



Hilda Ann Needham Byrd

August 28, 1956 - October 16, 2009

BYRD, HILDA NEEHAM - Hilda Needham Byrd, age 53 of Walnut Grove passed away, Friday, October 16, 2009. Funeral Services will be held 3:00 PM, Monday, October 19, 2009 at Corinth Christian Church in Loganville with remains placed in state at 2:30 PM with Minister Don Hardison and Minister Lester Waters officiating. Burial in Corinth Memorial Gardens, Loganville. A member of Corinth Christian Church in Loganville, Mrs. Byrd was a 1974 Graduate of Loganville High School and a 1978 Graduate of Georgia College at Milledgeville with a Bachelor of Geriatric Care. She worked for Social Circle Nursing Home, Argiability through UGA, and Whipoorwill Organic Farms in Walton Grove. Mrs. Byrd was preceded in death by her parents, Sanders & Louise Head Needham and is survived by her husband of 23 years, Andy Byrd, Walnut Grove; Brothers & Sisters-in-law: Lewis & June Needham, Loganville; Jerry & Dorothy Needham, Monroe; Mack Needham, Larry & Bettie Needham, all of Covington; Phil & Joanne Needham, Eddie & Patsy Needham, Don & Teresa Needham, all of Loganville; Sister: Sandra Needham, Oxford; Special Friend: Jamie Jo Gomez, McDonough; Many Aunts, Uncles, Nieces & Nephews. In lieu of flowers memorials to The Georgia Organics, P. O. Box 8924, Atlanta, Georgia 31106 or Slow Food Atlanta, c/o Judith Winfrey, 631 Robinson Ave, Atlanta, Georgia 30312. Family will receive friends from 2-4 & 6-8 PM, Sunday, October 18, 2009 at the Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, Georgia 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

Previous Events

Service

OCT **19**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Corinth Christian Church
1635 Hwy 81 SW
Loganville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hilda Ann Needham Byrd*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - October 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hilda Ann Needham Byrd*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Sandy, Andy, Jerry, and Brothers..I did not hear of Hilda's death until late Sunday night. But I was able to make it to the funeral. I am so sad to think that she is gone from us. I worked with Hilda for many years at Social Circle Nursing Home and witnessed first hand her thoughtful and caring spirit. She was always there for everyone. We did not see each other much after we both left the Nursing Home but when we did --it was just like old times-our love for each other was still there--and is still in my heart today and will be there until I see her again. Heaven truly has a beautiful Angel...Sandy-Love to you dear. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Brenda Sorrow Robinson##imported-end##*

October 22, 2009 at 11:38 PM



“ Dear Andy and Family, What a wonderful loving person we have lost in our life but what a great gift that Heaven has received. Hilda was such a happy, vibrant and loving person with the biggest heart of any human. We will truly miss her smile and her laughter and her talents in the garden. We know that she is smiling down on all of us and will continue to do so each and every day. We will remember you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Evergreen Garden club##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 08:15 PM



“ Our condolences to all of the Needham & Byrd Families for your lost of a Dear Loved One. May God Bless & Comfort all of you. Warm Regards, Herman##imported-begin##Herman V McCart##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 10:23 AM



“ Phil, Jerry and Don I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all.

Phil Bailey##imported-begin##Phil Bailey##imported-end##

October 21, 2009 at 11:22 PM



“ *Hilda Ann,
Thank you for being my friend all these years. I believe that would be 47 years. I have some good memories of you, Sandra, your Mom and your brothers and later memories that include Andy, too. Thanks for the good times and the good memories. Time sure passes by too fast. I will always remember you and cherish our friendship. I know that I will see you again one day.##imported-begin##Robin Kimble Rawlins##imported-end##*

October 21, 2009 at 05:22 PM



“ *Andy, we just found out about her death. She was such a devoted and admired person. We were unable to visit because of my recuperation from surgery after a fall. Andy, you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you.
Mike and Ann##imported-begin##Mike and Ann Jones##imported-end##*

October 21, 2009 at 05:21 PM



“ *I was so blessed to have Hilda as a friend. She was so willing to help anyone that she could. Sandy, I will be thinking of you and your family.

Kathy McDuffie Pye##imported-begin##Kathy McDuffie Pye##imported-end##*

October 21, 2009 at 03:15 PM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Hilda's passing. She was always so supportive of others and willing to help with anyone in need. We remember the parties out at the farm with the wonderful chicken soup and bonfire. Heaven has received one of the sweetest people we have ever known. Prayers for Andy and Hilda's family.##imported-begin##Dianne, John, Chase and Kevin Cassara##imported-end##

October 20, 2009 at 11:38 PM



“ I came to know and love Hilda at Georgia College. Her laugh was constant and contagious. As happy as she was here on this earth, I can only begin to imagine the joy she will have in heaven! I wish her family comfort that only our Lord can give.##imported-begin##Ann Turner Tucker##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 08:39 PM



“ I will always remember Hilda's great spirit and passion she had for the farm, family and friends. Her personality was infectious and influenced me personally. I looked forward to visiting with Andy and Hilda at the farmers markets and I always learned something new about sustainable farming every time. Hilda will live on through the memories of the lives she touched. Be at peace.##imported-begin##Christy Cook##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 06:48 PM



“ Andy,

So sorry to hear about Hilda. We just heard the news. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. God Bless.##imported-begin##Mike and Lori Hanna##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 05:54 PM



“ *I work with Missouri AgrAbility and remember visiting with your wife a few times at a conference. Very nice lady and I am sorry to hear of your loss. May your good memories sustain you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jackie Allenbrand##imported-end##*

October 19, 2009 at 05:25 PM



“ *Andy, I am so deeply saddened of the loss of Hilda. She was such a wonderful person and loved by many. I will forever cherish the many memories we all shared together. Keeping you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Virginia Hill##imported-end##*

October 19, 2009 at 04:12 PM



“ Dear Mr. Byrd,

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers . I am so sorry for your loss, and recognize that AgrAbility has lost a ltrue and valuable friend. May God grant you peace and sweet memories in the days to come,

*Crystal Smithmyer
AgrAbility for Pennsylvanians##imported-begin##Crystal
Smithmyer##imported-end##*

October 19, 2009 at 11:48 AM



“ *Andy, it was such a joy to meet you and Hilda through agritourism events and then at Jim's farm this past year. Hilda was such a light, so full of joy and love. It was a pleasure just to come into her life that brief while. I'm praying God will wrap his arms around you tightly during this time.##imported-begin##Stephanie Schupska##imported-end##*

October 19, 2009 at 11:36 AM



“ *Andy and Family,
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Steve Hoover
Kaansas AgrAbility##imported-begin##Steve Hoover##imported-end##*

October 19, 2009 at 11:04 AM



“ Your family is one of the greats. Hilda was always special and will be in our hearts forever. I pray God's peace upon your family.##imported-begin##Mark##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 10:35 AM



“ Dear Sandra and family
I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Hilda was a beautiful woman, a beautiful person and there is a void in our lives. At an early age, she was a significant influence in my life, as well as many, many others. I rejoice in the wonderful memories we share and hope you and your family find some peace and solitude in the wonderful impact Hilda had on all our lives. May God surround you with his love and grace during this difficult time.
With sympathy & respect
Ben Garrett##imported-begin##Ben Garrett##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 09:43 AM



“ I am so sorry I am unable to be there; however, you know my situation and Danny is unable to stand for long. My heart is heavy as I watched this video, bad things happened to good people. I will remember Hilda for being such a wonderful person that showed love in so many ways and unconditionally!!! Her zest in life is what many will never know - what precious memories!! Heaven's gain is our lost!!

Love to your family!!!

Rhonda (Martha Mae)##imported-begin##Rhonda Q. Atha##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 09:19 AM



“ Our many prayers and good thoughts to your whole family. We know that as you mourn Hilda's passing, she has moved on to God's greater purpose. No words can express how deeply sorry we are for the loss of such a beloved person. Sending you much love and peace and may your fond memories of her never fade.##imported-begin##Heather and Adam Johnson##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 09:18 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the Lord give you peace. With Love, Alicia and Alison##imported-begin##Alicia & Alison Byrd, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 08:51 AM



“ All who met you, loved you. You made this world a better place with your special connection for plants and people. You will remain with us always, inspiring us with your legacy of kindness and grace. Your smiling face and open arms will continue to welcome us - whether on Earth or up above.
Until we meet again, Dear Friend,
Debi Cziok (Shepherd Center)##imported-begin##Debi Cziok##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 07:41 AM



“ HILDA,
YOU WERE SO LOVING, BRAVE AND NEVER CEASED TO
MAKE ME LAUGH. YOUR HARD LIFE WAS ONE FOR ANGELS
LIKE YOU. YOU HAVE A HUGE LOVING, GIVING FAMILY. YOU
HAVE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS BY BEING ON
THIS EARTH. I WISH YOUR FAMILY PEACE AND HAPPINESS
TO FILL YOUR VOID.
LIFE WILL MISS YOU.##imported-begin##FLORRIE J SMITH
HEALEY##imported-end##

October 18, 2009 at 10:41 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Hilda's passing. I met Hilda while in college
and we were friends throughout our college years. Hilda was a
special person...so kind, warm, loving and honest. Her life left an
impact on mine and her friendship I treasure. My thoughts and
prayers are with the large, loving family she shared, especially Andy
and Sandy. Thank you for sharing a little of your wonderful Hilda
with me.
Love,
Jan##imported-begin##Jan Towe Miller##imported-end##

October 18, 2009 at 10:05 PM



“ Jim and I were so sad when we learned of Hilda's death this afternoon, but we are glad that she is no longer feeling pain and she is in a much better place. Andy, we are thinking of and praying for you. You and Hilda welcomed us to the Decatur Organic Farmers Market three summers ago. Your support really helped us get started in selling our produce at market, and the Decatur market has always been our favorite one because of supportive farmers like you and Hilda. Love, Jayne and Jim###imported-begin###Jayne Midura and Jim Formby J and J Farm###imported-end##

October 18, 2009 at 09:23 PM



“ Andy, I was saddened to hear of Hilda's passing. We have all lost a special friend. She sincerely enjoyed people, the organic farming business, teaching children about agriculture and helping other people. She will be missed by many, and I am glad I got to know here for a little while through the AgrAbility Project. Take care, and know that we are remembering you in our prayers.###imported-begin###Tim Prather###imported-end##

October 18, 2009 at 08:11 PM



“ I am so heartbroken to hear about Hilda. I was fortunate enough to be friends with her in college. I will always remember her smile, ready laugh and gentle ways. My life was blessed by knowing her.###imported-begin###Gay Bridges Doles###imported-end##

October 18, 2009 at 07:20 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Hilda's passing. We were "hallmates" for several years at Georgia College and shared many good times together--and laughs! Hilda was so down-to-earth; an open and genuine person. I'm glad to have known her. Deepest sympathy to the family; and especially thinking of you, Sandy.

Love,
Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Johansen Morris##imported-end##

October 18, 2009 at 07:09 PM



“ Hilda lived a bigger life than the rest of us put together. We send our love to Andy and the rest of the family, and our deepest sympathy - her loss is a tremendous one.##imported-begin##Annie Peterle##imported-end##

October 18, 2009 at 04:02 PM



“ Hilda darlin, I'm so sad for Andy and Sandy and for all your friends & family and for myself.... but I am happy for YOU! You are face to face with the Lord Jesus right now! Just awhile longer, and we'll have ourselves a big happy reunion up there.

Sandy, I wish I could get there, but this all happened so fast... Please know that I'm thinking of you and praying for you and for Andy especially. Give everyone hugs for me. I love you.##imported-begin##Cathy Schmidt Safford##imported-end##

October 18, 2009 at 03:08 PM



“ Andy, Sandy, and Family, I care so deeply about the loss of precious Hilda ("Hillie", to me), and share your sorrow. I pray God's great love will comfort you, and all of us who loved her, during this time of grief. My earliest memories are from meeting her at GC, and realizing then what a exemplary person she was - happy, vibrant , generous and kind to all, and devoted to her family! Since that time, she has never missed a milestone in my life. She has always been there to celebrate with me and for me. Having the gift of her friendship is one of the greatest privileges in my life. Sharing the beauty of her wedding day, and the culmination of years of teamwork with you, Andy, when the farm became such a success - that's pure joy. In a lifetime of longer years, few people achieve what you have. Sandy, I doubt two sisters have ever been closer. The day I met her, I felt I had met you, too - and then when I truly did, I understood why she loved you so much, because I did, too... immediately! We've all had some delightful times, and now, some poignant memories. Just now, I'm relying on something Hillie said to me a few years ago. She told me that she was perfectly willing to accept God's will in her life, that if He called her, she would go in peace. She didn't want the rest of us to worry for her - she was ready. (How typical of her to be thinking of everybody else at such a time...still wanting to comfort others.) Now she's gone..and I'm not ready, and could never have been. But I'm putting my faith in God, as He and she would desire, and know that this is part of His plan. I know that we WILL embrace each other and laugh uproariously again one day. Because of Hillie, I now have more to look forward to in heaven. To me, that's a lovely part of her amazing legacy! May God bless and keep all of you. I love you so, Kim (Numbers 6:24-26)

and laugh uproariously again one day##imported-begin##Kim Bridges Ohashi##imported-end##

October 18, 2009 at 12:08 PM



“ *Hilda fought a good fight I believe she was everyone's HERO All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I LOVE YOU ALL##imported-begin##Debbie Yancey Eade##imported-end##*

October 18, 2009 at 11:43 AM



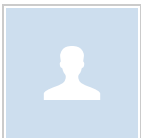
“ *To Hilda's family, I am so sorry to read of Hilda's death at such a young age. May the warmth of her memory and God's love be with you during this time until you see her again.##imported-begin##Vonceil Briscoe Taylor##imported-end##*

October 18, 2009 at 09:39 AM



“ *Hilda was a wonderful woman with a unique spirit for giving to help others. May her life be a testament to all of us to love one another and show God's love to everyone. Hilda we will miss you here. Sandra may God give you peace and comfort right now. Larry, Connie, Rebekah and Rachel Inram##imported-begin##Connie Barrett Ingram ##imported-end##*

October 17, 2009 at 11:07 PM



“ *May you rest in peace, Hilda.##imported-begin##Randall Hawk##imported-end##*

October 17, 2009 at 10:24 PM



“ Hilda was a wonderful person with an enduring spirit. She fought the good fight. We are sorry about your loss, and extend our sincere sympathy to Andy, Sandra and the entire family. William, Marsha and Natalie Harrell, Amanda and Ryan Remillard###imported-begin###Marsha Harrison Harrell###imported-end###

October 17, 2009 at 07:00 PM



“ Hilda and I were cheerleaders together in high school and she was such a mentor to me as well as a friend. She would take me home after practice or games when I was too young to drive. I visited her at Emory after one of her surgeries and witnessed her enduring spirit. She and Sandra have both been special to my Mother, Emily Watson. What great people. Hilda will be missed in this world, but I know Heaven has a new fantastic soul.###imported-begin###Jane Watson Sweetwood###imported-end###

October 17, 2009 at 05:40 PM



“ I did not know Mrs. Hilda personally, but I visited your farm just weeks ago for the LOVELY Festival of Greens. What a wonderful feeling I had being there, and I think that the farm and the community of people who were there to support are but 2 strong and lasting testaments to the life of Hilda. Thank you for doing what you do. The work of Mr. and Mrs. Byrd has certainly made a difference!###imported-begin###Julie R. Willis###imported-end###

October 17, 2009 at 05:11 PM