



Rebecca Wright Campbell

September 4, 1944 - December 7, 2019

Augusta, GA – Memorial Services for Rebecca Wright Campbell, 75, formerly Rebecca Hilton, who entered into rest December 7, 2019 at Augusta University Medical Center after a brief hospitalization will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 from the Posey Funeral Chapel with Fr. Fredrick Rogers officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Private interment will take place in Magnolia Cemetery.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by her devoted husband, Joseph P. Campbell of Augusta; five children, Kermit Youngblood (Celeste) of Winchester, VA; Emily Youngblood Tedder (Joe) of Augusta; Ann Youngblood Mulhearn (Brian) of Memphis, TN; John Youngblood (Beth) of Rome, GA; and Joshua Youngblood (Teresa) of Fayetteville, AR. She is also survived by two step-children, Nancy Campbell (Greg Digesu) of Atlanta, GA and Bill Campbell (Amy) of Alexandria, VA. Additionally, she is survived by 21 grandchildren and her brother-in-law Walton Campbell (Lynn) of Evans, GA.

Born Rebecca Ann Wright on September 4, 1944 in Delhi, Louisiana, Mrs. Campbell was a proud graduate of Neville High School. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Northeast Louisiana University before beginning a 40-year career in education.

A central focus of Campbell's storied career was equity and accessibility in

learning. She believed all students deserve the opportunity to learn. She began her career in the desegregation efforts in the late 1960s, volunteering for Headstart and to integrate the staff of traditionally segregated high schools, serving at Richwood High School and Carroll High School in Monroe, Louisiana.

She transitioned to higher education where she was renowned for her innovative approaches to nontraditional students and settings. Serving as Chair of the Department of Humanities and Fine Arts at Aiken Technical College from 1984 until her retirement in 2010, Campbell was at the cutting edge of distance learning curriculums and adult education. In 2002, she was recognized by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education with the South Carolina Governor's Professor of the Year award, the highest order of recognition within the state for teaching excellence.

It was not uncommon for other faculty members with graduate degrees of their own to attend her lectures, particularly those in World Literature, to enjoy her compelling presentation of this material. She was also known to be an outstanding writing instructor in the art of the essay. Generations of students will remember her as a demanding and inspiring teacher who made each of them better writers and more appreciative of great literature.

As a mother, grandmother, and friend, she was treasured for her keen intellect and clever conversation, often happening over the kitchen table after long hours of work. A granddaughter recalled, "She loved coffee, gossip, and flowers. She was a spicy firecracker and the wittiest person I've ever met." Her walls of books- classics, fringe, encyclopedias, and history- created an intellectual playground for her children, grandchildren, and their friends where she encouraged all to find their passion and muses. A gift pianist, afternoons at her piano filled the house with a love and joy in music and the arts that inspired each of her children to pursue a similar love. A woman of many

talents, friends will remember her stylishness and grace. Unknown to many was her skill as a seamstress developed over years creating fashionable dresses, custom work clothes, and costumes for family from when she was a teenager. Her children will regale all who will listen with tales of her cooking, from gumbos to world class pies and cakes. Her meringues and perfect pralines are the stuff of legend. Her banana pudding and dressing recipes are treasured family heirlooms.

She was a bright light in this life. In every aspect of her life, she exemplified courage, resilience, and integrity. She is loved deeply and will be forever missed.

Memorials may be made to Esophageal Cancer Action Network (ECAN), P.O. Box 243, Stevenson, MD 21153 or www.ecan.org

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

Hale Street
Augusta, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Ave
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Rebecca Wright Campbell*

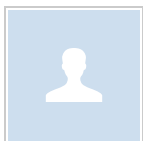


Posey Funeral Directors - December 14, 2019 at 03:18 PM

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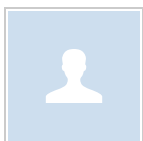
What a beautiful tribute to your wife and the love of your life, Joe! I am so sorry for your loss! You and your family will be in my prayers!

Donna Sherman - December 15, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *Rebecca Wright Campbell*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Rebecca Wright Campbell*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

KG

“ *I'm thinking of special memories of Becky, Joe. She was a special part of our family. May your warm memories surround you with comfort and peace. God bless you and your family.*

Kane Gathings - December 17, 2019 at 10:39 PM

KG

“ *Kristin Lehman and Heather Govenor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rebecca Wright Campbell.*



Kristin Lehman and Heather Govenor - December 17, 2019 at 09:40 AM

MS

“ *I admired Becky’s wit, intellect, and talent. I remember long conversations with her when I was a teenager with low self esteem. Becky built up my confidence during those awkward years. ❤️*

Mary Alice Spicer - December 16, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rebecca Wright Campbell.*



December 16, 2019 at 08:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rebecca Wright Campbell.*



December 16, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rebecca Wright Campbell.



December 16, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ JOE & FAMILY,
May it bring special comfort to know that others care and share your loss. Thinking of you and family at this time of loss.
HERBERT GILSTRAP



HERBERT GILSTRAP - December 15, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ My Rebecca....more of a sister than a friend....My heart is broken... I so loved her sister Mary, her beautiful mother Isola and Dad Warrington.. I know they will all be together in peace and love now.. God be with her beloved Joe and her wonderful children... Always loved and terribly missed..
Ruby

Carol Harris - December 15, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ RUBY & FAMILY purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Rebecca Wright Campbell.



RUBY & FAMILY - December 15, 2019 at 05:36 PM

DB

“ Dalton E. Brannen purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Rebecca Wright Campbell.



Dalton E. Brannen - December 15, 2019 at 10:03 AM

KG

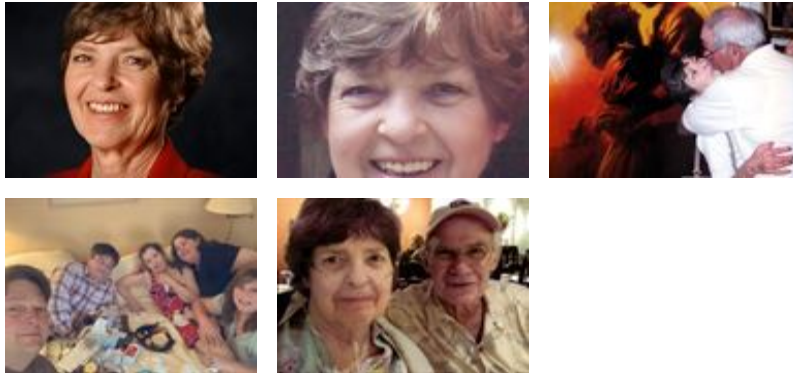
“ Kane Gathings lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Wright Campbell



Kane Gathings - December 15, 2019 at 03:37 AM



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Posey Funeral Directors - December 14, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Rebecca Wright Campbell.*



December 14, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Patsy Fields lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Wright Campbell*



Patsy Fields - December 13, 2019 at 10:29 AM



"Ms. Hilton" at the time was my English professor 1989-1991. I later returned as a staff member and always respected her professionalism and care for student success. My prayers are with her family and friends during this difficult time.

Patsy Fields - December 13, 2019 at 10:31 AM



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Patsy Fields - December 13, 2019 at 10:28 AM

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Patsy Fields - December 13, 2019 at 10:27 AM

JC

Thank you so much, Patsy Fields, for digging up these old photos. These represented highlights of her career.

Joe Campbell - January 01, 2020 at 06:48 PM

SM

“ *Rebecca was such a wonderful woman who gave so much to so many. Joe, I am thinking of you and the family and send my love and prayers, Sue McDuffie*

Sue McDuffie - December 12, 2019 at 11:25 PM