



Patricia "Patty" Brazil Segrest

June 26, 1937 - January 9, 2024

Patricia (Patty) Brazil Segrest passed away peacefully on January 7, 2024, at Northwest Florida Community Hospital in Chipley, Florida.

Patty was born on June 26, 1937, in Troy, Alabama, to Bernice Elberta and Willis Langley Brazil. She lived in Mobile until seventh grade when the family moved to Bonifay. She graduated from Holmes County High School.

Patty graduated with a B.S. degree from Florida State University and a master's degree from Troy University. She worked at the Florida Welfare Department followed by many years in education. Her years of teaching were at Graceville High School, Cottondale High School, and Houston Academy. She was an administrator at Graceville High School, Graceville Elementary School, Cottondale High School, and Poplar Springs High School. Patty was the first female secondary administrator in Jackson County.

Patty was married to Hugh B. Segrest for 51 years. Born to them were two daughters, Julie and Nancianne. Patty and Hugh lived in Graceville all their married life.

Patty was very active in the city of Graceville where she served as a city commissioner for 12 years. She was the first elected woman mayor of Graceville. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church,

Graceville Garden Club, Graceville Woman's Club, Jackson Co. Retired Teacher's Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Honors that she received through her life included Graceville High School Teacher of the Year, Cottondale Teacher of the Year, Jackson County Teacher of the Year, and Graceville Woman of the Year.

Throughout Patty's life she enjoyed her students, friends, and family. She is remembered fondly by her students as a caring and invested educator. She had many friends and loved spending time with them at the beach and at the bridge table. As the proud matriarch of her family, she treasured being "Mawmaw" to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Patty will be remembered by her loving family. She is survived by her daughters Julie (Lyle) Young and Nancianne (Timmy) Watson; grandchildren Allen (Mallory) Corbin, Julianne (Todd) Beasley, Alianne (Duffer) Harrison, Hannah (Jess) Herrell, Annalaura (Cody) Collins; and great grandchildren Bo Corbin, Laurabeth Corbin, Lily Harrison, Tate Beasley, Lucas Corbin, Abigail Beasley, Duff Harrison, Madeline Beasley, Annamarie Corbin, Asher Collins, and Banks Collins; and many dear nephews, nieces, and friends.

She is preceded in death by Hugh B. Segrest, Jr., parents Willis Langley and Bernice Elberta Brazil, 2 brothers, and 3 sisters.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 2:30 - 4:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, Graceville, Florida. A Celebration of Life will follow at 4:00 PM.

Flowers will accepted or those who would like to make memorials in her honor to the First United Methodist Church in Graceville, Northwest Community Hospital 3rd Floor or Emerald Coast Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
1111 8th Avenue
Graceville, FL 32440

Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 4:00 PM (CT)

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1111 8th Avenue
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Tribute Wall

MC

“ My condolences to the family. She was always smiling. She was a great instructor.



Mike Cotton - January 12, 2024 at 03:58 PM

KB

“ Patty will always hold a special place in my heart. She was the principal who hired me for my first full time position and I will forever be grateful. Behind closed doors, she gave me advice from her own experiences that changed me. She supported me through encouragement for years, even after she was no longer my principal. She will be missed by all who knew her. Nancianne, Julie and families, I pray that wonderful memories sustain you at this time.

Karen Bouton - January 12, 2024 at 01:16 AM

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“ We have fond memories of this special lady. Thanks to Patty and Hugh for their dedication to our special town of Graceville. She will be missed but remembered.

George W. Clark (Bill) - January 10, 2024 at 11:51 AM

BM

“ Patti was a great principal. I loved working with her at Poplar Springs. Praying for the family.

Barbara McSwain - January 09, 2024 at 06:56 PM

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“ Thank you Ms. Patty for all you taught me over the years! In the classroom and out as well. I appreciate all the things that she did for me! Julie and Nancianne, praying for peace as you go through all this. Please remember the wonderful memories you have! She's in heaven in a bridge game right now!

Sherry Heywood - January 09, 2024 at 05:04 PM