



Georgia McArthur Ude

July 12, 1943 - September 30, 2024

Georgia McArthur Ude, of Pulaski, passed away September 30, 2024, after living with Alzheimer's for the past 5 years, at The Lantern at Morning Pointe in Franklin, Tennessee, at the age of 81. She lived an adventurous and full life, always teaching others and leading anyone she could in adventuring with her.

Georgia Lou McArthur was born on July 12, 1943, in Mullins, South Carolina. She spent much of her childhood in Sarasota, Florida, with her older sister Jo, now Jo-Ellen Gorris of Bradenton, Florida. While at Sarasota High School she was an aerialist in the Sarasota Sailor Circus, and then gained her degree and teaching certificate from Florida State. She began her teaching career in Ft. Lauderdale, where she spent all of her free time in the sun on the beach. It wasn't long before Georgia decided it was time to travel the world, and signed up to teach with the American military's dependent schools. The first place that she was stationed to teach was Goose Air Base, Labrador, Canada. There she earned her pilot's license, and also began her biggest adventure in meeting the love of her life and her best friend, George Edgar Ude, Jr. This paused Georgia's world travels, as eight months later, on June 20, 1970, they were married and moved to Flagstaff, Arizona, where their two sons, Chris and Kevin, were born.

In 1979 Georgia and her family moved to Pulaski, Tennessee, where she

taught Spanish, gave swimming lessons, performed magic as Coco the Clown, and was very active in the life of First Presbyterian Church of Pulaski. She also spent many years leading Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers on caving, canoeing, biking, camping trips, and many other adventures. Georgia also was able to resume her world travels as the International Student Advisor at Martin Methodist College, visiting the home countries of many of the college students whom she had helped begin their adventures by studying and playing sports in the US.

Georgia will be best remembered, however, for the adventures she and George helped begin in their sons Chris and Kevin, daughters-in-law Allison and Alice, and grandchildren Samantha & Rachel and Otto & Greta.

The funeral service will be Thursday, October 17th, 2024, at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee, where her body will be laid with that of her lifelong love, George.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests you honor Georgia by taking your loved ones on an adventure, even if it's just to the ice cream shop for a scoop of pralines n' cream.

Bennett- May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for Georgia Ude.

Cemetery Details

Middle Tennessee state Veteran's Cemetery

7931 McCrory Lane
Nashville, TN

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BA

“ I met Georgia when we moved to Giles County in 1986, and sons joined the Richland Cub Scout pack.

Oddly one of my sons asked about Georgia last week. I hadn't heard of her passing.

He was telling his daughter about Georgia and said, "When Miss Ude came around we didn't mind behaving. She was fun and patient. She would talk to us and teach in a way we understood. And she always left us with a song. Usually *Singing in the rain*." Then he demonstrated the song with the motions she had them do and continue singing while simultaneously doing all the motions. Thumbs up, Elbows in, Knees bent, Toes together, Tail back, Chest out, Chin down, Tongue out. My kids loved Miss Ude.

I lost my oldest son 2 years ago. He had watched the movie *Singing In The Rain* not long before his passing, and we talked about Georgia and the impact she had on so many boys that went were Scouts. He said she was fun to be around but didn't take any monkey business from them. She was a natural leader with a touch of kindness that kids responded to.

My two daughters and I used to bump into her at McDonald's. She asked them about school, scouts and life. She'd talk to them about Boy Scout adventures and told them that girls could have adventures too. They did. They've been canoeing, caving, camping and hiking along with things people deem "girl things", like cooking and sewing. They loved their encounters with Miss Ude.

Georgia will be missed. She was a wonderful friend.

She was not only a big influence on children. Her adult friends benefited from knowing her. She talked me through some rough spots and celebrated with me when my two youngest were born. She was a kind and loving woman.

I envision her now, splashing in puddles as she sings *Singing In The rain*.

We're singing in the rain, just singing in the rain.

What a glorious feeling, we're happy again.

Thumbs up!

: -)

Sending prayers to all who are missing her. Friends and family alike.

Brenda Ashford - October 29, 2024 at 08:12 AM

DS

“ *I remember Mrs Georgia when she would bring her international students to visit us at the Chamber office. Those kids were her kids and she fought for them.*

Now I get to honor or her husband Mr. George with a section in our Military Through The Ages Museum in the large room in our American Legion Post 60. I love the story of her life and I hope to incorporate it into his section. She was always loved by so many.

Diana Steelman - October 17, 2024 at 10:11 PM

KJ

“ *Chris and Kevin,
I am sorry to hear about your mom. My prayers are with your family.*

Kimberly Mooney Johnson - October 09, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ *Fond childhood memories of this sweet soul! So very sorry Chris and family!!*

Glen Pribble-Word - October 09, 2024 at 08:24 PM

EL

“ *Mrs. Ude! Georgia! what can I say but thank you! She was an incredible person who helped so many of us at the beginning of our adventurous journeys. Always willing to lend a hand, I'll never forget the time she took five of us Argentine guys camping. A true happy camper, she was always in a good mood, laughing and smiling. Her warmth and generosity left a lasting impact on all of us.*

Elias - October 06, 2024 at 09:48 AM

WW

“ Chris & Kevin,
So sorry for the loss you are experiencing. May our Heavenly Father comfort you and your family during this difficult time. Your mother was a great neighbor for many years and such an asset to so many in our community.
Cindy & Wade Wallace

Wade Wallace - October 04, 2024 at 04:05 PM

CP

“ Chris and Kevin I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for strength, peace and comfort.

carole Parker - October 04, 2024 at 11:42 AM

JS

“ Mrs. Ude was ALWAYS a welcome site when she'd visit our school. She brought smiles and an educational message.

Jamie Sands - October 04, 2024 at 08:10 AM

RH

“ Robin & Preston Hood lit a candle in memory of Georgia McArthur Ude



Robin & Preston Hood - October 03, 2024 at 05:38 PM

CS

Georgia... such a delightful friend

Caroline Scoggin - October 08, 2024 at 07:31 AM

CU

“ 12 files added to the album Family Memories



Chris Ude - October 03, 2024 at 03:34 PM

SP

Chris and zkevin: I am so sorry for your loss. I so admired George and Georgie. Both had remarkable experiences and people in Giles County were very blessed when they moved to Pulaski

Sue Parsons - October 05, 2024 at 01:34 PM

DE

“ *I was the General Manager of Krystal's in Pulaski and she was one of our regular customers her husband was also
She was a joy always gave me the best hugs ☐
And became a very sweet friend
And always gave us Krystal employees and box of fudge for Christmas 🎄
And we also exchanged books that we have read and then talked about them
And very sweet lady will be missed
Prayers for the family ❤️
Donna Eubank*

Donna Eubank - October 03, 2024 at 10:56 AM

JW

I was her caregiver for a year and half. I can definitely agree she give the best hug. I am going to miss her so much.

Janelle Wilson - October 04, 2024 at 06:40 PM