



## Brenda Mayo

June 27, 2013

Brenda Gail Goodroe Mayo, 71 of Rossville, Georgia departed this life Thursday, June 27, 2013. She was born in Alexander City, Alabama to the late Bennie Marshal Goodroe & Opal Goodroe Dahn. Brenda received her Bachelor's Degree from UTC, Master's Degree from University of West Georgia, MED from Lincoln University, and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa Society. She retired from Walker County School Board after 28 ½ years of service there as an Educator, and was a member of South Rossville Baptist Church in Rossville, Georgia.

She was also preceded in death her brother, Robert "Bob" Goodroe.

Survivors include her loving husband of 50 years, Jack Mayo, children, Melissa (Andy) Roden, Joi (Skip) Ireland, Jay (Rose) Mayo, grandchildren, Drew (Rachel) Roden, Tyler Roden, Nicholas Wilson, Jack, Joshua, and Shelby Mayo.

A special thanks to Brenda's care takers, Sherry, Jennifer, Pam, Nancy, and Marlene for their love, and support during this difficult time.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Sunday, June 30, 2013 in the chapel with Reverends Eddie Rushing and Jeff Daniels officiating. Interment will follow in Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends

from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM Saturday and from 12:00 PM until service time Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Chattanooga at [hospiceofchattanooga.org](http://hospiceofchattanooga.org) Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

# Tribute Wall

VC

“ Dear Jack and Family: I'm so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. I was out of town at the time and learned of the loss of Brenda on my return. I have many fond memories of my time spent teaching next door to Brenda at RHS. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*Vickie (Smith) Kibble*

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**Vickie Smith Kibble - Chattanooga, TN - Friend and former colleague - July 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ So Sorry for Brenda's Passing but we will see her again with Jesus

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**Larry Stokes - Macon, GA - Friend - July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

SW

“ Melissa and Family-it was so devastating to lose a Mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.  
*Sherry*

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**Sherry - Chattanooga, TN - co worker - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

KF

“ Joi, I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was always such a sweet lady. May God offer you the comfort of wonderful memories during the time of your loss.

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**Kelly Smith Hamill - Chickamauga, GA - Friend - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

CG

“ To the Mayo Family, I am so sorry to hear of your lose. She will be missed.

*Connie Hines-Brown*

*Former Student & coworker to Rose*

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**Connie Hines Brown - Albany, GA - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

FS

“ I was one of her Students she was very compassionate and very caring teacher, If you ever needed help she would not hesitate to help you she will be missed prayers to all the Family,Sorry to hear of her passing!!

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**Fellicia Stephens - Rossville, GA - student - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

SS

“ What a wonderful lady!!! Great teacher with such a caring heart, who would take the time to listen and help... will truly be missed ty for being part of life!

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**SANDIE MCNABB WILKINSON - GEORGETOWN , TN - STUDENT - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

KF

“ Joi, I am so very sorry for you and your family.

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**Kym McKeehan - Chattanooga, TN - Friend - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

LM

“ Coach Mayo and family,

*I am so sorry for the loss of Mrs. Mayo. I am truly blessed to say I was one of her students and I loved her very much. Mrs Mayo was truly a blessing in my life. I know she was a blessing in yours. She will truly be missed. Everyime I saw Coach Mayo I would always ask how is Mrs Mayo doing. You could leave a class having a bad day and she would cheer you up with that smile and your day just got brighter. The good ole days at Rossville High I will always cherish.*

*Lynn Lingerfelt Hamm*

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**Lynn Lingerfelt Hamm - Fort Oglethorpe, GA - student of The Mayos - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

CF

“ Jack,

*We were deeply saddened to hear about Brenda's passing. We are on vacation and I'm sorry that I could not be there to see you today. She was truly one of a kind and always very sweet to me. I would like to come by and see you sometime in the next few weeks. I'll be in touch.*

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**Chris Sikes - Ringgold , GA - Friend - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

KG

“ we are praying for the family

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**kimberly - GA - June 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

SG

“ We are so very sorry for your loss and know what a difficult time this is for your family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and may God comfort and give you peace.

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**Steve and Sharon Lynn - GA** - June 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ she was a good teacher i was one of her students from the time i started high school until i graduated and she really took time to teach all of her students she will be missed.

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**james - rossville, GA** - June 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was a student of Mrs. Mayo's. She was my 9th grade English Teacher. She was a special person to me. She made me the person I am today. She is going to be highly missed.

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**Jennifer Bailey - Flintstone, GA - Student** - June 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Coach Mayo, Melissa, Joi, & Jay,

*I am thinking and praying for comfort for the entire family. As I think about Mrs. Mayo, I remember her sweet smile and her commitment to all of the Bulldogs of Rossville. A thought of Joi and I sitting in the scorer's box (above the concession stand) of the ball field and keeping score just came to mind. Ahh, the memories. Such a sweet lady that impacted the lives of many of the youth in Rossville.*

*Love,*

*Kelli Campbell*

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**Kelli Campbell - Rossville, GA - Student-church friend** - June 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Mayo family,  
I am sorry to here of Brenda's passing but I know it has been a long difficult road for all of you. Once again Coach taught us about unconditional love. I have many great memories of all of our times together and hold each of you in a special place in my heart. I am sorry for your loss but I am so glad that I got to be part of this family. May the love of your friends support you in the days ahead, the great memories of such a wonderful lady fill your heart and may you have peace knowing you will all meet again.  
Love.  
Lori

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**Lori Vann - Rossville, GA - Friend** - June 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Prayers and Thoughts to the entire Mayo Family. Aunt Brenda was a very loving and devoted wife and mother. She struggled many years with her illness but now she is at peace. Love to All.

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**Mickie Britt - Seale, AL** - June 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Melissa... It was such an honor to be entrusted with caring for your mother. I'm so sorry for your loss. Please give my condolences to your father as well. I'll miss seeing him and his love for her as he cared for her.

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**Lee Ann Steed** - June 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Joi & Family,  
We are so saddened to learn of your mother's passing. She was an incredible lady and I know she will be missed. She was blessed to have such a wonderful family to care for her. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. We love you! Harry, Lynn, Trent & Jack*

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**The Mansfield Family - Chattanooga, TN - Friends** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Jack, children and family.. We can never forget the wonderful times that we've shared at Church, trips and many other times with You, Brenda and the family.. We are praying for your comfort..*

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**Don and Polly Brown - Rossville, GA - Church Family** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Melissa,  
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your mom was a beautiful person both inside and out. You and your family were awesome caregivers and I believe in my heart that you knew that. Thank you for the honor and privilege of letting us care for her too.*

*Love, Pam*

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**Pam Lawson - Chattanooga, TN** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *I am thinking of you and praying for you and your family Melissa. May you feel the warmth and comfort surrounding you from our Lord and from those who love you.*

*Karen*

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**Karen Frank - Chattanooga, TN - Friend** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *Joi,  
We are sorry we only had the pleasure of meeting your mother at your wedding so many years ago. From talking to you throughout the years, I know she put up a good fight. Your Dad and care givers did an amazing job in keeping her home and comfortable.  
We love you and pray for you, Nick, your dad and all of your family.*

*We are sorry we can't attend the funeral, but please know we will be thinking about you on Sat. and Sunday.*

*Love always,  
Don and Laura*

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**Laura and Don Johnson - Cookeville, TN - We are Joi's in-laws - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

EC

“ *I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even in death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.*

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**Earl and Beverly Power - Gainesville, GA - cousin - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

TM

“ *Coach Mayo, I'm so sorry for you loss; your family is in my prayers. Mrs. Mayo was loved and respected by so many. I will never forget her kindness and joy.*

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**Teresa Buchanan - San Antonio , TX - Student of the Mayos. - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

PT

“ Love you Melissa and I'm praying for you and for your family.

Paul Weaver - Chattanooga, TN - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Melissa,  
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Donna

Donna Mashburn - Harrison, TN - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Melissa,  
  
Keeping you and your family in my prayers during this time of loss.  
May the Lord comfort you as only He can.

Debbie Dyer - Chattanooga, TN - Memorial employee - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Melissa, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. You and your dear family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Rose Gibson - Chattanooga, TN - Co-Worker - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ Melissa Love you and you are in our prayers

Infection Prevention - Co-Worker - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Melissa,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I see the beauty of your mother  
and kindness in her eyes in you. Your parents have much to be  
proud of.*

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**Debra Moore - Chattanooga, TN - Colleague/ friend of Melissa** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ *Melissa...on behalf of the IMCU team, please accept our  
condolences during your time of loss. Mrs. Mayo won the hearts of  
our entire team, and it was both a pleasure and an honor to be her  
caregivers and friends.*

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**Intermediate Care Unit Staff - Chattanooga, TN - friends** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with this special family  
during this time. I work at Memorial with Melissa and although I  
didn't know Mrs. Mayo personally, I know that she had to be a  
wonderful woman to raise such a special daughter.*

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**Melissa Tinker - Trenton, GA - Co-Worker** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Mayo's passing. She was a precious  
lady from a sweet family. Praying for you all.*

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**Terran McCloud Newman - McDonough, GA - Friend** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry to hear of your loss.*

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**Sheila Phillips - Lookout Mtn. , GA - . -** June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Brenda taught across the hall from me from the time RHS opened until she retired. Brenda ran a very structured classroom, and she shared methods, ideas, posters, worksheets, and lots of laughter and fun. She was a very special person to me and to her students. Right before she retired, she and I got on my jet ski and rode for a couple of hours on the Tennessee River. We had a wonderful time. Ed and I will keep her family in our thoughts and meditations.  
Sharon Huey

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**Sharon Huey - Natchitoches, LA - friend** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Such a sweet lady. I always remember her with a smile on her face. I will be praying for your family during this time.

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**Marcie Hankins Hahn - Canton, GA - Friend** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I have tons of great memories of Brenda and Coach Mayo. Great times spent at their house while running around with Melissa. She was a great woman.

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**Rhonda Boak Jacks - Chickamauga, GA - Friend of the family** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Mayo was one of the best teachers that I could have asked for. She always made sure that you knew how important you were. She will be missed dearly. Thoughts and prayers are with the family. May heaven realize what a special Angel they have in their presents.

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**Charity Tipton - Harrison, TN - Former Student** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Heaven has received a beautiful lady today. Mrs. Mayo was a wonderful homeroom teacher and person.

*"Anyone who teaches me deserves my respect, honoring and attention."*

*-Sonia Rumzi*

*My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family.*

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**Kim Hudson Eller - Austell, GA - Student** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ I Thank God for the Opportunity to have met Mrs. Mayo. She was a True Fan of the Lady Bulldogs Class of 1986. God gained an Angel! Love To the Family!

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**Vanessa Harris - Rossville , GA - Student of Rossville High School** - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Thinking of you coach and your family during this difficult time. Your unconditional love for Brenda has inspired everyone who knew you both. May she rest in peace and may God grant you the strength you need until you two can meet again.

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**Jan Wright - Chickamauga, GA - friend** - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Jack, we were so sad to hear of Brenda's passing. We will be praying for you and the family. Much love.

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**Sanford and Debbie Wynne - Ringgold, GA - Church family** - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM