



## Janet Kelly Wade

April 29, 1930 - January 28, 2026

Mrs. Janet Kelly Wade, age 95, of Douglas, Georgia, passed away peacefully Wednesday morning, January 28, 2026, at Lakeside Senior Care following a period of declining health.

Mrs. Wade was born April 29, 1930, in Chauncey, Georgia, to the late Ralph Berriman Kelly and the late Ola Stewart Kelly. She was a wonderful homemaker and found great joy in caring for her late husband Luther Whitney Wade and raising their four children. She was known for her love of cooking and sharing with others. She would cheerfully give the shirt off her back to anyone in need and loved serving others. Mrs. Wade was an active member of Douglas First Baptist Church as long as her health permitted. Along with her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Wade, a daughter, Kelly Thacker, and a grandson, Jake Thacker.

Mrs. Wade will be forever missed by her daughter, Marsha Hatfield and husband Jeffrey of Cedartown, Georgia; her son, Joseph Bradford Wade of Douglas, Georgia; her daughter-in-law, Shirley Wade of Douglas, Georgia; five grandchildren, Jacy Wade Pitts and fiancé, Chris Haffner, of Smyrna, Georgia, Jeffrey Whitney Wade, Jr. and wife Melita, Bradford Joseph Wade of Kennesaw, Georgia, Sarah Jeffrey Wade, and Hudson Wade; two great grandchildren Brynn and Braxton Pitts; a sister, Lois Meadors of Los Lunas, New Mexico; along with a number of nieces, nephews and extended family

members.

Mrs. Wade was memorialized by cremation, and she will be honored with a graveside memorial service and inurnment to be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Chauncey Cemetery in Dodge County, Georgia. This date holds special significance as it would have been her 96th birthday. A luncheon will be catered on site following the service where those in attendance are asked to join the family for a meal in Mrs. Wade's honor.

Mrs. Wade had a rule she lived by in which she believed in caring for the living and feeding everyone she could. In respect of this rule her family asks that in lieu of flowers those who are able please make a donation to their local food bank in her memory.

Condolences, kind words and fond memories may be shared with Mrs. Wade's family at [www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Chauncey Cemetery

Kizzie Lane  
Chauncey, GA 31011

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service and Inurnment

APR **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Kizzie Lane  
Chauncey, GA 31011

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marsha and family,  
Our sincere condolences for Aunt Janet. May she be at eternal  
peace with our Lord and Savior. She was so kind and loving.  
Sincerely,  
Eric and Rhonda Meadors and family*

Eric Meadors - February 16 at 07:45 AM

MV

“ *Marsha and family, I am so sorry to hear  
about your mother. We always loved her. She  
was always a joy to talk with. When she was  
able, she would tell me memories about my  
mother. She was one of my mother's dear  
friends. We will be praying for you and your family.*



Martha Moore Vickers - January 31 at 02:43 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies and prayers!!! So  
sorry for your loss!!!! 🙏🙏*



Tommy and Lynn Harrell - January 31 at 08:55 AM