



## Beverly Miller Sears

June 21, 1946 - October 26, 2020

Beverly Miller Sears, 74, of Sugar Hill, was surrounded by her family when she passed away on Monday, October 26, 2020, after a long and courageous battle against metastatic breast cancer.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 46 years, William Earl (Bud) Sears, III; parents, Leonard and Hassie Chapman Miller; son, William Earl (Wes) Sears, IV; father-in-law and mother-in-law, William (Earl) and Alma Roberts Sears; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Sue and Verlon Southerland and Elinor and James (Herbie) Wilson; and three dear nephews.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Emily and Michael (Dave) Warlick, Flowery Branch, and Susan and Kevin Sharp, London, England; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Ripke Sears; granddaughters, Madison and Camille Warlick, Jocelyn and McKenzie Sears, and Olivia and Georgia Sharp; sister- and brother-in-law, Lynne and Tommy Davis, Dacula; special “sister cousins” Janice Cook, Lula, and Shirley Hudgins, Gainesville; as well as many precious nieces, cousins, and life-long friends.

Beverly grew up in Buford and graduated as valedictorian from Buford High School in 1964. After marrying her high school sweetheart Bud, she graduated early from the University of Georgia and began a 30-plus-year teaching career, primarily at Sugar Hill Elementary in Gwinnett County. She loved her students and they loved her. They remember her soft but strong voice, gentle corrections, kindness in the classroom, and describe her as “what an educator should be.” Many of her pupils went on to have teaching

careers of their own, and cite her as their inspiration.

Beverly was a very talented pianist, and she and Bud led the congregational singing and the choir at Suwanee United Methodist Church for 33 years.

Despite graduating from UGA, she was an avid Georgia Tech football fan and tried not to miss a single game. Beverly dearly loved her children, grandchildren, family, friends, and church, and they treasured her.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Buford, with the Rev. Diego Orsini officiating. The service will be streamed live on Facebook through the Suwanee United Methodist Church Facebook page for those who would prefer to attend virtually. All arrangements will be handled by Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, [www.flaniganfuneralhome.com](http://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com)

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to her home church of 47 years: Suwanee UMC, 603 Scales Road, Suwanee, GA 30024, in loving memory of Beverly.

To express condolences, please sign our online guest book at [www.flaniganfuneralhome.com](http://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com). Arrangements By: Junior E. Flanigan of Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, GA (770) 932-1133.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 30. 4:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
Little Mill Rd  
Buford, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beverly Miller Sears*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear of the passing of Beverly. Always a sweet, smart, lovely lady. Prayers are with the family as you go thru this sad time. God Bless.*  
*Janice B. Davis*



**Jan Davis** - October 30, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss, but heaven's gain. Beverly was a dear friend years ago when we lived in Buford. Our prayers are with the family. Dorothy & Harold Mooney*

**dorothy & harold mooney** - October 30, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ *Mrs. Sears was my gifted class teacher from 1st through 5th grade at Sugar Hill Elementary from 1992-1997. She has always been my favorite teacher. She knew exactly how to make each child feel special and it felt like everyone in my class had their own special relationship with her. My older brother also had her and loved her. She taught me how to think critically and question things and did it using logic puzzles and games and my favorite was the code breaking game Mastermind. Some of my favorite memories from elementary school were in her classroom.*

**Sara Gheesling** - October 29, 2020 at 08:27 PM

PA

“ I am saddened to learn the loss of a beloved educational teacher known respectively as Mrs.Sears. To her family, please accept my deepest condolences. May your precious memories serve as a beacon of comfort in your time of great sorrow. May God bless you today, tomorrow and always.



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**Phyllis Duncan Alayyah** - October 29, 2020 at 12:06 PM

PP

“ I have lots of precious memories of Beverly and Bud at Buford High School on Hill St., Buford, Georgia.

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**Pat Pirkle** - October 29, 2020 at 09:18 AM

EI

“ Elaine Leak Ivey lit a candle in memory of Beverly Miller Sears



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**Elaine Leak Ivey** - October 28, 2020 at 07:50 PM

CB

“ I have loved and admired Beverly ever since Jimmy and I started attending Suwanee United Methodist Church way back in 1977! Listening to her play the piano was a delight each Sunday. She was a phenomenal piano player! She was a member and treasurer of our United Methodist Women’s organization and was taking care of business as she was battling her cancer. We were able to establish a stronger friendship after I retired from being a school teacher and I thoroughly enjoyed our UMW lunches and then our together time in her illness. I loved her very much and I love her sweet family, too!  
Caron Burnette

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**caron burnette** - October 28, 2020 at 06:48 PM

BC

“ There are a rare few people that make an impression on you as soon as you meet them. This is Beverly. And once you know her, you love her. Our prayers are with you, her beautiful family. Love you all.  
Bernie and Jody Cole

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**Bernie Cole** - October 28, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ Such a lovely lady inside and out. She will missed by many

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**Sherri Coffman** - October 28, 2020 at 04:39 PM

MS

“ My love and prayers of comfort for all of you. Free from suffering and home at last. ❤️🙏  
I love all of you and your sorrow is mine.

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**Mary Ann Shannon** - October 27, 2020 at 11:54 AM

GM

*Jill, Julie and family*

*..I am so sorry for the loss of your aunt. I'm praying you will find peace and fond memories*

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**Gaye McNeil** - October 29, 2020 at 09:51 AM



*Christmas in England will be a little sadder this year because we won't be sharing it with you Beverly but I know when we sit down to dinner you will be with us gently smiling as crackers are pulled and silly hats are worn. Later the excitement of the children as gifts are unwrapped and then the obligatory singing of the 12 days of Christmas with actions of course we will hear your soft southern voice in our ear and feel your warmth and love all around us. Yes Christmas will be different this year but we will be remembering you with love. God bless you Beverly*

*Sandra, Robert and all in England*

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**Sandra Burrige** - October 30, 2020 at 09:35 PM