



Joan Radford Biles

April 4, 1933 - May 13, 2015

Biles - Rev. Dr. Joan Radford Biles passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 13, 2015 at her home in Snellville, GA. Joan was a native of Camak, GA and daughter of John Willis Radford and Edith Virginia Ivey of Camak, GA. She attended grade school in Camak, GA and went on to attend Georgia State College for Women and the University of Georgia obtaining bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees. Joan was a retired Methodist minister, educator, writer, singer and advocate for those in need. She devoted her life to serving others through ministry, education, music, stories and educational therapy. She was a fierce advocate for children living with Dyslexia and animals in need. Joan is a former mayor of Winterville, GA, Athens Woman of the Year, teacher at Athens Academy and in Greene County, United Methodist Minister at various churches in the North Georgia Conference and played Mrs. Santa Clause in the Athens, GA Christmas parade. Joan's civic activities included former member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church Atlanta, GA, Chair of the Winterville Marigold Festival, Founding Member of Holy Cross Anglican Church, Loganville, GA. She founded the Eagles Nest Educational Resource Center for Children who learn differently. Surviving family include her son Jay R. Biles of Charlotte, NC. In lieu of Flowers, contributions may be made to the following: Joan Radford Biles Memorial Fund, First Citizens Bank, 488 Main St. Warrenton, GA 30828. Memorial Service will be Saturday May 30, 2015, at 1:00pm, Athens First United Methodist Church, 327 N. Lumpkin St, Athens, GA 30601, reception to follow. Arrangements by: Tim Stewart Funeral Home,

2246 Wisteria Dr. Snellville, GA 30078. 770-979-5010. Please leave online condolences at stewartfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Athens First United Methodist Church
Athens, GA

Tribute Wall



“ I never met Rev. Biles, but I knew of her from a story that appeared in INTERPRETER magazine years ago. The story was her story of when she was 6 years old in 1944 when she and the Camak, GA town folks experienced a moment of God's peace when a POW train stopped briefly in town interrupting the community Christmas Eve service. Shortly after that a troop train of U.S. soldiers also stopped next to the POW train. Rev. Biles shared how the German POWs, when they saw the Christmas decorations began to sing "Stille Nacht." Though none of the Americans knew those words, they all knew the words to "Silent Night" and for the length of the song, all blended their voices in singing and for a moment all experienced the blessing of the "peace on earth, goodwill to all." I have used this story in December sermons when I tell stories. Thank you sister Joan.

Bethlehem Hills - November 27, 2024 at 06:32 PM



“ *Joan Radford Biles*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Joan taught my son at the Eagle's Nest and we considered her family. Only just found the news yesterday online. I spoke to her last just a few days before she passed and she was in good spirits. I am so deeply saddened by this news and take some comfort in knowing she is in a place of peace. We will miss her tremendously.*

Melody Rodgers - August 20, 2015 at 09:55 AM

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“ *Becki Bennett lit a candle in memory of Joan Radford Biles*



Becki Bennett - May 20, 2015 at 09:28 PM

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Joan was a beautiful person who will be missed. Sarah and Clara and I will be forever grateful for her beautiful, caring soul. She was truly an inspiration and a delightful person. We will never forget her. May she rest in peace.

Becki Bennett - May 20, 2015 at 09:30 PM

JR

“ *Jay, your mom was amazing! She was our teacher, the Mayor of Winterville, and then a Methodist Minister! I always thought she could do ANYTHING! She was precious to me and I know you are missing her. Sending you a hug until I can give you one in person.*

*love,
jenny*

Jenny Richardson - May 20, 2015 at 06:34 PM

AP

“ *Jay, you have been in my thoughts so much over the past week! It is obvious from the number of responses how loved your mother was...hopefully that gives you comfort during this tough time! I will be planting marigolds in my garden in your mother's honor and memory over this upcoming Memorial Day weekend....love and hugs!! Ann*



Ann Montgomery Pitts - May 19, 2015 at 04:40 PM

JB

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Jay Biles - May 19, 2015 at 02:22 PM

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Jay Biles - May 19, 2015 at 02:01 PM