



Donnis Jalaine Bagwell Terry

March 8, 2013

Donnis Jalaine Bagwell Terry, age 71, of Suwanee, GA passed away on March 8, 2013, after a brief illness. A life-long Gwinnett County resident, Mrs. Terry taught business education and keyboarding at North Gwinnett High School, retiring in 2000 after 39 years. Mrs. Terry graduated from Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville in 1961 and was valedictorian of Sugar Hill High School's last graduating class. She attained Master's and Specialist's degrees in Education from Georgia College. A pioneer in women's rights in Gwinnett County, her sex-discrimination suit against the Gwinnett County Board of Education in 1974, was the impetus for the development of a maternity leave policy; prior to this change, pregnant teachers were terminated and had to reapply for their jobs. Mrs. Terry was a member of Shadowbrook Baptist Church in Suwanee, a volunteer for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, and a member of the Georgia Association of Educators' State Spelling Bee committee. Mrs. Terry was preceded in death by her father, Woodrow Bagwell. She is survived by her husband of fifty years, Edwin Terry Suwanee, GA; daughters and sons-in-law, Dr. Carol Terry, Suwanee, GA, Brenda and Bill Petty, Homer, GA and April and Mike Gann, Buford, GA; grandchildren, Helen Petty, Bryan Petty, Abby Gann and Jesse Gann; mother, Helen Pass Bagwell, Sugar Hill, GA; sisters and brother-in-law, Linda and Jerry Lynn, Sugar Hill, GA and Frankie Bagwell, Sugar Hill, GA; sisters-in-law, Peggy Brogdon Terry, Suwanee, GA, Bernice Terry Puckett, Suwanee, GA and Kathleen Bruce Terry, Suwanee, GA; and several aunts,

uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home with Rev. Bobby Linkous officiating and the eulogy given by Dr. Carol Terry. Interment will follow at White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Duluth, GA. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607-3000 in memory of Donnis Terry.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donnis Jalaine Bagwell Terry*

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“ *I am so sorry to learn of the death of Donnis. We had many years of working the spelling bees, and Donnis was my mentor with the bees. She moved to the district level, and convinced me to take over her role with the county bees. For the first few years I had a sweet co-worker, then ended up with the job on my own. I will always cherish the memories I have of working with Donnis...such a nice, Christian woman with a kind and caring heart. She loved her family greatly, and treasured her friends and coworkers. My prayers are with you all.*

Cindy Gaskins - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Donnis did not know about this until today 3/21/2013 Our love thoughts and prayers are with all the family Please give Linda Frankie and Mrs Bagwell our love*

Martha and Russell Tullis - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have such fond memories of being in her class for Typing I and Typing II. She was such a patient and fun teacher. I learned so much from her. My prayers go out to her family. I know she will be truly missed.*

Judy Banks - March 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ I was a student of Mrs. Terry's in the late 60's. She was always so nice to me. I won some typing award and I got to go to Macon and participate at the state level. This was a great experience for me. I was also a teacher in Georgia for 30 years. Please know that she was a great influence on many of the students she taught. May God Bless your family in the days ahead. I know you will miss her greatly.

Patricia Hitt Dampier - March 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dear Edwin and the girls. I am so sorry for your loss; the service was a beautiful tribute. Mrs. Terry taught me the essential skill of typing and like so many, I will be forever grateful but she also earned my respect and carried herself with such grace. Donnis was also a family friend and neighbor for many years...thanks for all the rides to school when I missed the bus! I have many fond memories of this family and will be happy to support the Samaritan's Purse for a cause so important to your beloved wife and mother. She will be missed but by touching so many people, she will not be forgotten.

Teresa Goss-Hutchins - March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I have not seen Mrs. Terry since high school but she is definitely one of the teachers that impacted my life for the better. One of my favorite things to do in her class was to make pictures by typing the letters and numbers in a particular sequence. My condolences to her family. I know she will be missed.

Tammie Damroze - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dory Sudduth, Class of '61, GSCW - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Hello, I work for the City of Suwanee and had the great honor of knowing Miss Donnis. Mayor Burnette and I used to take the Goodtimers on the annual Mayor's Walk and Miss Donnis always designed our special t-shirt for the activity.

I enjoyed her so much. She had a wonderful smile, sense of humor and loved life. I just found out about her passing and wanted to express my deepest sympathy. Suwanee has definitely lost a shining star.

*Sincerely,
Billie Marshall*

Billie Marshall - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Donnis and I were classmates at GSCW and graduated together. I am saddened by her passing. My prayers are with you all at this difficult time. God bless you and comfort you.

JoAnne Conner Beasley - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ With sympathy to the Terry family. Donnis was a wonderful teacher.
Leila Cain Blount NGHS Class of 1965

Leila Cain Blount - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I would shutter to think where my career would be now if it hadn't been for Mrs. Terry's patience and discipline. She taught me typing in 1969 and I am oh so glad she did. She probably never knew how many lives she touched as a teacher. My condolences on your loss. I know she will be missed.

Dwight Davis - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I have alot of fond memories of Mrs. Terry and spending time at their house with Brenda as we were close when we were younger. She was one of my favorite teachers in school and I will never forget her! My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God comfort you now as only He can.

Judy Landers Foster - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ Dear Ed,
We were so sorry to hear about your loss. Hope you are holding up okay. If theres anything we can do please give us a call. Take care, God bless.

The Yarboroughs

David Yarborough - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I am so sorry about Donnis. She was a lovely lady and we miss her at exercise already.

Dot Baker, Suwanee Senior Group - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Doc,
All of us here at the PD were so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. As I listened to your Eulogy today, I couldn't help but feel cheated that I never got the chance to meet her. Sounds like she was quite a lady which was confirmed by the numbers of people that had to stand today because the room was so full. Wishing you and your family well.

Steven Shaw - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *There has seldom been a time of recounting high school memories that Mrs Terry wasn't in my stories. A lady who carried herself with genteel grace and patience, she was a formidable force to be reckoned with as well! She was well loved, and will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to have her in our lives.*

Charlene Newell Johnson - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I remember Mrs. Terry in her first year at North Gwinnett. She was Miss Babwell then, she was a great young teacher. She taught me to type which was a job. All who knew her will miss her. My prayers go out for all the family. J.C. Holman*

J.C. Holman - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Carol,

Very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My thoughts are with you and the family during this time.

*Mke Wilson
NGHS Class '83*

Mike Wilson - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS! I HAD MS. TERRY FOR TYPING BACK IN THE LATE 60's.

VIVIAN TAYLOR - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ Of all the class's I took at North Gwinnett the typing class I had with Mrs Terry is the one I Cherish the most. I use typing everyday and I am very thankful for what she gave to me. Thank you Mrs Terry and I hope you rest in peace!

Wayne Everett - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Was sad to hear the news about the passing of Mrs. Terry. Keeping the family in thought and prayer.

*Alice Wilson Falcon
NGHS Class of 86*

Alice Wilson Falcon - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ prayers for comfort for Mrs. Terry's family during this time of adjustment. God needed a head angel and called her home. She touch many peoples lives

Robert Venable - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ *Donnis and I were undergraduates together at GSCW and I cherished her friendship then. Through the Benson families here in Milledgeville, Phyllis, Lyman, and Mary Alice, I was able to keep track of her through the years and reunited last year at Mary Alice's funeral. I am so sorry for your loss. She was very proud of her family. May many pleasant, cherished memories sustain you now and in the future. God bless you. Harriett Register Braddy*

Harriett Braddy - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Carol, Brenda, April, and Mr. Terry, We are very saddened to hear of the loss of Mrs. Terry. She made a impact on both of our lives at North Gwinnett. Though we may have not seen much of each since high school, we have spoke of you all often over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time.*

Mark And Shannon Doster - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ April, Carol, Brenda and Edwin- I am so sorry for your loss. I loved Mrs. Terry! She taught me typing and I am so thankful for her perseverance with kids. I can't even fathom teaching a bunch of teenagers how to touch type! She raised a great brood of girls too and I just want you to know that we love you and will miss her. Take care of Edwin. He's our buddy too! Love you- Emily Howington Bailey

Emily Bailey - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Mrs. Terry was one of my most beloved teachers at North Gwinnett. She taught not only myself but my sister and brothers as well. Elizabeth Langley Haynes
North Gwinnett Class of 1990

Elizabeth Langley Haynes - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ To the family of Donnis, I will always remember your mother as a friend and neighbor. I will miss her smiling face and her wave as she goes up the road. I will also miss her in church. I have lots of pleasant memories of her. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. You are in my prayers.

Novella Goss - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Dr. Terry and family,

I am so sorry to hear of this. Your mother was certainly an inspiration to many and I know she was deeply loved by all of you.

May you find peace and comfort in the many wonderful memories you have of her. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Teresa Armstrong

Teresa Armstrong - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM