



Ann Griggs Fitzgerald
November 18, 1938 – April 24, 2011

Virginia Ann Griggs Fitzgerald “Ann”, 72, of Marietta, GA died at home with family by her side on Easter morning April 24, 2011, succumbing peacefully to cancer after a lengthy and courageous battle.

Born in Butler, GA, on November 18, 1938, to Arnold and Mattie Griggs, Ann was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. She is survived by her husband E.D. Fitzgerald Jr., daughter Nancy Mathis and husband Rodney , son Tim Fitzgerald and wife Whitney, grandchildren Bryant Mathis, Eli Fitzgerald and Mari Fitzgerald, sister Jeanne Redwine and husband Cliff, nephew Clifford Redwine, sister-in-law Sara Caldwell and husband Glenn, brother-in-law George Fitzgerald and wife Wilma, brother-in-law Robert Fitzgerald, sister-in-law Evangeline Parris, and Fitzgerald family nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Cecil Griggs and sister-in-law Sandra Fitzgerald.

Ann graduated from Butler High School and Young Harris College. She began her professional career as an administrative assistant for Flint Electric in Reynolds, GA until marriage to E.D. Fitzgerald Jr. “Ed” on June 14th, 1964. Ann and Ed were happily married and devoted for almost 47 years.

As newlyweds, Ann and Ed moved to Key West, FL while Ed was serving in the U.S. Navy shortly after the Cuban Missile Crisis. They moved to Smyrna, GA in 1966 where they raised their children – Nancy and Tim. During this time, Ann was a tireless volunteer in her children’s schools and served as board and president of the Parent Teacher Association at their elementary, middle and high school levels. After her children grew up she worked as a Public Relation specialist for Cobb County Extension Service.

Ann was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church – growing up in Butler United Methodist Church in Butler, GA, raising her children in Faith United Methodist Church in Smyrna, GA, and most recently as a member of Marietta First United Methodist Church and the Open Door Sunday School Class. She was an active leader in the United Methodist Women for over 40 years. Through her faith, she demonstrated a strong will and immense courage as she battled cancer for over nine years.

After moving to Marietta, GA in 1992, Ann became an enthusiastic member of the Flower Garden Club, and The Marietta Garden Club Council. She also expressed her creative side through decorating and floral arrangements.

In retirement Ann loved traveling with her husband Ed and fulfilling her greatest role as "Nana" loving and nurturing grandmother to her three grandchildren. She was a loving, kind and generous person who cared for others. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday April 26, 2011 at 11:00 AM, at the Marietta First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be on Monday April 25, 2011 at Carmichael Funeral Home, 1130 Whitlock Ave., Marietta, GA 30064 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.