

### MARY FRANCES WAINWRIGHT



Mary Frances Manning Wainwright, of Folkston, Georgia, passed away on June 5, 2021 at Life Care Center in Hilliard. Mary Frances was born on July 9, 1938 in Homerville, Georgia to Naomi Lake Manning and Leland Madison Manning. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years Kenneth Timothy Wainwright; and her brother-in-law Floyd Johns.

She graduated with honors from Brantley County High School in 1956 and immediately began working at The Citizens Bank of Folkston. Throughout the years she worked in a variety of roles, bookkeeping at Passieu Chevrolet and Ken's Chainsaw Shop and as a paraprofessional in the Charlton County School System. She returned to banking in 1981 at the Hilliard Branch of Nassau State Bank, currently Southeastern Bank. She retired from banking after 24 years and then went to work part time at Hilliard Pharmacy.

Mary Frances loved the Lord and was a faithful member of Grace Chapel Baptist Church for over 60 years. She taught Sunday school, was a member of the choir, and was the church treasurer for many years. Mary Frances had a true servant's heart. She was happiest when preparing large, delicious meals, sewing for her children and grandchildren, and doing for others. She was an avid gardener and loved feeding the birds and watching them every day.

Mary Frances is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law; Karen and Terry Thigpen of Folkston and Kathy and Clint Colley of Metter, Georgia; grandchildren Katie and David Chapman of Athens, Ashley Thigpen of Folkston and Wyatt Colley of Metter; sisters and brothers-in-law; Mila Dean Johns, Hilda and John Zierjack and Freida and Gary Jacobs; as well as many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews; also, her very special friend Mr. Vernon Crews.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff of the Life Care Center of Hilliard, Dr. Richard (Buck) Taylor, Dr. Talha Badar, the staff of Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville and Amanda West and the staff of St. Vincent's Primary Care in Hilliard for their love and care throughout her illness. They also wish to say a thank you to the City of Folkston Police Department for their concern throughout her illness.

The family received friends Tuesday, June 8 at Shepard Roberson Funeral Home. The funeral service was held Wednesday, June 9 at Grace Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. John Boatwright and Rev. Marvin Lee officiating. Burial followed at Pineview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to the Grace Chapel Building Fund, PO Box 425, Folkston, GA 31537.

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

Arrangements by Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston.