



Cecelia S. McAlister

June 5, 1932 - May 11, 2017

Cecelia Self McAlister, the daughter of the late Ethel Lee Reece and Houston Self, was born in Pickens County, Alabama on June 5, 1932 and died on May 11, 2017.

Born into a Methodist family, she was baptized and confirmed in the Gordo Methodist Church, Alabama and was a longtime member of John Wesley United Methodist Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

She graduated from Gordo High School, Alabama, and received a B.S. from Alabama State College for Women at Montevallo in 1954. Following an internship at Mercy Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana, she began a 32 year career with the Veterans Affairs Hospitals, as a laboratory technologist. Her first position with the VA Hospitals was in Birmingham, Alabama, followed by a transfer to Temple, Texas. In 1966, she participated in the opening of the Charleston, South Carolina VA Hospital, as a Director of the Medical Technology Laboratory. Upon retirement, she worked for Prudential Reality and H and R Block.

Cel married the man of her dreams late in life and contributed to his ministry at Jackson Grove United Methodist Church, Fewes Chapel United Methodist Church and Woods Chapel United Methodist Church. Cel will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, spirit and devotion to God and those she loved. She never met a stranger.

Mrs. McAlister is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Rev. J. Richard McAlister; step-children, Kay and David; three grandchildren, Lexi, Victoria

and Kailee; attentive cousins, Reuben and Jo Ann Manasco, and Elizabeth and Joseph Houston; sister-in-law, Mrs. Louis Self; nieces, Bobbie Jane and Pam Self and Donna Overstreet; and nephews, Lee and Butch Self.

She was predeceased by her brothers, James, William and Louis Self and two nieces, Carol and Jo Ann Self.

Funeral services will be held 11: 00 a.m. Monday, May 15, 2017 at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. John Rush, Dr. Wayne Varner and Rev. Robert Carlisle. Graveside services will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2017 in Gordo City Cemetery, Gordo Alabama.

Visitation will be held 10:00-11:00 a.m. Monday at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church of one's choice.

Special thanks and gratitude to Providence Healthcare for many years of love and care.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Gordo City Cemetery

466 North Main Street
Gordo, AL 35466

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Graveside Service

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gordo City Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Pastor Richard:
My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family in the passing of Cecelia - she was such a beautiful lady and although I did not know her personally, I did want to let you know that you all were in my prayers. I grew up in Woods Chapel and knew your family and the Weisner family - such a wonderful church family for all of us growing up in those years. I have such fond memories of all the sweet families and the pastors over the years. So many people there influenced me and gave me inspiration as a young Christian lady of which I am so thankful. My prayer is that God will surround you with His mercy and grace to give you the comfort in His promise that we will see our loved ones again with Him in the "sweet bye and bye". Oh what a wonderful day that will be! May God bless each of you and give you peace during this sad time. With love and prayers, Linda Coggins Roberts



Linda Coggins Roberts - May 15, 2017 at 09:26 PM

JR

“ Oh my... too many memories and laughs throughout the years at John Wesley Methodist to even think about putting into type. But, one that will stand out forever is the wedding and the .. probably thousands.. of roses that filled the fellowship hall after our dear Ceil and Richard exchanged vows. What an incredibly happy day that was for all of us. What an incredibly great, funny lady! She will missed and remembered so fondly by so many....
Doug and Joyce Rawls

Joyce Rawls - May 13, 2017 at 07:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cecelia S. McAlister.*



May 13, 2017 at 02:54 PM



“ *Dear Uncle Richard. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love to all.
Rob*



ROBERT MCALISTER - May 13, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ *Cel was a wonderful person! Always had a smile on her face and kind words for everyone. She will be missed by all of us. I know if my Mom was able and understood, she would be there Monday to give her love and support to the family. Mom thought a lot of Cel, as a dear friend and sister-in-law. There were a lot of great memories spent hanging out at Aunt Myrtice and Uncle Buck's, eating, laughing and talking about the kids, grandkids, other family and friends.*

Patti Walker and family - May 13, 2017 at 01:45 PM



*Sincere sympathy, Richard, as you grieve the death of Ceil's body. She was a dear person with a great laugh and wonderful sense of humor. She was a vital member of the church, and good friend to Yvonne and me. You were a blessing to her, for which we are grateful. May you find comfort in wonderful memories.
Regi Thackston*

Regi Thackston - May 14, 2017 at 08:47 PM

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*Rev McAlister, You and your entire family are in our Prayers as you go through this season. We love you.
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Charleston, SC*

Alnetha Buggs - May 15, 2017 at 02:27 PM

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Cecelia was my supervisor at the VA Hospital in Charleston , SC. She was a great boss and we remained friends when I moved back to Georgia. We would still write each other and call. She was so happy to get married to Richard. I couldn't get to her wedding but I did send my love and appreciation through the mail. To Rev. Richard and family, I wish you many prayers during this time of loss.

-Elizabeth P. Godfrey, Georgia

Elizabeth P. Godfrey - August 13, 2017 at 03:52 PM