



## Martha Reese

February 5, 1919 - July 21, 2011

Martha Bowers Guffin Reese, 92, passed away Thursday, July 21, 2011 in Auburn, AL. Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Her Life at 4:00 PM, Sunday, July 24, 2011 at the White Oak Associate Reform Presbyterian Church, 2796 Gordon Rd, Senoia, GA 30276. Visitation is at the church immediately after the service.

Martha was the eldest child of Ralph and Lucile Bowers of Moreland, GA. She graduated from Erskine College and Peabody University. She was married to Ralph Guffin of Decatur, AL for sixteen years then to Waymon Reese manager of Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly in Talladega, AL for twenty-five years.

She taught mathematics for thirty years; particularly enjoying facilitating student learning in the classroom and through travel. She traveled extensively both domestically and internationally. She served as a temporary missionary to Africa and to Japan, building friendships that lasted for many years. Martha taught adult Sunday school for over seventy years and was recognized by all who knew her as a tremendous Bible scholar and teacher. Her faith and commitment to her church have been a strong and integral part of Martha. She serves as a shining example to all who have known her.

She is survived by her daughters, Peggy Trout of VA, Nancy Golson of Auburn, AL; her son, Tom Guffin of Memphis, TN; her brother, Lisle Bowers of Newnan, GA; her sister, Betty Darden of Brandon, FL; grandchildren, Gretchen Pascoe, Lara Adelberger, Brian Golson, Neil Golson; and eight

great-grandchildren.

Martha's commitment to education and love of high school students is honored by a scholarship fund established by her children that recognizes Talladega High School students who love the sciences and contribute to their community and church. In lieu of flowers, friends and family are encouraged to contribute to the Martha Reese Scholarship Fund at First Baptist Church, Talladega, AL 35160.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## White Oak Assoc. Reformed Presbyterian Cemetery

2796 Gordon Road  
Senoia, GA 30276

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 24. 4:00 PM (ET)

White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
2796 Gordon Rd  
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## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall

KR

“ I was so saddened to hear about the passing of Mrs. Reese. I was one of her students at Talladega High School (Class of 1981) and was fortunate to travel with her to Italy my junior year in high school. I was also in the student exchange program my senior year and we traveled to Utah together. What an education I received from her, not only in the classroom at THS, but especially through our travels and in her daily life lessons. (Including many lessons on being punctual to homeroom!) She was such a wonderful teacher, mentor and inspiration. My prayers are with your family.

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**Kim McKinney Reid** - July 25, 2011 at 11:23 PM

PW

“ I am sorry to hear of your great loss. May God give you comfort. God promises at John 5:28,29 all those in the memorial tombs will come out to a resurrection, here on a peaceful earth with no more pain, tears, or sorrow. (Psalm 37:29; Revelation 21:4) I pray these scripture will give you comfort and hope.

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**Pauline and William** - July 25, 2011 at 07:31 AM

RL

“ Martha Reese was the best Sunday School teacher I ever had. I am 88.

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**Ruth Luker** - July 24, 2011 at 11:38 AM

NL

“ Nancy and Peggy, You are both in my prayers during this time of sorrow. Your Mother was/is very special to me and is such an inspiration to me. She never failed to tell me how proud of her children she is. She will always be remembered by me for her love for the residents at Azalea Place and love for education. You are special daughters and I hope that you will not forget the love. Love to you all. Norma Lanier

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**Norma Lanier** - July 23, 2011 at 02:00 PM

GB

“ Lisle--Betty Ann: Was sorry to hear about Martha. You are in our prayers during this time of your sorrow. We will not be able to attend the service. We will not be here, but we did want you to know you are in our prayers. Glenn and Alice Bexley

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**Glenn Bexley** - July 23, 2011 at 01:33 PM