



## Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth

December 21, 1929 - April 10, 2022

Mary Jo Milford Whitworth, age 92, of the Red Hill Community, passed away Sunday, April 10, 2022 at Pruitt Athens Heritage following an extended illness.

She was born December 21st, 1929, in Franklin County, the daughter of the late Clarence and Gladys South Milford. At 16 she married the love of her life, Marshall William Whitworth. Following his untimely death, she went back to school and worked in healthcare. She retired from Ty Cobb Healthcare as the Ward Secretary for the Labor & Delivery Department. She was a member of Broad River Baptist Church, where she served for many years as the church organist and member of the Broad River Trio. Mrs. Whitworth faithfully attended campmeeting at the Poplar Springs Methodist Campground, where she enjoyed fellowship with friends and family. In later years, she was a member of the Allens Methodist Church Choir. Mrs. Whitworth was an amazing cook; she was especially known for her pound cakes and fried apple pies. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star #417 in Red Hill. She loved flowers and enjoyed working on the family farm. She was an avid University of Georgia Football Fan and earned a reputation for being well dressed and stylish. However, her greatest love was her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Danny Whitworth, Ricky Whitworth (Laurie), Jimmie Ann Khoury (Sami), and Mary Whitworth; brother: Don Milford (Patsy); grandchildren: Adam Whitworth (Giedre), Carrie Miranda (Joe), Candice Oliver (Ross), Steven Barrett (Teresa), Blake Whitworth (Jenn), Wilson Vitale, and Hollen Vitale; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by siblings: James Milford, Esco Milford, Pat Milford, Dean Milford, and Barbara Andrews.

The memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 1st, 2022 at Broad River Baptist Church with Rev. Brandon Crunkleton officiating. A reception will follow the service. Mrs. Whitworth was cremated in accordance with her request.

Strickland Funeral Home of Lavonia is in charge of the arrangements. To sign the online guest register and leave personal condolences to the family, please visit [stricklandfh.com](http://stricklandfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation Services of Hartwell

305 Cleveland Ave  
Hartwell, GA 30643  
stricklandfh@hotmail.com

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Broad River Baptist Church  
1050 Broad River Church Road  
Eastanollee, GA 30538

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph A Strickland Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth*



Joseph A. Strickland Funeral Homes - April 25 at 02:40 PM

LB

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. The thing I remember most about Mary Jo was her sense of humor and her contagious laugh. I know she's playing a card game in heaven right now with Louise. She will surely be missed.* 🙏❤️🙏

Laurie Bryant - May 02 at 08:05 PM

ES

“ *Many wonderful memories of this family when Daddy was pastored at Broadriver. Miss Mary Jo and Marshall were good neighbors and good friends. Prayers for all the family.*

Edward Scott - May 01 at 09:35 PM



“ *105 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Joseph A. Strickland Funeral Homes - April 27 at 09:05 AM

MW

“ *So sorry for the loss of your mother. Lots of precious memories of the times when we all went to Broad River Church. Maggie Walters*

Maggie Walters - April 15 at 09:24 AM

WR

“ We so enjoyed when Mary Jo would "volunteer" with us when we were working on a project! The staff of Harmony House sends their deepest sympathies to the family and hope this photo brings you a smile as she did to us!



Wendy Risner - April 13 at 01:06 PM

BD

Love her and this pic!!❤️

Becky Dove - April 14 at 07:32 PM

CC

“ The thing that stands out to me about Aunt Mary Jo was her great sense of humor and positive attitude... always a joy to be around. I can just see ALL the Milford siblings laughing together and just enjoying one another! Us kids always wondered what was so funny! She loved her family very much! Evidently, when it was time to do the dishes at a family gathering, she excused herself to the bathroom because I have been called "Mary Jo" many times! I learned from the best! Lol. She will be missed but thank God we will see her again!

Connie Milford Worley, Oklahoma City - April 12 at 10:56 PM

WM

“ Wanda Macomson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth



Wanda Macomson - April 12 at 09:20 PM

BF

“ Bernice B Fowler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth



Bernice B Fowler - April 12 at 05:40 PM

BF

*Mary Jo was a dear and sweet friend. I pray you find comfort and peace in her passing.*

**Bernice B Fowler** - April 12 at 05:43 PM

SC

“ *Many fun memories of Mary Jo. I worked with her on L&D @ Ty Cobb. We had a precious group of friends & we had many fun times together! She was so sweet. We used to tease her telling her she knew someone every place we went. May your memories give you joy & peace at this time.*  
*Susan Carey*



**Susan Carey** - April 11 at 09:11 PM

PB

“ *Pam And Mike Blakely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth*



**Pam and Mike Blakely** - April 11 at 08:20 PM

DT

“ *Mary Jo was lovely and I always enjoyed seeing her on different occasions. To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mothers can never be replaced, but memories will always be there.*

**diane toney** - April 11 at 05:30 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth.*



April 11 at 04:26 PM

RH

“ *We shared many good times with Mary Jo at the UGA football games. She was a sweet lady and always dressed so fashionably.*

**Ricky and Shirley Hazlerigs** - April 11 at 03:08 PM

SR

“ Swain And Connie Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth



Swain and Connie Roberson - April 11 at 02:29 PM

TM

“ Teresa Segars Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth



Teresa Segars Mitchell - April 11 at 02:25 PM

NH

“ Nancy Haley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth



Nancy Haley - April 11 at 01:15 PM

BD

“ Loved beautiful sweet Cousin Mary Jo!!💕🌸💕



Becky Dove - April 11 at 12:33 PM

JE

“ Jeff Elrod lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth



Jeff Elrod - April 11 at 10:39 AM

OW

“ I knew Mrs, Mary from Brown in Royston always had a smile on her face,very beautiful soul,

Opal Coleman Wilkinson - April 11 at 08:22 AM

SM

“ So sorry to hear of Mary Jo passing . But I am happy to know that she and Marshall are reunited again. So many memories of the whole family and all the times our families spent together. Whether it was church related or just good friends getting together, we always had good times. I can just hear that choir in heaven now. I love you Mary Jo and I will see you again soon.

Susan Thompson Meeks - April 10 at 10:15 PM

JM

“ Rest In Peace, Mary Jo. It makes me happy to know you are reunited with the love of your life. I can still hear you and Marshall singing “I See Jesus.” Today, you see Jesus, and I know Marshall was waiting at the gate. Praying for your family to feel that sweet peace.

Janice McLane - April 10 at 10:08 PM

DJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mary jo. She was a fine Christian lady and a very dear friend.May God be with all the family. I love you all 💕🙏🙏

Doris Jackson - April 10 at 09:51 PM

SG

“ Samuel Gunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth



samuel Gunn - April 10 at 08:17 PM

MD

“ Mary And Bobby Dowell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth



Mary and Bobby Dowell - April 10 at 07:58 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Cress sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Whitworth



evelyn cress - April 10 at 06:13 PM

JB

“ I loved her so much! Met her at Cobb and we became great friends. She would have my kids over to swim and nobody looked as good as her in a bathing suit! Heaven gained a good one.

Joyce Baskins - April 10 at 04:19 PM

GL

She was always laughing and fun talking to! I can hear her , Pat and Barbara laughing and having a grand time in swings at Campmeeting .I bet that's what there doing right now just in heaven.  
Her family was blessed.  
Gloria Looney

gloria looney - April 10 at 08:18 PM

JR

Mary Jo brightened the life of so many with that beautiful smile and sense of humor. Loved her so much and love her sweet family. Thoughts and prayers for you all.

James and June Randall - April 12 at 07:50 AM

JC

Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mary Jo was a sweet lady. I know she'll be missed by many.

John & Jerrie (Sosby) Collier - April 13 at 09:57 AM

DH

I have so many fond memories of growing up with and spending time with Mary Jo and her family. She dearly loved Marshall, her Milford family, children, grandchildren, family and friends. And nobody had a bigger laugh or love of life than she did. I can still hear her saying to Mom "love you sis" over the years and their bond was very special. Love you Aunt Mary Jo.

Dannah Hagerty - April 27 at 01:33 PM

CC

Mary Jo was such a beautiful lady (inside and out). I was truly blessed to be able to be her neighbor when we bought her property next door. She will forever hold a place in my heart. I know she is up in heaven rejoicing with Marshal and her siblings. She was one of a kind and I loved her like a mom. Miss you Mary Jo.

Connie Cowart - May 04 at 07:12 AM