



Georgia Alice Hobby

August 8, 1916 - July 9, 2015

Georgia Alice Pruett Hobby, 98, of Little Rock, died Thursday morning July 9, 2015, in the care of family and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Hobby, two sons, John Paul Hobby and Dr. George Alvin Hobby, a sister, Claudia Pruett Petty, and a brother, Jack Pruett.

She was born in Marmaduke, Arkansas August 8, 1916, and spent her college years at Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas where she met Alvin Hobby and married in 1938. Georgia and Alvin left for Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) Africa soon after their wedding and served as pioneer missionaries from 1938 until 1982. Georgia was an inspirational, creative, and hard-working woman who raised five children and also dedicated much of her life to serving others. During the Africa years at Namwianga Mission, she taught elementary school to African children, taught home economics to teens, and served sick and injured individuals to the best of her ability. She returned to the USA in 1962 to attend Nursing School at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and earned an RN license so that she could serve as a health care provider in Africa. She also earned a master's degree in maternal-infant nursing from the University of Colorado in Denver and used these skills to attend young mothers and infants. She was fluent in the Tonga language, taught Bible classes to women, and wrote infant care books for mothers. She also spent several years in Livingstone, Zambia, teaching Bible to women and children and making trips to villages in her Land Rover.

Georgia spent later years in Grove, Oklahoma, and in Searcy, Arkansas,

where she participated actively in church groups and took a special interest in the nursing school at Harding University. Her later years were happy and productive, and she was involved in ministering to others even during her final months at Presbyterian Village in Little Rock.

Survivors include her son James David Hobby and wife Karen of Arlington, Texas; daughter-in-law Priscilla Hobby of Paragould; her daughter Dr. Anita Hobby Mitchell and husband Dennis of Little Rock, Arkansas; and her son Dr. Kenneth Lester Hobby and wife Ann of Searcy, Arkansas. Grandchildren include Kimberly Hobby Wagner, Jim Hobby, Christopher Hobby, Jonathan Hobby, Brian Mitchell, Joanne Mitchell Fox, Randy Mitchell, Jared Hobby, Dr. Anessa Hobby Westbrook, Tianna Hobby Tripp, and Dr. Gerren Hobby. She also enjoyed her 27 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Sunday from 1:30 until 2:30 pm at Powell Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 2:30 at Powell Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Zambia Mission Fund, P.O. Box 3393, Abilene, Texas, 79604-3393; or to the Hobby Scholarship Fund to be used for scholarships for training Zambian teachers and ministers. Hobby Scholarship funds may be sent to the College Church of Christ, account 2220 – 712 East Race Ave., Searcy, Arkansas, 72143. Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

Tribute Wall

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“ A very special lady! Her influence will reach to many generations. She taught me the times table in Grade 2 at Eureka School, Namwianga Mission, Zambia. She wowed us young children by typing on her manual typewriter while carrying on a conversation. Our loss is heaven's gain!!

Sherman Shewmaker - February 10, 2016 at 01:37 PM

JP

“ Paint a & Dennis...Ms.Georgia was an inspiration and a joy for all of us, we will miss her greatly but we know that she was a faithful Christian and you can be proud of the legacy that she leaves for all of us to follow! Valerie & I are here for you in any way that you need us. Know that your Central church family has you in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time & we love you all dearly!

John & Valerie Phillips - February 10, 2016 at 01:37 PM

BB

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you, especially today, as you honor the life of this precious lady. She was such a wonderful example to so many. Her legacy lives on in the faith of her children and offspring. Alvin and Georgia were a great team and left behind much evidence of the love for our Lord. Love, Eldon & Beth Brown

Beth Brown - February 10, 2016 at 01:37 PM

JS

“ *TRULY HEAVEN'S GAIN! Mrs. Hobby surely is being overwhelmed with "Thank You" from all of the lives she touched during her lifetime by those who preceded her and are with Jesus because of her and Mr. Hobby. She is to be so admired for her witness...right up to the end! It has been such a pleasure to know her at Presbyterian Village...we will certainly miss her.*

Joe & Kay (Moseley) Simmons - February 10, 2016 at 01:37 PM

KH

“ *My grandmother and Geogia's mother are sisters. I met Geogia and Alvin in their later years. You just love them immediately. Their love for Christ truly was evident to all. I do Family & Friends in our church bulletin and Geogia was on our mailing list. She sent me loving words of encouragement and I will always remember her love for others, and her love for me. I will miss her very much, but I know she is with our Lord now. My love to all the family, she loved you all so much. Karen*

Karen Horton - February 10, 2016 at 01:37 PM

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“ *Farrell and I were at South Highland Church of Christ in Little Rock, AR when the Hobbys began worshipping there. They were so highly respected by us and all the church. We remember their kind unassuming way. We are thankful to have known them. We know God is blessing the family at this time.*
The Falwells

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“ *A great lady has gone home, and although our hearts are saddened, we rejoice! She will be missed until we see her again.*

Embry & Becky Alexander - February 10, 2016 at 01:37 PM

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“ *We loved her very much!*

Charlotte, John, Anna & Jack Yates - February 10, 2016 at 01:37 PM

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“ *She lived an amazing life, productive to the end, and touched the lives of many people.*

Anita Mitchell - February 10, 2016 at 01:37 PM