



# Grace Ashley Higdon Faulkner

September 9, 1923 - February 9, 2020

Mrs. Grace Ashley Higdon Faulkner age 96 of Rainsville, AL passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at The Serenity Place. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 1PM at Nazareth Baptist Church with Bro. Jason Bell & Bro. Roger Graham officiating. Burial will follow in Warren's Graveyard with Rainsville Funeral Home, Inc. directing, [www.rainsvillefunerlahome.com](http://www.rainsvillefunerlahome.com).

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 11th from 5PM-8PM at Rainsville Funeral Home & on Wednesday, February 12th from 12PM-1PM at Nazareth Baptist Church.

## Survivors

1 Daughter: Paula Higdon Whitaker-Hancock and husband Kenneth of Magnolia, TX

2 Sons: Jim Higdon and wife Kathy of Rainsville, AL

Dr. Greg Faulkner and wife Melanie of Cherry Hill, NJ

4 Grandchildren: Dr. Jami (Brian) Reaves, James Paul (Kristi) Higdon III, Jayson (Emily) Higdon & Caroline Faulkner

6 Great Grandchildren: Jacob Paul Higdon, John Thomas Higdon, Jeshua Rob Higdon, Addie Kate Higdon, Samuel Jay Higdon & Charles Andrew Higdon

A Host of Nieces, Nephews & Cousins

Preceded in Death

1 Grandson: Ryan Paul Whitaker

Husband: WC Faulkner

Parents: Carl & Dora Ashley

1 Brother: Rev. Edward Ashley

3 Sisters: Evelyn Johnson, Jewell Kirk & Rachel Williams

# Cemetery Details

## Warren's Graveyard

Rainville, AL 35986

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rainsville Funeral Home  
498 Mccurdy Ave N  
Rainsville, AL 35986  
(256) 638-2122  
<https://www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

FEB 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Nazareth Baptist Church  
County Road 72  
Rainsville, AL 35986

## Service

FEB 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Nazareth Baptist Church  
County Road 72  
Rainsville, AL 35986



# Tribute Wall



“ *Grace Ashley Higdon Faulkner*

August 29, 2022 at 05:15 AM



“ *Thinking of you, Jim and Greg today. I'm so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother. I will always carry with me in my heart the example she set for everyone to see, I learned so much from her . I can't help but imagine how happy she is in heaven with all her family and friends and I can absolutely see her singing in the choir, see her throw her arms open and embracing her Mother, Daddy, Ryan, brother and sister, all the friends she loved. All my love and may you, Jim and Greg remember her beautiful ways and find comfort knowing she is with her Heavenly Father.*

**edith buchanan** - February 17, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ *Once when I was visiting in Houston with Paula and Grace was there also so one night after dinner we decided to have a glass of wine before going to bed. Always The perfect Host Paula surf grossing me. After sipping Hurst down Grace is glass was empty. Paula said Mom would you like a little more wine ? Grace said yes I wonder why y'all had a big glass and I had just a little glass Grace had another glass of wine*

**Kay Stearns** - February 16, 2020 at 09:44 PM

KS

“ When I was growing up it was common to have cottage prayer meetings in different homes prior to a revival. I remember one year we were at the Thompsons house with the living room full of people. I felt led to testify but was very nervous and kept putting it off. They were about to close the testimony part of the service when Grace looked at me and said don't you want to say something? Of course that gave me the courage to give my testimony. Which was , I want to say that I love the Lord and I asked that y'all pray for me to be a better Christian. if it hadn't been for Grace noticing that I was under conviction to testify and mentioned it I would never have had the courage to stand up. That's how intuitive she was to what I was feeling. Thanks Grace much love.

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**Kay Stearns** - February 16, 2020 at 09:40 PM

KS

“ Another wine story was when Paula and Grace was visiting me in Birmingham. we were eating dinner out and of course Paula ordered us a glass of red dry wine when Grace tasted it she made a face reached over and got about four packs of Sweet and low to add to hers.

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**Kay Stearns** - February 16, 2020 at 09:36 PM

“ I would like to say a very special thank you and a token of our families appreciation to Serenity Place Assisted living where Ms. Grace lived for the past year. I cannot say enough beautiful things about the love and care she received there.



Special thanks to Lisa Manus the Director Who gave tremendous amount of love and care for Granny Grace. As Ms. Lisa said to me, “Granny Grace is so easy to love, her beautiful smile and a kind heart you couldn’t help but love her. Everyone loved Granny Grace.” The very special staff that worked with my mother every day loving her, caring for her, nurturing her and treating her like family!

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Julie Doremus for all of the special time she spent with “Granny Grace “! She went out of her way to bring joy, love, and happiness into her life! She sent me pictures and videos and messages about my mother because I live in Texas and could not be there every day. She even came in on her days off or in the afternoon when she wasn’t working to make a strawberry milkshake that only she could make that my mom loved! She became my mothers granddaughter! And my mother loved her dearly!

They sang together, laugh together, ate together, cuddle and hug together and for that I am so eternally grateful. Words cannot express my love and gratitude to you for the loving kindness you gave to Granny Grace ! She loved you so very much! ❤️

I am also thankful for Julie’s husband Rob who showed his concern and love for Granny Grace also and was also willing to do anything needed for her or our family. They were an amazing loving Christian couple! I would also like to say thank you to Brittany their beautiful daughter who is following in her mother’s footsteps and working at SERENITY PLACE and working towards her LVN license at Northeast Community College in the Fall. Love and blessings to this wonderful family and they will always be our family because they became Granny Graces’ Family.

We will never forget all that you did for our Mother.

I would also like to thank Michelle the nurse at SERENITY PLACE.

*What a beautiful and lovely lady who became another granddaughter to Granny Grace. You were always there to try to help us find the best food the best situation and the best care for her. We are eternally grateful for people like you who love and care for older people with all your heart with all your soul and with all your mind!*

*You also will always be a part of our family and we will not forget all that you have done. You are such a blessing to those people that you serve especially Granny Grace.*

*To all the other wonderful staff who are too numerous to list, we just honor you and thank you for the love and care you gave Granny Grace while she was in your care. We love you and we are eternally grateful for the care that you gave her Mother! Everyone was absolutely wonderful!*

*Thank you again for all of your love and care for our Mother!*

*Love and blessings, 🙏🙏❤️❤️*

*Paula Higdon WHITAKER, Daughter*

*Jim HIGDON, Son and ALL of our Family !❤️❤️*

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**Paula Whitaker** - February 16, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Grace Ashley Higdon Faulkner.*



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February 11, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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“ Jim, you have our sympathy of the loss of your mom. Our mother thought the world of Ms. Grace. We all kinda lost touch after we grew up. Our prayers are with you and all the family. L.C. a d Trudy Cupp.



L.C.Cupp - February 11, 2020 at 09:41 AM

JE

“ JAMES R ELLIS lit a candle in memory of Grace Ashley Higdon Faulkner



JAMES r ELLIS - February 11, 2020 at 08:53 AM

JE

*i remember her well.she was a good lady. her with the florist shop and her husband bill with his horse's,my paw-paw PAUL ROBERTS worked for the for a while.sorry to hear this JIM.*

JAMES r ELLIS - February 11, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grace Ashley Higdon Faulkner.



February 11, 2020 at 12:11 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Grace Ashley Higdon Faulkner.*



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February 10, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies on the passing of your beloved mother. Praying for peace that surpasses all understanding in this most difficult time.*

*Cindi Biddle Walker*

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**Cindi Walker** - February 10, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *I had the great honor of becoming apart of Mrs. Grace's life at Serenity Place. I am just one of a team entrusted to care for Mrs Grace. She always had a beautiful smile and a kind word to say. She would share her love of flowers, her red birds and her strong faith with me every time I saw her. Mrs Grace was a very precious lady that made her mark in our hearts. Mr Jim and Mrs Paula gave her endless love and took such great care of their mom.*

*So let us turn these sad tears into smiles by remembering and celebrating the life of our Amazing Grace*

*Remembering her always,  
Michele Earnest*

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**Michele Earnest** - February 10, 2020 at 05:23 PM

JD

*I had the great honor of caring for granny grace at serenity place. She always had a beautiful smile that would light up a room. I'll never forget the day she came to live with us she would ask what does SP stand for we would tell her it means serenity place. But she thought it meant "special place" and special it was to have known such a beautiful caring lady. Thank you Mrs. Paula and mr jim for allowing us love granny and the honor to be her caretaker.*

*I will remember you always granny grace,  
Julie, Rob and Brittany*

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**Julie Doremus** - February 11, 2020 at 12:05 AM

PW

*Thank all of you who expressed your kind words about our mother! We heard many more stories at the visitation and at her funeral about how she touched so many peoples lives! Several people said " You couldn't help but love Miss Grace when you saw her smiling face and her sweet voice she was such a precious person!"*

*We are so blessed to have had our Mother for so long but We will miss her every day, she made such a great impact on our lives and left a Christian heritage of loving Jesus and others that changed our lives forever and she showed it every day to anyone that she met!"*

*The song "Amazing Grace" fit her perfectly. She was an amazing woman, tiny in statue with a huge, huge heart! ❤️*

*We are so appreciative of the people who shared with us things about our mother. It is our hope that if you knew Miss Grace that you will write something here about your relationship with her and share it with us that we would treasure it forever. so that we may put it in her memory book because we didn't know all of the things that she did to touch peoples lives.*

*She has truly left a legacy of love and helping people in the best times of their life as well as trying and hard times and sad times in their life. Her goal was always to do the very best by everyone that she met. We are forever grateful that we we're blessed by such an amazing woman.*

*Blessings and Love to you all,  
Paula Higdon Whitaker, Daughter  
The Grace Ashley Higdon Faulkner Family*

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**Paula Whitaker** - February 16, 2020 at 03:02 PM

LH

*Granny Grace, as we knew her, was such a beautiful soul. She always had that wonderful smile on her face and such a glow about her. I always felt it was the Lord coming through. Our times with her were many, but not nearly enough. So many times at Paula's house in Magnolia, we'd get together for her grandson Ryan to grill lunch or dinner for us. I would bring my granddaughter Emily (age 6) to visit or spend the night and we always "had" to stop and get fresh flowers for Granny. Then she would show Emily how to cut, clean and arrange them. She so loved her flowers. My husband, Glen and I traveled to Rainsville with Paula to visit Granny, Jim and Kathy and had such a great time. Granny loved having as much family as could get in the house and oh how she loved her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Not that she didn't love Paula and Jim, they were her pride and joy. Granny was and will always be remembered for her sweet spirit, her Faith and her obedience to our Lord and Savior. We had traveled with Paula, Grace, and Kathy on a trip to the Mediterranean and Rome and had such a wonderful time, just watching Granny uh and awe at all the beauty. It was a trip of a lifetime and I think she enjoyed every day. Granny Grace was so special to so many and I know she will be missed by many.*

*Grace, Grace, God's Grace. That's what I will remember about our sweet Granny Grace.*

*Love to all,*

*Linda Honeycutt*

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**Linda Honeycutt** - February 16, 2020 at 07:23 PM

KB

*I was blessed to get the opportunity to know Granny Grace when she would come down to Texas to visit. The first time I met her about 11 years ago she had come up to the counseling center owned by Paula. She had the soft sweet voice and had a way of making everyone around her feel like they were the only person in the room. She exuded so much love and you couldn't help but to want to love and hug on her. Several years later when she came back my daughter Morgan was going over to help keep Granny entertained while Paula worked. Momma Paula would leave them a little list of things to do. Morgan was only 16 at the time and I remember her telling me that even though it would be in the 90s outside with high humidity all Granny wanted to do was stay outside and mess with the multiple flower beds. One day they were left a list that had a craft project of making flower pens using floral tape and artificial flowers because people kept taking all the pens at the counseling center. Morgan said that nobody would have wanted to take these flower pens and she couldn't believe that Granny thought they were just so beautiful lol that they'd probably all be just grabbed up faster than those old plain pens!!! Morgan learned a lot from Granny that summer- I think we all know Granny liked to do what she wanted and didn't like being told what to do so when Morgan told her they had to go in one day because it was too hot she grumbled a little and they went in and Morgan proceeded to lay down on the sofa and Granny looked at her and said "well aren't you just living the life of Riley!" I had to explain to her what that meant and still to this day Morgan uses that phrase lol. We love Granny and know she's up in Heaven and she is gonna be working God's flowerbeds to perfection. Prayers and love to all of her family and friends. With love, Kelly & Morgan*

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**Kelly Burroughs** - February 16, 2020 at 08:32 PM