



Margaret Gayle Bond Conrad

January 24, 1932 - July 24, 2019

Margaret Gayle Bond Conrad, age 87, died on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, in Austell, Georgia. Before moving to Georgia in 2008, Gayle lived 50 years in Laurel, Mississippi, and always considered Laurel her home.

Gayle was born Margaret Gayle Waterbury in Silver Creek, Nebraska, on January 24, 1932. She was a child during World War II and assisted her mother as a Doughnut Dolly to provide coffee and doughnuts to soldiers passing through on trains. During high school she took flying lessons with the Civil Air Patrol. Gayle graduated as a registered nurse from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Denver, Colorado. After graduation she worked at the hospital, where she met her future husband, Douglas R. Bond, Jr. During the marriage Gayle and Douglas were blessed with three children and in 1958 moved to Douglas' family hometown of Laurel. After being widowed in 1963, Gayle remained in Laurel and worked hard as a nurse to raise her children, making certain they were healthy and well educated. In this effort she was supported by her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Betty and Duddie Bond. In 2000 Gayle married John Earl Conrad, who passed that same year. She moved to Georgia in 2008 to be near her daughter Lizabeth.

Gayle was a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church in Laurel, where she taught children's Sunday school. She served as a volunteer at the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art. She was always quite proud of Laurel's history of

support for the arts. She worked at Jones County Community Hospital in Laurel and as a private-duty and home health agency nurse. In 1977 she received a Bachelor degree in art education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She then taught art, English, and TAG (talented and gifted) in Bay Springs and Laurel for a number of years. She was a talented artist as well. After her teaching career she returned to nursing.

Gayle was a strong, independent woman who was admired and respected by family, friends, and fellow Laurel residents. Family history holds that she was the first Laurel resident to paint her home green.

Gayle was preceded in death by her parents, Harold Waterbury and Amy Brown, brother Lee Waterbury, sister Lois Brennan, and aunt Marguerite Waterbury. She is survived by children April Bond Fowler (James), Douglas R. Bond, III (Deanie), and Lizabeth Bond McClain (Michael). She is also survived by sisters-in-law Shirley Davis, Barbara Ann Mostert, and Sarah Woodson, brother-in-law James Frederick Bond, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel on Thursday, August 1, 2019, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 2, 2019, at 2:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church with The Very Reverend Jeffrey W. Reich officiating. Burial will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel. In lieu of flowers the family requests that friends please honor Gayle's wish that memorial donations be made to the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art. <https://www.lirma.org/support/tribute-and-memorial-gifts/>

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Episcopal Church
540 N 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Bond had her hands full when my class came through the GOAL class door at Gardiner Jr High in the early 90s. She taught us a great many things, some of which we lacked the maturity to appreciate at the time (like the art of debate). Looking back 35 years, I wished I had paid better attention. For some reason I looked Mrs. Bond up on google just now and was saddened to read of her passing 7 years ago.

Jonathan Clark - April 29 at 02:54 PM

OM

“ April, Doug, and Lizabeth. Ginny and I are saddened by your loss. What warm memories I have of time spent in your home growing up in Laurel. My first exposure to the unique aroma of the dried eucalyptus in the flower arrangements was there. Doug and I learned why you never put aerosol cans in a fire ... BOOM!. My first exposure to a goat... how was that animal able to get up on the window air conditioner like it did??? The laughter and companionship with you, your mom, my brother, and my parents are fond memories.

...And all along, your mom was such a wonderful friend to my mother.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Owen and Ginny Meyers

Owen Meyers - August 01, 2019 at 06:19 PM

DD

“ Liz,
I just wanted you to know how sorry I am over the loss of your mother. I hope and pray you have lots of wonderful memories to hold in your heart. Right now they may bring a tear but latter they will bring warmth to your heat and a smile to your face.
sincerely, Doreen (flute circle.)

Doreen Davey - August 01, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Gayle Bond Conrad.*



August 01, 2019 at 09:12 AM

MS

“ *Lizabeth, please accept my sincere condolences for the death of your dear mother. What a strong person she must have been, what a fine example for her children. She truly LIVED her life. It was such a blessing that you had her for so many years. I'm sure she was proud of all of you, and I know that you will miss her very much. May she rest in peace, and I know God will give you the strength you need during this sad time.*

I hope you and your husband are doing well.

*Love,
Mary Sullivan*

Mary Sullivan - July 27, 2019 at 09:32 PM

RJ

Lizabeth, Jan and I are so sorry for your loss. One is never ready to lose a parent no matter the circumstances but your mother lasted a long time on this earth considering her many health problems over the years. I will never forget the day the whole office went to move her out of the basement apartment. It was a bonding time for all of us. Maybe now your Mom will have that little Rose covered cottage she always wanted. She is at peace now and no longer suffering any maladies. Bless you for being the ever faithful daughter.

Rusty Carlisle, Senior Judge - July 29, 2019 at 01:33 PM

WB

*Lizabeth, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. I loved reading all about her. What a wonderful life she lived! I see a lot of her in you. I know she was very proud of you. Thank you for sharing this with us. She belonged to the greatest generation. She will be very missed!
Love you, Wendy Basnett*

Wendy Basnett - July 30, 2019 at 03:44 PM