



Lila Joan Oliphant

February 6, 1926 - July 15, 2024

Lila Joan Chastain Oliphant, 98 passed away on July 15, 2024 at her home in Newnan, Ga. Mrs. Oliphant was born Feb. 6, 1926 in Gentry AR. Her parents were the late Howard A. Chastain and Elsie Butler Chastain. She was also preceded in death by her siblings Onita Elder and J Dee Chastain.

Mrs. Oliphant graduated from Gentry High School and attended the University of Arkansas. She married Leo Erwin Oliphant on March 16, 1946, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Oliphant was a veteran of World War II and was employed as a civilian in the U.S. Army. His career began as the administrator of the Igloo Hospital (SD). The family resided in Edgemont, SD until 1964 when they moved to Atlanta, GA. In 1965, Mrs. Oliphant began her teaching career as a kindergarten teacher in the school that is now Central Christian School. She also taught pottery and art classes in a career that spanned 59 years until December 2023.

She was preceded in death by Leo Oliphant, her husband of 66 years, in 2012. She is survived by their daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Alan Egerdahl of Newnan GA; son and daughter-in-law, Michael Oliphant and Martha Dysart of Brasstown, NC; daughter Gale Oliphant of Kansas City, MO; and son and daughter-in-law Patrick and Stacey Oliphant of Newnan GA; grandchildren and spouses Lisa & David Glass, Kristen & Austin Lindsey, Sarah & Paul Rivard, Ethan and Leah Egerdahl, Forrest Oliphant & Aino

Riiho, Claire Oliphant, Mark Baker, Michael Baker & Taya Overholt, Leo & Mandy Oliphant, and April Oliphant & Dieter Fiek; 14 great grandchildren; sisters Mazelle (DL) Johnston and Kay (Mike) Lair; and extended family in Colorado and Arkansas.

McKoon Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Visitation is planned at RealChurch Coweta located at 3613 Highway 34 E, Sharpsburg, GA on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 1:00 PM followed by a memorial service at 2:00 PM. Interment planned at a later date at Fairmount Cemetery in Arkansas.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the reading and art programs at Central Christian School.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

RealChurch
3613 Hwy 34 East
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Funeral Service

JUL **27**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

RealChurch
3613 Hwy 34 East
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Lila Joan Oliphant*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 26, 2024 at 09:19 AM

RC

“ *My condolences to the family. Rodney Chastain, Franklin, NC*

Rodnay Chastain - August 17, 2024 at 11:22 AM

SB

“ *Sharon and Bill Bryan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lila Joan Oliphant.*



Sharon and Bill Bryan - July 26, 2024 at 08:57 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lila Joan Oliphant.*



July 26, 2024 at 12:43 PM

EF

“ *Elva & The Ingle Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lila Joan Oliphant.*



Elva & The Ingle Family - July 26, 2024 at 07:38 AM

SN

“ *Stephen & Lesia Neisler purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lila Joan Oliphant.*



Stephen & Lesia Neisler - July 25, 2024 at 01:42 PM

TF

“ *From: The Schroeder Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lila Joan Oliphant.*

The Schroeder Family - July 25, 2024 at 10:04 AM

TF

“ *The Schroeder Family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Lila Joan Oliphant.*



The Schroeder Family - July 25, 2024 at 10:04 AM

JM

“Mrs. Oliphant will always be a beautiful light in my soul. Her kind smile always made me smile and I'll always hold a very special place in my heart, just for her.

Jared McCurry - July 23, 2024 at 12:38 PM

BS

“It has been a privilege to be Lila's friend for many years. Her faith and dedication to her Lord, her family, her students, and her friends has inspired so many, including me. She will be missed, but her legacy will continue to be with us. I'm so glad I will see her again someday. My prayers are with her family.

Bette Schumann - July 22, 2024 at 10:21 AM

PB

“Paula Birely purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Lila Joan Oliphant.



Paula Birely - July 18, 2024 at 09:55 PM

CC

“What a blessing she was to anyone she encountered. She was an amazing fellow teacher and neighbor. We always visited her when we were back in the Newnan area. How many hundreds of children benefited from her wisdom, patience, and knowledge. The Caskeys

Cayhy Caskey - July 18, 2024 at 07:17 PM

LB

“ Karen,
MY Prayers of Condolences are extended to your entire family in
the passing of 🌸 YOUR MOTHER 🌸

Longtime friends ✈️
Lisa R. Bell

Lisa R. Bell - July 18, 2024 at 02:20 PM

MB

“ We have the most wonderful memories of dear, sweet Mrs.
Oliphant. She greeted everyone she met with a glowing smile and
always ended the conversation with, “God bless you!” She will be
greatly missed by everyone who knew her.
Much love always,
Mike and SueAnne Bassett

Mike and SueAnne Bassett - July 18, 2024 at 02:19 PM

LN

I am so sorry to hear that Mrs. Oliphant has passed. She was a
beautiful Christian lady. She will surely be missed.

Ilesia NEISLER - July 18, 2024 at 03:05 PM

AB

Karen & Mike, the loss of your mother is like losing a part of yourself
but God cares and has provided and glad for your family reunion one
day. Until then, I am sorry for your loss. It was always a joy over the
years where your mother would always accompanied you and Mike to
many if not all of Edgemont All Class reunions every Five years. We
will miss visiting and seeing her at next years Edgemont Class
Reunion. I hope to see you and Mike there.

Al Bollwerk - July 19, 2024 at 09:21 AM

MF

“ *Mark and Frank Copeland Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lila Joan Oliphant.*

Mark and Frank Copeland Families - July 18, 2024 at 02:16 PM

MF

“ *Mark and Frank Copeland Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lila Joan Oliphant.*



Mark and Frank Copeland Families - July 18, 2024 at 02:16 PM