

**"Mom"**

*Mom, I was supposed to spend  
the rest of my life with you,  
but then I realized you  
spent the rest of your life with me.*

*I smile because I know you loved me  
until the day you went away,  
And I will keep loving you  
until the day we're together again.*



**Contributions**

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*Celebrating the Life of*



*"Mimi"*

*First Baptist Church of Elberton  
2 o'clock in the afternoon  
Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

# Celebrating...Honoring...Remembering

## Order of Service

Preservice Music                      Mrs. Margaret Purvis

Processional                              Rev. & Mrs. Gary Purvis  
"It Is Well"

Remarks                                      Rev. Tim Adams

Musical Selection              Rev. Tim & Miss Rachel Adams  
"How Great Thou Art"

Remarks                                      Mr. Shane Robertson

Remarks                                      Rev. Gary Purvis

Final Rites                                      Beta Sigma Phi Sisters

Musical Selection                      Jeff & Sherri Easter  
"She Loved"

Recessional                                      Rev. & Mrs. Gary Purvis  
"I'll Fly Away"

Interment                                      Elmhurst Cemetery

### Pallbearers

Shane Robertson, Brad Robertson, Keith Andrews,  
Trey Andrews, Mark Higginbotham, Owen Robertson,  
Lincoln York, Robert Chandler, Zach York, Kyle Moon

### Honorary Pallbearers

Alpha Louree Sunday School Class  
Beta Sigma Phi Sisters

## Obituary

Mrs. Mary Jean Higginbotham Ginn, 95, of Elberton, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday evening, May 31, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Mary Jean was born in the Cokesbury Community of Hart County on October 14, 1929, daughter of the late Paul Bartow McCurley, Sr. and Irma Hulme McCurley. Her mother passed away when Mary Jean was only 18 months old, and she was reared by her father and grandparents, Sanford and Laura McCurley. She was a graduate of Elberton High School.

She married her first husband, Dewey Stevison Higginbotham, in 1949 and they enjoyed 38 years of marriage before his untimely death in 1987. They were blessed with three children: Debra Ann, Connie Lee, and Dewey Stevison, Jr. "Steve". Their love story has grown to include ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and more memories than can be shared. In 1990, Mary Jean married Jack Gaines Ginn, whom she met while square dancing, and they were blessed with 15 years of marriage before his death in 2005. She gained two additional children: Gena and Mitch.

Her faith was instilled in her at an early age. She began her relationship with Jesus in the Pentecostal church and was a longtime member of Calvary Presbyterian Church where her children were raised. Mary Jean later joined First Baptist Church of Elberton where she was a member of the Alpha Louree Sunday School Class.

Mary Jean worked in the medical office of Dr. John B. O'Neal and Dr. Jack B. Hanks for many years. She filled the office of the Elbert County Tax Commissioner in 1982 when Dewey's health required him to retire. She ran unopposed in 1984 and served the citizens of Elbert County as their Tax Commissioner until her retirement in 2000.

After retirement, she continued to serve the citizens of Elbert County. Mary Jean was an ardent supporter of T.J. & Friends Foundation, Inc., where she served as a board member for many years. Additionally, she served on the Banquet Committee of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce, volunteered with the American Cancer Society, and was a Savannah Valley Shrinette. Mary Jean found joy in helping families during their time of bereavement at Hicks Funeral Home, where she worked as a hostess from August 2010 until November 2023.

She was never one to stay idle, always wanting to be on the go and in the know. Mary Jean relished her time spent with the SAMS Club at First Baptist Church, playing BINGO, and socializing each morning with her McDonald's breakfast club. She loved shopping, eating out, and fellowshiping with her Beta Sigma Phi sisters, of which she was a member for many years.

Out of all of the things that can be said about Mary Jean, the most important for anyone to know is that her family was her most prized possession. Her most favorite title was "Mimi", a name that she was known as not only by her family but to almost everyone. Her legacy of faith, family, and unconditional love will live on in the hearts of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many acquaintances forever.

Mimi is survived by her children: Debra H. Robertson, Connie H. Andrews (Don), and Steve Higginbotham (Lorrie); grandchildren: Shane (Brenda), Keith (Kelly), Brad (Madelyn), Kandice (Robert), Trey (Jessica), Katie (Zach), and Mark; great-grandchildren: Leigh (Kyle), Chloe, Owen, Lake, Ever, Lincoln, Landry, Slate, Laremie, and Ryder; sister, Lillian M. Cherry (Robert); step-children: Mitch Ginn (Mary Jane) and Gena Spears (Mike); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents and husband, Mary Jean has been reunited in Heaven with her son-in-law, Mike Robertson; grandsons: Scott Robertson, Kyle, and Kale Andrews; step-mother, Eunice Whitehead McCurley; and brothers: Paul and Eugene.