

### CORNELIA BUIE HAMILTON



Cornelia 'Neill' Buie Hamilton passed away peacefully February 3, 2020 at Hospice of the Golden Isles after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. Neill was born on November 11, 1933, in Folkston, Georgia, to the late Archibald Alexander Buie and the late Sarah Davis Buie of Burnt Fort, Georgia. She was blessed with one sister Joy Buie Gill; and a loving brother-in-law the late Louis Carlton Gill.

She attended Emory University where she met and married Robert Joseph Sirmans, DDS who was the father of the late Deborah S. (Bobby) Watson, Lisa Sirmans Rowland and Robert Joseph (Caryn) Sirmans. Neill later married John Morris 'Mac' McClurd who preceded her in death. Of that union, Sarah Cornelia 'Cory' (Michael) Hickox was born. After becoming a widow, Neill reconnected with and married her high school sweetheart, Carl Daniel 'Corky' Hamilton who preceded her in death. Of those awaiting her in heaven, three of them are her grandchildren, Jacob Samuel Rowland, Alexis Gabrielle Popham and Anna Grace Popham.

Neill has left a legacy of love for her family and friends. She was a diligent prayer warrior; someone who always had encouraging words and who gave great hugs. She will be remembered for her ability to worship the Lord through her music. Neill's talent as a pianist was a blessing to all who heard her play. Always known for her infectious laughter, Neill's sparkling eyes and smiles were never dimmed after Alzheimer's had stolen her ability to speak.

She is well loved by her surviving grandchildren and great-grandchildren John Trippe (Johanna) Rowland, Elise Rowland (Allen) Nelson, Clark Alexander (Shayla) Rowland, John Austin Popham and Alyssa Grace Popham, Madilynn, Morgan, Reagan and JT Rowland, Carter, Connor and Annalise Nelson; her nieces Zandy, Carlyn and Heather and a beloved best friend, Joyce Middleton West, along with many other relatives.

Visitation was held Thursday, February 6 at 383 Old Burnt Fort Road in White Oak. Funeral services were held Friday, February 7 at Burnt Fort Chapel with Reverend Bill Ligon officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Clark Rowland, John Popham, Allen Nelson, Connor Nelson, Carter Nelson and Mark Wilbanks. Honorary pallbearers were Marion Davis, Larry Allen, Stokes Davis, Bobby Watson, Brian Huling, Hubert Manning and Robert West.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Hospice of the Golden Isles for all of their loving care to our Neill.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of the Golden Isles, 1692 Glynco Parkway, Brunswick, Georgia 31525.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.