



## Amelia Ray Pate

November 17, 1950 - March 9, 2025

Waynesboro, GA — Amelia (“Mimi”) Ray Pate, 74, of 101 Hickory Knoll Drive, Waynesboro, GA, entered into rest to spend eternity with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, March 9, 2025.

She was born in Asheville, NC, on November 17, 1950, to Robert L. Pate and Lucy Ray Pate. Funeral services will be held at the Chapel of Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Rd, Augusta, GA, 30906, on Monday, March 17, 2025, with Reverend Rick Nevard officiating. The family will receive friends starting at 2:00PM, with the funeral service at 3:00PM. The internment will be immediately afterward at Hillcrest Memorial Park, 2700 Deans Bridge Rd, Augusta, GA, 30906, which is just across the street from Chance & Hydrick.

Amelia started her career as a teacher in 1970 serving as a substitute teacher for Richmond County. She graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1974 then taught in the Glascock County, Bibb County, and Richmond County school systems until 1983. Amelia was the STAR Teacher at Glascock County High School in 1974. She earned a Master’s Degree in Vocational Education from Georgia Southern University in 1981. After surviving a ruptured cerebral aneurysm in 1984, Amelia switched careers and opened her florist shop, Amelia’s Buds and Blooms Florist, where she cheerfully served her numerous customers until 2020, when she retired. Amelia also enjoyed singing with the

Augusta Chapter of Sweet Adeline's Chorus for many years. She was a long-time faithful servant and member of Barton Chapel Methodist Church, where she taught adult Sunday School. Amelia was preceded in death by her loving parents, Rev. Robert L. Pate, Jr., and Lucy Ray Pate, and by her older sister, Susan Jacobs.

She is survived by her younger sister, Leslie Pye and Dr. Jacques Pye, and their children, Caitlin Cross, Caleb Pye, Avonlea Denney, Jonathan Pye, Jordan Pye, and Olivia Pye, and families; by her niece, Susan Thigpen and Shannon Thigpen, who cared for Amelia for the past eleven months, and her children, Sarah Bohler and Bobbie Rush, and families. She is also survived by nephews J.J. Arquette, Jr. and Robbie Arquette, and families. Additionally, she is survived by her good and long-time friends Reuben Chance, Carol Capers, Tracy Sprankle, and Mike Shaw.

Pallbearers will be Caleb Pye, Jonathan Pye, Jordan Pye, Pete Germany, and Jim Bledsoe.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Augusta First Church of Nazarene Ladies Bible Study Class.

Danielle Farrow, Joanne Cushman, Shirley Kirby, Lydia Askew, Bonnie Rowley, Sue Bacino, Nettie Furr, Erica Jividen, Rhonda White, Cindy Waters, Betty Wayers, Barbara Scott, Theresa Williams.

Memorial gifts may be made to Barton Chapel Methodist Church, 3414 Deans Bridge Rd, Augusta, GA, 30906.

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Road, Augusta, GA, 30906.

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# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors  
2502 Richmond Hill Road  
Augusta, GA 30906  
(706) 790-8567  
info@chanceandhydrick.com  
<https://www.chanceandhydrick.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 17. 3:00 PM.

Chapel Of Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors

## Interment

MAR 17 (ET)

Hillcrest Memorial Park  
2700 Deans Bridge Rd  
Augusta, GA 30906  
(706) 790-1185

# Tribute Wall



“ *Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Amelia Ray Pate*



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**Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors** - March 14, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*

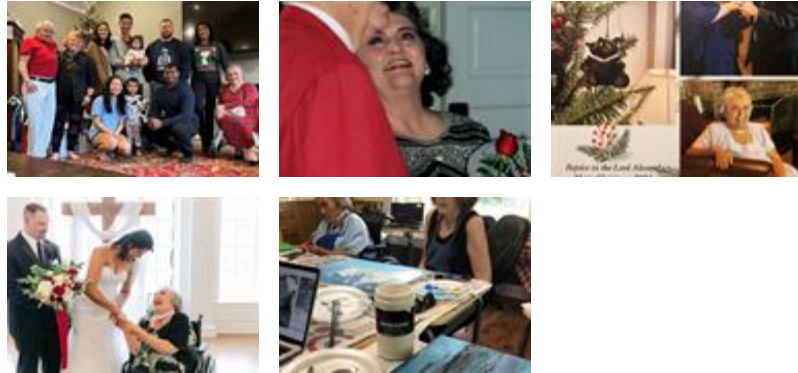


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**Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors** - March 14, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ 108 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors - March 14, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Amelia Ray Pate.



March 14, 2025 at 07:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Amelia Ray Pate.

March 14, 2025 at 07:02 AM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors - March 13, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of this loss for her family. I did not know her well but I loved her genuine, sweet smile. It lit up her face with so much light. I delivered flowers for her one holiday season and that experience has been a highlight in my life. To see the joy on the faces to whom I delivered was priceless. I will forever be grateful for that experience she provided for my daughter and me. She was always so kind to us a quality that is so needed in our world. It is true... "Earth's loss is heaven's gain" Praying God's peace and comfort for her family.

Wanda and Sarah Beth Jones - March 13, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ Lynn & T. Lee Smith & family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Amelia Ray Pate.



Lynn & T. Lee Smith & family - March 13, 2025 at 03:50 PM

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“ I will always remember when she would smile while telling people about the time my dad was picking on me and I yelled at him “ don’t make me get my Mimi!” Im going to miss that. As well as bring her my youngest son whom we named after my great grandfather (her dad) she lit up knowing that she could hold that sweet baby and just loved the moment. She was always so full of love. She was blunt to the tee but always loved. There aren’t enough people like her in the world anymore. I will always miss you mimi. Until I get the chance to “go get you” again, say hello to greatgrand and Nani for me.



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**Bobby Rush** - March 12, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Amelia Ray Pate.



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March 12, 2025 at 12:36 PM

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“ Terry L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amelia Ray Pate.

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**Terry L.** - March 11, 2025 at 06:36 PM

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“ Terry L. purchased the Country Basket Blooms  
for the family of Amelia Ray Pate.



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**Terry L.** - March 11, 2025 at 06:36 PM