ray Hawkins (Carol), Arab, AL, Lana Kay Hawkins, Arab, AL and Teresa Hawkins (Randy Veal), Madison, AL. Virginia is survived by all three of her children and two grandchildren, Heather Hawkins Burgett and Ginger Hawkins (Butler), both of Arab, AL. She is survived by four great-grandchildren, Hunter Gibbs of Birmingham, AL Baylee Gibbs of Oneonta, AL, Emma Butler and Virginia Kayt ("Gia") Burgett, both of Arab, AL. She is also survived by a sister, Margaret York, of Arab, AL, a half-sister, Susan Kennamer Bates, Grant, AL, two sisters-in-law, Faye Pierce, Oneonta, AL and Jean Shields, Guntersville, AL. Virginia is also survived by her special daughter-in-law and friend, Jean Waddell of Guntersville, AL, maternal grandmother of Gia, Virginia's

namesake and special great granddaughter. She was loved by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and her special church family of faith.

Virginia has been a faithful member of Arab First Baptist Church since 1958. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Union and previously chaired the Women's Prayer Group at First Baptist. She enjoyed gardening, collecting, interior decorating and spending time with family and friends.

Visitation will take place at the Arab First Baptist Church on Monday - May 17, 2021 from 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. with service to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. David Kizziah, officiating.

Interment will take place at the Arab Memorial Cemetery

Pallbearers escorting Ms. Covington to her final resting place will be: Keith Collins, Steve Dumas, Mark Brock, Ty King, Keith Hawkins and Monte Davis, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers will be: Monte Davis, Sr. and Jack Hamilton

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, Directing.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Arab First Baptist Church
502 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Service

MAY 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BF

“ Miss Virginia was always such a stylish dresser! I always looked forward to seeing what she would wear to First Baptist. Kay, I'm so sorry to hear of your Momma's passing. She always had a kind word and a smile for whoever she met.

Bonnye Fleming

Bonnye Fleming - May 27, 2021 at 01:25 PM

LR

“ OH THE MEMORIES!!!! I seen Sharon Hayes, said she was visiting her best friend at the nursing home.... That very special lady was my grandmother who passed last July. they almost made it a year without each other and I can only imagine the rejoicing in heaven, the laughter, the happiness so much I am kind of jealous of missing out on it but I to will someday rejoice with them and I cannot wait!! Lana Kay I am so sorry for the loss of your best friend but always remember she will look upon you and take care of you from heaven. She always did have that radiant smile and the best laughter you could ever hear. you will be miss but enjoy your walk on those street of gold and give nanny the biggest hug!!! Love you... until we meet again



Leann Redmon - May 17, 2021 at 11:44 AM

SH

“ Lana, I shall never forget meeting your mom at the nursing home. She was there every day visiting her best friend but she brightened the day for many, including my sweet daddy, with her radiant smile, her kind words, and/or a warm hug. I know you miss her terribly. You and your family have my deepest sympathy.

Sharon Hayes - May 17, 2021 at 09:47 AM

CB

Lana, Linn and I are so saddened to hear of Virginia's death. She and Linn were kin some way through Rosalie. I just saw this this morning or we would have been at the service. God bless you in your loss. Virginia was a special lady, and lit up the world with her radiance.

Carolyn Brannon - May 19, 2021 at 10:06 AM

CA

*I had your mom at Joyland kindergarten and she was great person .
Where was Joyland kindergarten*

cassie - August 14, 2025 at 06:16 AM