



## Lucie Ann Champagne Bryant

September 12, 1931 - April 15, 2026

Lucie Ann Champagne Bryant was born September 12, 1931, in Albany, New York, and passed away peacefully on April 15th, in Douglas, Georgia, after an extended illness.

The daughter of Ralph and Katherine Champagne, she was the eldest of three children. She graduated from Russell Sage College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics and Nutrition. Following her graduation, she served her country as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant (Junior Grade).

While stationed in Washington State, Lucie served as a dietitian at the Naval Hospital in Bremerton, where she met Wendell D. Bryant of Douglas, Georgia. They married and began a life centered on family, faith, and service. Lucie later stepped away from her career to focus on raising their family, while Wendell continued his 22 years of service in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman. Their journey took them to many duty stations, from San Diego, Virginia, New York, Rhode Island, and Pensacola, before ultimately settling in Douglas, Georgia, in 1974.

After devoting decades to her family as a homemaker and raising seven children, Lucie returned to the classroom, earning an Associate of Arts degree with a minor in English from South Georgia College. She then reentered the

workforce, serving in the administrative office for the Humanities and Developmental Studies Department at the college. In this role, she touched the lives of countless students, offering guidance, encouragement, and genuine care. She gave her whole heart to each person she encountered, and she is fondly remembered for the kindness and support she so freely shared.

Her kindness and dedication to others extended into every aspect of her life. She was a devoted member of St. Paul Catholic Church and an active participant in parish life. She also founded CAROL (Community AIDS-Related Outreach Liaison), named in honor of her daughter, Carol. She was instrumental in bringing a portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Douglas in the Fall of 2000. Her life was a reflection of quiet compassion, faithful service, and deep care for others.

Lucie is survived by her husband of 68 years, Wendell D. Bryant, of Douglas, Georgia; one son, Keith (Gina) Bryant of Asheboro, North Carolina; and five daughters, Kathy Batten (widow of Jerry Batten) of Douglas, Georgia; Anne Peterson (widow of Richard Peterson) of Huffer, Georgia; Mary (Bryan) Preston of Douglas, Georgia; Lucy (Richard) Warren of Kingsland, Georgia; and Sue Farmer of Douglas, Georgia. Eleven grandchildren survive her: Nicole Batten of Atlanta, Georgia; Stella (Grady) Leavens of Douglas, Georgia; Randall (Lori) Peterson of Douglas, Georgia; Erica Green (widow of Aaron Green) of Jefferson, Georgia; Joshua Bryant of Asheboro, North Carolina; Matthew (LiHue) Bryant of Severn, Maryland; Buck Batten of Douglas, Georgia; Chelsea Preston of Douglas, Georgia; Clara (Dustin) Yoder of Jacksonville, Florida; Stephen Warren of Naples, Florida; and Sam Farmer of Douglas, Georgia; as well as 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Carol Bryant Bradway, of Macon, Georgia; her parents, Ralph G. Champagne and Katherine M. Stenard Champagne of Troy, New York; and her two brothers, Keith Champagne and

Joseph Champagne, both of Troy, New York.

A funeral mass will be held for Lucie on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 10:00 AM at St. Paul Catholic Church with Father Saimel Perdomo officiating. Her family will receive friends beginning at 9:00 AM until the time of service. Interment will follow at a later date at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville, Georgia.

Pallbearers will include James Dennis, Jeff Kight, Danny Ross, Al Lott, Tony Sicari, and Andrew Smith. Honorary Pallbearers will include Lakeside Senior Care and Bethany Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in her memory to one of the following: South Georgia State College Foundation, 100 W. College Park Dr., Douglas, GA 31533, or St. Paul Catholic Church, 4178 Hwy 441 South, Douglas, GA 31535.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery - Glennville, GA

8819 U.S. Highway 301  
Glennville, GA 30427  
(912) 654-5398

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

APR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Catholic Church  
4178 U.S. 441  
Douglas, GA 31535

## Funeral Mass

APR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Catholic Church  
4178 U.S. 441  
Douglas, GA 31535

## Committal Service

APR 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery - Glennville, GA  
8819 U.S. Highway 301  
Glennville, GA 30427  
(912) 654-5398



# Tribute Wall

HM

“ Ms. Lucie was always such a sweet & kind person. She was absolutely a true “Precious Southern Lady” She will never be forgotten! May God bless all her family and dear friends, Amen



Helen Malphus - April 23 at 09:02 AM

LF

“ Love, Tiffany Fetzer purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Lucie Ann Champagne Bryant.



Love, Tiffany Fetzer - April 19 at 11:54 AM

AC

“ Al, Beth, and Carol purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lucie Ann Champagne Bryant.



Al, Beth, and Carol - April 17 at 11:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lucie Ann Champagne Bryant.

April 17 at 09:36 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Lucie Ann Champagne Bryant.*



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April 17 at 09:36 AM



“ *Your mother is now in the loving arms of God. May His grace surround you in this time of sorrow. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.*



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Scott Dixon - April 17 at 09:21 AM



“ *Scott Dixon purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Lucie Ann Champagne Bryant.*



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Scott Dixon - April 17 at 09:19 AM



“ *Scott Dixon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucie Ann Champagne Bryant.*

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Scott Dixon - April 17 at 09:19 AM

JS

“ How wonderful their life together has been. Being married 17 years is awesome but your folks were married 4 times longer! My wife and I have been married 34 years and already feel we have lived several lifetimes.

*I think about doubling that to 68 years and imagine the memories and joy of Lucie Ann and Wendell* ❤️❤️

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**Joe Stenard** - April 17 at 08:12 AM

AM

“ Lucie and Wendell, both have always been wonderful customers- and made me feel like family. After Lucie was no longer able to go shopping Walmart - I still ask about her every trip Wendell made. I discovered one day where they lived. So, on thier 65th wedding anniversary I surprised them with cake, card, flowers, balloons, and the newspaper clipping of thier 50th wedding anniversary. I wanted to brighten thier day bc they had lifted my spirits so many times! This couple has always been a delight to serve and be friends with! Ive adored thier Love and devotion to each other. Very Sad to hear of Lucie's passing.

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**Althea Latham Miller** - April 16 at 09:44 PM

DB

“ Anne Marie and Family - Wow! What an AWESOME lady your mother was! May God be with each of you as you navigate thru this difficult time.  
*I know she will be missed by all that knew her.  
Please know that others do care.  
Sending Love, Hugs, and Prayers.*



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**Deborah Boyd** - April 16 at 05:20 PM

RA

“ Rod Apilado purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lucie Ann Champagne Bryant.



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**Rod Apilado** - April 16 at 11:07 AM