



Audrey T. Bowman

January 21, 1929 - October 17, 2020

Audrey T. Bowman, 91, born in Bethany, NC passed away peacefully at her home on October 17, 2020 surrounded by her loved ones.

Audrey was married to her late husband, Dan, in 1948 and then moved to Greensboro to begin their family. Audrey was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church where she served in every facet of the women's work. She also enjoyed singing in the choir. Her love of singing started at early age when she and her sisters sang on her father's Baptist radio station.

She was also a founding member of the Guilford College YMCA, where she served as one of the main fundraisers and later as the Chair of the Board.

Audrey was truly one of a kind. She was the matriarch of her family whom often referred to her lovingly as "Queenie". She blessed them with memories that will last a lifetime. She enjoyed playing cards (she always played to win), arm wrestling matches, drinking coffee in the gazebo and most importantly hosting her beloved Christmas Eves. Everyone that encountered Audrey has a special story to tell. Often times they included one of her "zingers". They are the mark of her quick wit and never-ending sassy nature. Audrey always told it like it was, whether you were ready to hear it or not.

What people don't know about Audrey is how many people in her community she helped over the years. It was one of her life's greatest joys to help others and over three decades she mentored, guided and supported people from all walks of life. She made special friendships that she cherished, but there are too many to name here.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Dan F. Bowman, her six siblings, and her beloved dog, John Paul. She is survived by children Debi Gillespie, Danny Bowman (Marianne), Teri Cheek (Allen), her nine grandchildren (all of which where Maw Maw's favorite), and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Our family expresses our deepest thanks and appreciation to Comfort Keepers for her excellent at home care. A special thank you to Danielle, Sandra, Sophia and Tiffeney who were there for her in her final days.

Guest may register and pay their respects at Forbis & Dick Guilford Chapel on Monday from 3-5pm and Tuesday from 9-11am. Due to COVID-19 the family will not be present to greet guests. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, October 20th at 2pm at Oak Ridge

United Methodist Cemetery. Friends are welcome, masks appreciated.

Forbis and Dick Guilford Chapel is serving the family and online condolences may be offered at <http://www.forbisanddick.com>.

Cemetery

Oak Ridge United Methodist Church Cemetery

2424 Oak Ridge Road
Oak Ridge, NC, 27310

Events

OCT 20 **Graveside Service** 02:00PM

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US, 27310

Comments



“ So sad for you to hear of Audrey's passing. I think of our old neighborhood often when she and my mom, Nell, were young and we all gathered in the summer to sit or play outside. Fond memories!

Judy Day Royal

Judy Royal - October 21, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ Audrey and Dan were so very friendly and gracious to me and my friends during our teenage years in Guilford College. They often opened their home to those same teenagers and probably saved many of our lives by keeping us off the streets.

A couple of years ago some of our 1960's high school football players and one of our high school coaches, John Bailey, were getting together for lunch and Brent Taylor recognized Audrey in the restaurant. A number of us got to speak with her and share some stories.

God Bless and a very good life she shared with us all.

Joe Graves, Guilford High School class of 1967

Joseph Boynton Graves - October 20, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Audrey was such an amazing compassionate, generous person. Always willing to give a helping hand and a loving hug to

Mary Beth Thacker - October 20, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ Terri,
Your mom was such a delight and a true life of the party. I remember when Mama and Daddy would have New Year's Eve parties at our house and we always knew when your mom arrived. She laughed the loudest, smiled the most and I'm only sorry I wasn't an adult at the time so I could have enjoyed her. I remember her wearing a maxi dress for one event. She truly was the Queen Bee of Friendly Lakes. My thoughts and prayers are with you and I celebrate your mother's long and wonderful life.

Nancy Crutchfield

Nancy McCleary - October 19, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Audrey T. Bowman.



October 19, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ As Ms. Audrey begin to decline in her last days, she and I would dance together. I recall her grabbing my hand and me lifting her up off the couch and even as we were coming from the lavatory, we would swing dance. She would say "you do all the fancy foot work and I will do the rest". She would hutch her shoulders up swinging from side to side with that sassy look and grin. I would turn her around and dip her (imaginary) then we would both laugh together. That was fun. She would often say, "you're not just my caregiver, you're my friend". I was glad to have made her last days enjoyable. I would like to express my condolences to her family. May God give you strength as you encounter this difficult moment.

Prayerfully & with love,
Sandra R. Simmons

Sandra Simmons - October 19, 2020 at 12:24 PM