

Miles-Odum Funeral Home and Crematory

Louise Walker Kellam

(September 23, 1927 - December 15, 2008)

Martha Louise Kellam passed away Monday, December 15, 2008 at her residence after a short illness.

Her husband was the late James Albert "Jimmy" Kellam, Jr. owner and operator for many years of Kellam's Pharmacy in downtown Waycross. Louise and Jimmy were called Sweethearts at the University of Georgia.

She was the only daughter of the late Crawley and Mae Taylor Walker of Ware County. She was born September 23, 1927, in Ware County. Her brothers were the late Jack C. Walker of Waycross and the late H. Eugene Walker of Savannah and St. Simons Island.

When a child, Louise was a member of Elizabeth Chapel Church in Bacon County. Her great grandfather known as "Gentleman Jim Taylor" of Bacon County founded the church. After she and Jimmy married on June 3, 1951, she transferred her membership to Waycross First United Methodist Church where she was an active member. She was pianist for the Men's Bible Class and the Booth Class, sang in the Chancel Choir, member of the Adult Bible Sunday School Class and the United Methodist Women Circle # 1. She had, also, served on the Administrative Board and had taught Sunday school for the youth.

Louise graduated from Wacona High School where she was crowned "Miss Wacona." She attended college at G S W C (now Valdosta State University) where she was a member of the Dance Club, Sock and Busbin Drama Club, and the Glee Club. She transferred to the University of Georgia where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Henry W. Grady School of Journalism. At UGA she was a member of the Dance Club and Zeta Phi Eta honorary speech fraternity and presented a weekly children's story hour on an Athens radio Station. Louise was a Majorette in the University Of Georgia Redcoat Marching Band.

She was a retired educator teaching 31 years in Bacon County High School, Wacona, and Ware County Middle School. She was a member of Georgia Association of Educators- state and local. She was at one time a Girl Scout leader for two years, and a Boy Scout den mother for two years. She was, also, a past president of Holly Interest Club, and was a Chaplain of PEO, sustaining member of Waycross Service League, and she and her late husband were for many years members of Okefenokee Golf and Country Club.

Louise enjoyed music, dance, reading, and traveling, and fun times. She loved her family and was proud of each of them and she loved her church and her friends. She was always gracious and kind to everyone and will be missed by all.



She is survived by her daughter Kim Louise Kellam Shaw and her husband John of Knightdale, North Carolina, and her son James A. "Jim Kellam, III" and his wife Nancy of Logansville, Georgia. Her grandchildren are Sara Louise Shaw and Stephanie Blair Shaw of Knightdale North Carolina and James William Kellam of Logansville, Georgia a sister in law Nancy Kellam Witherington of Athens, Georgia and several very special cousins and nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held Thursday December 18 at 11:00am at First United Methodist Church, following the service burial will be in Oakland Cemetery. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Chancel Choir, Adult Sunday School Class, and UMW Circle # 1 and spouses are ask to gather at the church at 10:40am. Sympathy may be expressed online at www.milesodumfuneralhome.com.