



Patricia Taylor "Pat" Pirkle

June 25, 1935 - September 23, 2024

Patricia "Pat" Taylor Pirkle, a beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother peacefully passed away near midnight on September 23, 2024 at her home on Hill Street in Buford, GA, at the age of 89.

Pat was born in Alpharetta GA to Zoda and Odell Taylor. Pat often spoke of what wonderful and loving parents she had.

In 1955, Dan Pirkle brought Pat to Buford. He liked to say he went across the river and brought back the prettiest girl. They made their home on Hill Street and there they had four children, Deborah, Beth, Jeff and Ginger. Pat and Dan tragically lost Ginger on September 23, 1967. Dan passed away December 2011 and their daughter Beth passed August 2014.

Even though Pat suffered much loss and tragedy, she was a very strong woman and she filled her life with love, joy, happiness, and a dedication to her family and community.

Pat Pirkle dedicated an extraordinary 60 years to Buford City Schools – 33 years as an employee and an additional 27 years as a respected member of the school board. Her unwavering commitment made her a true pillar of the Buford Community. She was a champion for students, teachers, and staff in the school system. She was a loyal Buford Wolves fan, attending so many

events. She was a fixture in the audience of fine arts events and in the stands and on the fields for athletic events. She liked to say "my blood runs green" and just a few days before she passed, she asked for a green and gold bracelet.

Pat was also a devoted member of Buford First United Methodist Church. She was a long-time member of the Beacon Sunday School Class, the Effie Wood UMW Circle, and attended regularly as long as she was able.

She really enjoyed playing cards! Pat was a member of two bridge clubs and when she moved to the assisted living facility, she kept a rummy game going all day! She also loved gardening, cooking, and she loved animals!

Most importantly Pat loved her family dearly. She was Mother to her children. She was MeMaw to Hollie and Heather and their children; Gran Pat to Juli and Torrie, and GiGi to their children.

Pat was loving, encouraging and proud of them. And she was lots of fun!

On Monday, September 16th, Pat returned home to her beloved Hill Street Home. She could see the cars go by and her joy at being in her home brought her an unsurpassed happiness and peace. She was lovingly cared for by her family as she so deserved.

She will be so greatly missed by her family, her church, her community.

Pat is survived by: daughter, Deborah Pirkle and son-in-law Robert Clark; son, Jeff and daughter-in-law Toni; grandchildren, Hollie Handschuh and her husband Ryan, Heather Winters and her husband Shane, Juli Pirkle Adamson and her husband Patrick, Torrie Pirkle Souther and her husband Dan; great grandchildren, Haylie Grace and Dylan Bryson, Rylie and Jax Handschuh, Jacob Dorsey and Deeanna Landers, Mally and Lauren (Happy) Adamson,

Asa and Teddy Souther; step-granddaughter Barbara Taylor and her husband Dustin, step-great grandsons Koby, Aden and Noah Osgood; and several nieces and nephews and so many loving friends.

The family extends love and gratitude to all caregivers during her brief illness.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at Buford First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jim Buckman and Rev. Dr. Sondra Jones officiating. Pat will Lie in State at the church from 2:00 p.m. until time for the funeral at 3:00 p.m. Interment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery where Pat will be surrounded by Dan, Ginger, and Beth.

A reception will be held in the church fellowship hall following the service. All are welcome.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 28 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Flanigan Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Buford City Schools Foundation in memory of Pat Pirkle. website is www.bufordcityschools.org or by mail Buford City Schools, 2625 Sawnee Avenue, Buford, GA 30518. A donation made in her honor is a lasting tribute to the profound impact she had on countless lives and the enduring legacy she leaves behind

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 S. Lee St.
Buford, GA 30518
(770) 932-1133
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

Lie In State

SEP **29.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Buford First United Methodist Church
285 E. Main Street, N.E.
Buford, GA 30518

Funeral Service

SEP **29.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Buford First United Methodist Church
285 E. Main Street, N.E.
Buford, GA 30518

Interment

SEP **29** (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
Little Mill Rd
Buford, GA

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *I knew Pat for many years.*

Vince Harper - January 10, 2025 at 05:54 PM

VH

“ *Pat was a very nice woman.*

vince harper - December 07, 2024 at 07:51 PM

MP

“ *Pat was always smiling and laughing and happy I would see her in the hallway at school and she always look at you you going be late but I remember that smile and her laugh*



martha peppers stewart pruit - November 02, 2024 at 06:27 PM

SA

“ *Sandra lit a candle in memory of Patricia Pirkle*



Sandra - October 02, 2024 at 05:27 PM

FF

“ *Felicia Fields lit a candle in memory of Patricia Pirkle*



Felicia Fields - October 02, 2024 at 04:53 AM

LP

“ *Lisa Moss Perez lit a candle in memory of Patricia Pirkle*



Lisa Moss Perez - September 28, 2024 at 02:55 PM

VJ

“ *Vernon & Ann Jarrard lit a candle in memory of Patricia Pirkle*



Vernon & Ann Jarrard - September 27, 2024 at 10:34 PM

TH

“ *Ted Higgins lit a candle in memory of Patricia Pirkle*



Ted Higgins - September 27, 2024 at 03:58 PM

TI

“ *Trudy Ingram lit a candle in memory of Patricia Pirkle*



Trudy Ingram - September 26, 2024 at 03:25 PM

TB

“ *Teddy Bryant lit a candle in memory of Patricia Pirkle*



Teddy Bryant - September 26, 2024 at 01:43 PM

DB

“ *My sincere condolences 🙏 to all of the family in the loss of a wonderful woman. May you reflect upon the many happy memories you have had made over the years.*

Donna & Dorian Brooks - September 26, 2024 at 07:58 AM

DS

“ *Dorethia Styles lit a candle in memory of Patricia Pirkle*



Dorethia Styles - September 25, 2024 at 10:27 PM

WG

“ Sending prayers to the family of pat ! My grandpa thought the world of her . He even build her a China cabinet. She was a very nices Yeahperson. Rip



Wanda Burnette Grissom - September 25, 2024 at 02:07 PM

JD

“ Pat was a beautiful soul that touched so many of our lives. She was a pillar of our community and will be greatly missed. Prayers and blessings to the family. Jimmy and Connie Dunn



Jimmy Dunn - September 25, 2024 at 01:05 PM

AR

“ Angie Repine sent a virtual gift in memory of Patricia Pirkle



Angie Repine - September 25, 2024 at 01:02 PM

JD

“ Jimmy Dunn lit a candle in memory of Patricia Pirkle



Jimmy Dunn - September 25, 2024 at 01:01 PM

PS

“ I Would often see Mrs. Pat All Around Buford She was a super sweet lady who loved everyone around her she will be missed by everyone who loved her

Priscilla Noelle Sharp - September 25, 2024 at 11:45 AM

AL

“ Angela Lively lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Pirkle



Angela Lively - September 25, 2024 at 08:59 AM

JD

“ I have known Pat since we were teenagers. She has always been a strong, intelligent people loving person and showed it every day of her life. You will be remembered by many and loved by all. Prayers and Love to all . ❤️



Jan B Davis - September 24, 2024 at 11:02 PM

SW

“ Sabrina Wansley lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Pirkle



Sabrina Wansley - September 24, 2024 at 10:04 PM

JG

“ *John Gibble lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Pirkle*



John Gibble - September 24, 2024 at 09:43 PM

SD

“ *Ms Pat was such a friend and role model to me growing up. My brother and Ginger attended kindergarten together. Every morning I'd drive us to school and pick up Ginger and walk the two children up the hill to kindergarten for Ms Pat. After the accident and loss of sweet Ginger it hurt to see this wonderful woman's pain. For many years we always talked about how we'd never forget her. Always a beautiful, loving and caring person. I'll love her forever.*

Sandy Duncan - September 24, 2024 at 09:36 PM

CC

My parents thought the world of Pat and Dan. I went to kindergarten with Ginger and remember all to well the day I lost my friend at 5 yrs old. RIP Ms Pat.

Cyndi Corbin - September 26, 2024 at 10:42 AM

VH

I knew Pat Pirkle for many years.

vince harper - December 07, 2024 at 08:05 PM

CT

“ *She was like a mother to us all through school I never saw her without a smile
Rest easy Miss Pat. You will always be remembered*

Chris Turk - September 24, 2024 at 09:08 PM

LJ

“ *Praying for the family.*

Lionel and Shirley Johnson - September 24, 2024 at 06:20 PM

BC

“ *BRENDA CARLYLE lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Pirkle*



BRENDA CARLYLE - September 24, 2024 at 06:18 PM

EB

Buford High School was my first teaching job. I was so grateful that she took me under her wings and helped me become a better teacher. I will forever be grateful for this amazingly bright and beautiful lady.

Ernie Blankenship - September 25, 2024 at 02:22 PM

AC

To know Pat is to love her!!! She did so much for Buford schools, first as school secretary then on the school board. She was a beautiful person inside and out who was a wonderful role model to the students. She will be truly missed by many! May God bless her family with strength and peace!

Alice and P. Lindsey Clack - September 25, 2024 at 10:43 PM

DG

All of us who remember Pat working in the office at BES have a special place in our hearts for her. She looked over all of us & we loved & trusted her immensely. Thanks Mrs. Pirkle

Donna Grant - September 28, 2024 at 01:40 PM

TP

We are among the many members of the Buford Community that benefited from our relationship with Pat. Her mentorship and support during our years working with Buford City Schools was critical to whatever success we may have had. Her friendship after we left the school system was one of life's pleasures.

Topsy and Jim Puckett

Topsy and Jim Puckett - September 29, 2024 at 02:34 PM