



## Elease Mercer Paul

May 13, 1927 - January 15, 2025

Mrs. Elease Mercer Paul, age 97, formerly of Douglas, Georgia, passed away Wednesday morning, January 15, 2025 at Pruitt Health in St. Mary's, Georgia following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Paul was born May 13, 1927 in Douglas, Georgia to the late Elzie Taylor and the late Lillie Rhymes Tayer. She loved her family and loved every opportunity to ride in the patrol car with her son. She was a gracious southern lady that was always put together. She was the oldest living member of Broxton Church of God. She enjoyed crocheting, traveling and her favorite thing to do was eating out.

Along with her parents, Mrs. Paul was preceded in death by 2 husbands: William David Mercer, and Harvey W. Paul; 1 son, Carl David Mercer; 1 grandson, Hoyt Kelly Casto; 4 sisters: Daisey T. Smith, Jessie T. Cusic, Pearlie T. Woods, Carolyn Taylor; and 1 brother, M. J. Taylor.

Mrs. Paul leaves behind 2 children: Bessie M. Spivey of Americus, Georgia, Pete Mercer, and wife Dorothy, of Kingsland Georgia; 7 grandchildren: Elease A. Smith (Bobby), Melissa Moyer (Christopher), Tina L. Eldridge (Randy), Andy Mercer (Marie), Heather Jordon (Bradley), Mike Mercer (Bree), Mardy Mercer (Bridgette); 18 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters: Patis T. Tramell of Avon Park, Florida and Minnie Lee T. Westberry of Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. Paul's family will receive friends on Saturday morning, January 18, 2025 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. Her funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. with Rev. Joey Copeland and Rev. Leroy Spivey officiating. Interment will follow in Arna Cemetery.

Condolences, kind words and fond memories may be left for the family at [www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com).

Mrs. Paul's arrangements have been entrusted to the kind and compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc.

# Cemetery Details

## Arna Cemetery ~ Atkinson County

650 County Road 58  
Willacoochee, GA 31650

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel  
305 West Ward Street  
Douglas, GA 31533

## Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Interment

JAN 18 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I pray God will give you strength in this time of sorrow. Your mama was a special lady . Love You Johnnie Faye Mancil

JOHNNIE MANCIL - January 18, 2025 at 10:20 AM

BM

“ I have alot of great memories of Mrs. Mercer. Such a sweet lady and always seemed to worry about if I was going to church. Mrs. Mercer I know that you prayed for me and I will see you again one day.

Britt Mock - January 16, 2025 at 09:35 PM

LS

“ Love, June & Vera Walker-Tillett, Susan purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Elease Mercer Paul.



Love, June & Vera Walker-Tillett, Susan - January 16, 2025 at 05:12 PM

DA

“ DeWayne and I send our condolences to each of you. May the Lord wrap His arms of love around you all. So sorry we will be unable to attend her Homegoing service but praying for you all. Love and prayers. DeWayne and Brenda Atkinson (long time friends)

DeWayne Atkinson - January 16, 2025 at 01:57 PM

PT

*I will always love and miss my dear sweet sister Elease. My love and prayers are going out to our family today as they lay her to rest. She is loving Heaven and being in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus The Christ. Patsi Trammell 🙏❤️🕊️*

**Patsi Trammell** - January 18, 2025 at 09:28 AM

JS

“Granny, Papa Pete, Daddy, Aunt Heather, Jade, Jacob and myself (Jazz) at Christmas time (08’ or 09’) I believe this is the year granny crocheted Jade and myself blankets that we still both have to this day ☐



**Jasmyne Snipes** - January 16, 2025 at 08:11 AM