



## Mother Pecola Byrd Boles

August 13, 1929 - April 21, 2026

Statesboro, Georgia

Mother Pecola Byrd Boles was born on August 13, 1929, in Manassas, Georgia, to the late John Byrd and Mattie Braziel Byrd. On April 21, 2026, she peacefully transitioned, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, and strength.

She was united in marriage to the late Robert Lee Boles, Sr., and was a devoted mother. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert Lee Boles, Jr. ("Brother").

She leaves to cherish her memory her children: Bettye (William) Stewart and Alvin Boles, both of Statesboro, Georgia, and Carolyn Boles of Conyers, Georgia, and her daughter-in-love, Mary (Jake) Gonder of Sandersville, Georgia.

She is also survived by her sisters Mattie Pearl Sudler, Corrine Williams, and Annie Lee Wilson; sisters-in-law Annie Clark, Mary Boles, and Sylvia Boles; grandchildren Grayson Wallace V (Shatika Fair), Nikki Griffin, Bettina Johnson (Jeremy Hulsey), Aljavon (Candace) Boles, and Israel Johnson; and great-grandchildren Taylin Griffin, Corrie Jamal Griffin, Jaxon Griffin, Grayson Wallace VI, and Samyah Wallace.

She is also survived by nieces, nephews, family, and friends who will forever cherish her presence and memory.

Pecola was a fantastic cook, gifted seamstress, and caregiver who worked at Julia P. Bryant School and as a daycare provider. Her hands created beautiful quilts and clothing for her family, and her home was always filled with warmth and love.

She was a faithful member of Parrish Grove Missionary Baptist Church and loved the Lord God with all her heart and soul. Her faith was the foundation of her life, and she was a praying woman who never ceased lifting others up before God.

Pecola was also a talented singer and founding member of the Community Gospel Singers, sharing the joy of Jesus through song wherever she went. She loved to travel, laugh, and was known as the undisputed top-ranked checkers champion of the family.

Smart, quick-witted, beautiful, and wise, she was the heart of her family—a devoted wife, loving mother, and guiding light to all who knew her.

She will be deeply missed, forever remembered, and always loved. Her legacy lives on in every life she touched, every prayer she prayed, every song she sang, and every act of love she gave.

The Boles family will receive visitors, from 5 P.M. to 7 P.m., on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Ben Samuel Hill Memorial Chapel of Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

The funeral service for Mother Pecola Byrd Boles, will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 3, 2026 at the Parrish Grove Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Chad Wiggins, officiating. The burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary, Inc.  
58 Packinghouse Road  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
(912) 764-7134

## Funeral Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Parrish Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
21 Palm Rd  
Twin City, GA 30471

## Burial

MAY 3 (ET)

Parrish Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
21 Palm Rd  
Twin City, GA 30471

# Tribute Wall

PE

“ Well done thou good and faithful servant .. RIP  
Praying that God will provide to each family member the comfort  
you need in the days, months and years to come as only He can.  
Pearl Johnson ❤️🙏

Pearl - May 03 at 10:22 PM

CB

Pearl, Thank you so much. ~Carolyn

Carolyn Boles - May 06 at 07:01 PM

RC

“ Mrs. Boles was a beautiful Christian Woman. We're praying for the  
family to have strength and peace. R.I.H.P. Beautiful Angel. ❤️🙏

Rev. James & Cynthia Canty - May 01 at 05:33 PM

CB

To the Canty Family,  
Thank you so much. ~ Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn

Carolyn Boles - May 06 at 07:03 PM

RT

“ Recey, Boo, & Tate. purchased the Divine Peace  
Bouquet for the family of Mother Pecola Byrd  
Boles.



Recey, Boo, & Tate. - May 01 at 11:58 AM

RT

“ Recey, Boo, & Tate. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Pecola Byrd Boles.

Recey, Boo, & Tate. - May 01 at 11:58 AM

TP

“ My heart hurts for this loss. Carolyn was my very best friend from the first day I met her until adulthood. Mrs Boles was like another mother to me and always showed me love and sometimes discipline. But always in the most maternal way. My love to Carolyn, Alvin and Bettye for this incredible loss. I'm sending my love and God's light for comfort and understanding. I love you so dearly.

Theresa Payton - April 30 at 11:48 PM

CB

*Hello my friend!!!  
She loved you so dearly! And so do we. Thank you for the kind memories. ~ Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn*

Carolyn Boles - May 06 at 07:04 PM

TP

“ Theresa Payton lit a candle in memory of Mother Pecola Byrd Boles



Theresa Payton - April 30 at 11:42 PM

CB

*Thank you!*

Carolyn Boles - May 06 at 07:05 PM





“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Pecola Byrd Boles.*



April 30 at 03:19 PM



“ *To My Friend !My Classmate, and Once My Down The Street Neighbor,Bettye,To Alvin and Carolyn ,My Deepest Sympathy For The Loss of Ms.Ms.Pecola, She was an incredible person to me,and I'll never forget the kindness and warmth of your mother.Sending you peace for today and strength for all the tomorrows*



**Linder Shatteen** - April 30 at 02:14 PM



*Linder, thank you so much for your kindness. ~Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn*

**Carolyn Boles** - May 06 at 07:06 PM



“ *My condolences to the family*



**Delphia Florence** - April 30 at 09:14 AM



*Thank you so much! ~Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn*

**Carolyn Boles** - May 06 at 07:07 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mother Pecola Byrd Boles



Cheryl Stephens - April 28 at 09:01 PM

CB

Thank you so much. ~Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn

Carolyn Boles - May 06 at 07:07 PM

HS

“ Harvey Scott purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mother Pecola Byrd Boles.



Harvey Scott - April 28 at 08:00 PM

SS

“ Serita S. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mother Pecola Byrd Boles.



Serita S. - April 28 at 04:50 PM

ER

“ *Eva Rivers lit a candle in memory of Mother Pecola Byrd Boles*



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**Eva Rivers** - April 27 at 01:30 AM

CB

*Thank you so much. ~ Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn*

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**Carolyn Boles** - May 06 at 07:08 PM

PB

“ *So sorry for your loss..*

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**Patricia Byrd** - April 25 at 06:19 AM

CB

*Thank you so much~Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn*

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**Carolyn Boles** - May 06 at 07:08 PM

MF

“ *Marilyn Childers & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Pecola Byrd Boles*



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**Marilyn Childers & Family** - April 24 at 10:11 PM

VM

“ A soul that will be greatly missed. A voice we will not hear singing the beautiful gospel songs here on earth. We share the sympathy in the loss of your mom and our cousin. Val and Bert.



Val McCray - April 24 at 11:00 AM

GH

I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Pecola was a beautiful woman. She was always so kind and welcoming when I would go to her house to visit Betty (her daughter, my friend)  
I say to you my friend Betty so sorry for your loss. You did a great job caring for your dear sweet mom. May God continue to bless you and your family in this time.

Gloria Harrelson - April 24 at 07:04 PM

TM

Sending our condolences to the Boles family during this difficult time from the Owens and Smith Family

Tammy Smith Mohammad - April 28 at 10:01 AM

CB

Thank you all so much for kindness and sweet memories. ~Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn

Carolyn Boles - May 06 at 07:11 PM

BF

“ Condolences to the Boles family, praying for you all!

Bernice Riggs Mosley? Honey 🍯 and family,  
and the Late Charlie Mosley, Portal Ga



Brent Mosley and Bernice Mosley and fami - April 22 at 07:12 PM

CB

*Family, thank you so much for your condolences. ~Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn*

**Carolyn Boles** - May 06 at 07:12 PM

LW

“ *MY CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY*



**Lynette Jones Wilcox** - April 22 at 02:13 PM

CB

*Thank you so much~ Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn*

**Carolyn Boles** - May 06 at 07:12 PM

DF

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about cousin Pecola passing. She was an inspiration to all of us. Such a beautiful spirit. She will be truly miss by those who knew her. Rest well cousin rest well, until we meet again. Family you have my sincere and deepest condolences. Love always, Princess & Dwayne McCullough and family.....*



**Dwayne & Princess Swint McCullough & Fam** - April 21 at 07:15 PM

CB

*Family, thank you so much for your condolences. ~Bettye, Alvin, Carolyn*

**Carolyn Boles** - May 06 at 07:13 PM