



Montine R. Bible

February 12, 2020

Augusta, GA -Montine R. Bible, 96, entered into rest on Monday, February 10, 2020, at Westwood Nursing Home. Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 15, 2020, at 2:00, from the chapel of Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors with Reverend Bernard "Sonny" Mason officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday from 12:00 noon until the hour of service at the funeral home.

Interment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Mrs. Bible was born in her parents' home in Whitfield County, Georgia, on December 16, 1923. She graduated Class Valedictorian from Subligna High School in 1939 and in the top 10 percent of her class from Berry College in 1946. Mrs. Bible majored in Business Administration and French. She met the man who would later become her husband, Ed Bible, who was home on leave from the US Navy, in 1944. The two were married on Easter Sunday in the chapel at Berry College in 1948. Mrs. Bible worked in the Extension Office in Athens while her husband finished his degree at the University of Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bible moved to Macon, GA where they welcomed their first-born son, Edward, in November of 1950. Another move, this time to LaGrange, GA saw the birth of their second son, Andy, in August of 1953. Mr. Bible continued his career with the Extension Service when he moved his family to Augusta in 1954. Augusta was Mrs. Bible's home for the rest of her life.

Mrs. Bible and her family joined Mize United Methodist Church where she was the church pianist. Later, the family joined Burns United Methodist Church. Again, Mrs. Bible was the church pianist and spent 25 years as the church Day Care bookkeeper. Later still, Mr. and Mrs. Bible moved their membership to Mann Memorial United Methodist church, now Mann-Mize Memorial United Methodist Church. Again, Mrs. Bible was the church pianist.

During her lifetime, Mrs. Bible was a member of the Berry College Alumni Association, the Gleaners Sunday School class at Mann-Mize UMC, the Happy Club and the Carolyn Johnson Circle at Burns UMC, the Sun Risers at Mize UMC, and the Central Baptist Senior Group. She was a member of Mann-Mize UMC at the time of her death.

Mrs. Bible was preceded in death by her husband of almost 64 years, Edward Jackson Bible, Jr., her parents, Wilburn and Olyra Roper, her sister Charlene Roper Brown, and her best friend since she was 4 years old, Martha Delle Richardson.

Mrs. Bible is survived by two sons, Edward Bible III (Jeanie) of Martinez, GA and Andy Bible (Arlene) of Lilburn, GA. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Brian Bible (Amy) of San Antonio, TX; Jason Bible (Erika) of Grovetown, GA; Alicia Bible of Evans, GA; Jennifer Craig of Lexington, SC; and Charles Coleman (Paula) of Roswell, GA. Mrs. Bible is also survived by 10 great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Fran Scheidt of Knoxville, TN and Martha Shires of Tunnel Hill, GA, brother-in-law Bob Brown of Maryville, TN and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

If the Atlanta Braves knew how hard Mrs. Bible pulled for them every game they played, they probably would have consistently put out more of an effort. She frequently said, "Those Braves are just plain sorry" and "That Freddie Freeman is sure swinging a hot bat." Mrs. Bible followed the Georgia Bulldogs--Go Dawgs!--and often attended football games in Athens during the 1940's, but she was a die-hard, through and through, Braves fan. Win or lose, or when they were "just sorry," the Atlanta Braves were still her team. Go Braves!!

Mrs. Bible loved to cook, read cook books, and collected recipes. She enjoyed visiting with friends, Captain D's on Wednesday nights, crossword puzzles, her afternoon soap operas, and anything chocolate. She loved her family, her church, and her many friends. A fall in November of 2015 and with her eyesight gone two years later, Mrs. Bible lost her mobility and her ability to

care for herself. Nothing took away her quick wit, her recall of family events since birth, her piano playing (just "banging," as she referred to her playing) or her "I can do that" attitude. She was a joy and will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

The family would like to thank the residents and staff of Westwood Nursing Home for the care and friendships Mrs. Bible received while she was there. They would also like to thank those that took the time to visit and send cards, letters, flowers, and of course, chocolate. Most importantly, the family appreciates those that never forgot our mother was still a part of their lives and that they were a part of hers.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to Mann-Mize United Methodist Church, 2705 Milledgeville Road, Augusta, GA 30904.

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