



Mrs. Virginia Hearon Meldrum

April 21, 1936 - February 16, 2021

Virginia Hearon Meldrum died peacefully at home on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, of complications from congestive heart failure and post-polio syndrome. She was eighty-four years old and lived in Powder Springs, Georgia since 1971.

Known as “Jennie Claire” in her childhood, Virginia was born in Bishopville, South Carolina, on April 21, 1936, the only child of William Laverne Hearon and Cornelia Rebecca Stuckey Hearon. She graduated from Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, with a degree in Sociology and Psychology. She met her husband, William H. Meldrum, Jr. at Furman and they married on September 15, 1957, at Bishopville Presbyterian Church.

With forty years in the book business, “Miss Virginia” and her stories were legendary. She worked with an impressive collection of authors at Village Book Store by Emory University, Rich’s at Lenox, Office Sales & Service in Marietta, and finally at her own bookstore, The Owl’s Tree in Powder Springs.

Virginia wrote a books column for the Marietta Daily Journal and other local newspapers, taught creative writing, and edited books for several Georgia authors. Her innovative Authors In Schools program brought local and nationally recognized authors, illustrators, and storytellers to over one hundred thousand schoolchildren in nine states. She assisted the First Lady of

Georgia, Elizabeth Harris, in building the Georgia Authors collection at the Governor's Mansion. Promoting local authors, children's literature, and the love of reading were Virginia's lifelong passions.

She was a member of Austell Presbyterian Church, where she founded a grief support ministry, Lifting in Love, and served as an elder.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Meldrum, Jr, in 2005, and is survived by her sons William Howard Meldrum III of Pendleton, South Carolina, and Robert Wade Meldrum of Marietta, Georgia, and her daughters Virginia Anne Meldrum Galloway of Hiram, Georgia, and Elizabeth Hearon Meldrum Lisle of Powder Springs, Georgia, ten grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service was held on Saturday, February 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., at Austell Presbyterian Church, and live-streamed at www.facebook.com/AustellPresbyterian. She will be interred on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at Bishopville Presbyterian Church Cemetery, next to her parents, and her husband, Bill. Please contact Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home with any questions.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Austell Presbyterian Church or Bishopville Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Bishopville Presbyterian Church Cemetery

215 S Main St
Bishopville, SC 29010

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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215 S Main St
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Virginia Hearon Meldrum*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Mrs. Virginia Hearon Meldrum*

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Virginia Hearon Meldrum*



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - April 22, 2021 at 05:12 PM