



## Marjo Shepherd Baisden

August 2, 1945 - December 22, 2020

Funeral services will be livestreamed on our facebook page  
<https://business.facebook.com/williams.f.home/>

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Marjo Baisden, 75, of Gordon, passed away Tuesday, December 22, 2020. Services for Marjo will be conducted Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 11 AM in the Gordon First Baptist Church with Rev. Aaron Thomason officiating. Interment will follow in Ramah Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Williams White Columns Funeral Home, Monday, December 28, 2020 from 6 to 8 PM. Marjo was the daughter of the late Carl and Grace Cranford Shepherd and a lifelong resident of Wilkinson County. She graduated from Wilkinson County High School and graduated with a B. S. Degree in Education from West Georgia College, Masters Degree in Special Education and 6-Year Degree in Curriculum Instruction from Georgia College. Marjo began her career in the Wilkinson County School System in 1966 until June 2004 and during that time was a teacher, Special Education Director, Assistant Principal and Principal for the Primary/Elementary School. Marjo also was an Adjunct Professor for GCSU for 18 years in the Special Education Department. Ms. Baisden loved

her students and those that weren't; they all said to know Ms. Marjo was to be loved by her. Marjo was always involved with education so, after retirement she again entered service to the community from 2009 until 2016 as Chairperson of the Wilkinson County Board of Education. Preceded in death by her son, Doug Baisden, she was a member of the Gordon First Baptist Church.

Survivors include Daughter: Kelli Starley (Ricky) of McIntyre

Brother: Kenneth Shepherd (Mary Ellen) of McIntyre

Grandchildren: James, Jacob, Jonas and Jorjann Starley of McIntyre

Nephews: Silas (Alison), Flint (Tracey) and Jeremiah (Holly) Shepherd

Many Children that weren't birthed by her but she called her own.

You may sign the online guestbook at [www.whitecolumnsfh.net](http://www.whitecolumnsfh.net)

Williams-White Columns Funeral Home of Gordon is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Ramah Cemetery

Highway 57  
Gordon, GA 31031

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Williams White Columns Funeral Home - Gordon  
179 Milledgeville Road  
Gordon, GA 31031  
(478) 628-2200  
gordon@williamsfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.whitecolumnsfh.net/>

## Celebration of Life

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gordon First Baptist Church  
103 College Street  
Gordon, GA

# Tribute Wall

SV

“ So sorry for the loss of my first grade teacher. Thank you for your love for children and education. Thank you for your support of education for Special Ed children. My you rest in peace Ms Marjo  
Susan Smith Veatch Milledgeville, Ga

Susan Smith Veatch - December 31, 2020 at 09:28 PM

SV

“ Susan Smith Veatch lit a candle in memory of  
Marjo Shepherd Baisden



Susan Smith Veatch - December 31, 2020 at 09:20 PM

SV

“ So sorry to hear about Ms Marjo. She was my first grade teacher at  
Wilkinson County. Prayers for her family.

Susan Smith Veatch - December 31, 2020 at 09:17 PM

MK

“ Marjo will be missed ... she always had a smile ... always bragging  
on her family ... Kelly your family are in our prayers .... mildred &  
johnny kimbell

mildred kimbell - December 30, 2020 at 09:15 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was a very special lady. I loved her the min we talked. She will be missed greatly



**Dawn McCoy** - December 30, 2020 at 06:37 PM

AE

“ You will be missed, Marjo. Love Linda & John Nowell & Amy Eakins



**Amy Eakins** - December 29, 2020 at 01:00 PM

MW

*Greetings to The Family: You have my sincere prayers and condolences. I too share and have many fond memories of and about Marjo. She loved her family and the School Children. She and I would have great dialogue when we would see each other. She will most definitely, be missed as she touched many students lives.*

*Mary Whipple-Lue* ❤️💜

**Mary Whipple-Lue** - December 31, 2020 at 01:10 AM

BB

“ Barbara Stinson Boyer lit a candle in memory of Marjo Shepherd Baisden



**Barbara Stinson Boyer** - December 29, 2020 at 12:19 PM

CW

“ *Candace Warren lit a candle in memory of  
Marjo Shepherd Baisden*



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**Candace Warren** - December 28, 2020 at 06:32 PM

JB

“ I first met Marjo in, 1951, if my antique memory is serving me correctly We started to school together at Gordon Elementary School in Gordon in Mrs. Dieson's first grade class.

I'll never forget that smile! she seemed to have one for everybody! i remember her playing baseball. On one particular day when she hit the ball, I heard a loud "crack"!!, I thought she had broken the bat! Then I noticed that the ball was wobbling wildly!! She had knocked the cover almost all the way off the ball!!

one cannot help but be impressed with all the degrees Marjo had in education and special Ed! But Marjo was the type that could carry all these degrees without letting her superior knowledge go to her head (no pun intended). I knew Marjo well enough to know that she obtained all those degrees because she wanted them in order to improve her ability to educate and direct the education of all the children that she so dearly loved!! EVERY ONE OF THEM, with hopes of helping them to be all that they could possibly be. I know, because she had a very important hand in teaching my grandson! I will never forget her friendly greeting , her wonderful smile and hug when we would meet in one of the grocery stores in Milledgeville. She would be on one of those electric grocery carts, but she always insisted on standing up to greet me.

She was a real powerful and strong asset to the school system. It would be impossible to fill fill her shoes with the expertise and warm friendly and loving personality of Marjo.

To the children of Marjo: Children of Marjo, ALL OF YOU, whether she bore you or not. Marjo dearly loved and cared about you more than I would ever be able to describe! You were so privileged to have come into contact with one of the greatest teachers, educator, and loving persons of all time!!!

My sincere condolences to her family and to all her MAN, MANY CHILDREN and friends

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John Benford - December 28, 2020 at 05:18 PM

MJ

“ With my deepest sympathy, i am so sorry for your loss. Marjo was such a wonderful person. She always had a smile and a kind word for me. She will be missed by all of us here at the St .Augustine Beach and Tennis Resort, but especially by me. So let the God of all comfort, comfort you in this time of need. Please remember that JoJo may not be making another trip to the beach, but we are always here at the beach for you.

*Mary & Judy*

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**MARY Jackson** - December 28, 2020 at 03:58 PM

SA

“ I am so sorry to hear about Marjo. She was an angel and I appreciated knowing her. Much love to the family.

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**Susan Atkinson** - December 28, 2020 at 01:44 PM

MJ

“ MARY J. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Marjo Shepherd Baisden.



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**MARY J.** - December 28, 2020 at 01:15 PM

TB

“ We were so sorry to hear about Ms. Marjo. We always enjoyed talking with her. We pray that God's grace and love will carry you through this time of grief. May the wonderful times and memories that you shared bring you comfort.  
Tony and Susan Budrys



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**Tony and Susan Budrys** - December 28, 2020 at 12:08 PM

VR

“ Praying for comfort and peace during this time of bereavement. God bless you and your family-Mrs. Baisden was the epitome of a lady!  
Virginia Rozier

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**Virginia Rozier** - December 28, 2020 at 09:24 AM

YW

“ The family has my sincere condolences. Praying that you are comforted and strengthened. Marjo was compassionate about the education of children and very supportive of her grandchildren. She will be missed.

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**Yolunda Whipple** - December 27, 2020 at 03:03 PM

JB

Kelli, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My heart breaks for you and your sweet babies. They were the light of Marjo's life. We were friends from way back in the day and I was always so happy to see her and catch up. She will be missed by all that knew her. Cherish your memories and know that she will be with you always. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time and the days ahead. Judy

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**Judy Brown** - December 28, 2020 at 01:25 PM

DD

“ I was fortunate enough to have Marjo as my first grade teacher when she first started her long successful career in education. Old schoolhouse in Irwinton. Impressions last...even as a small child! It was a great year! Whenever our paths would cross through the years, we would enjoy a quick chat. So sorry to hear about this. Prayers for the family.

Denise Brown Dixon  
Tennille, Ga

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Denise Dixon - December 27, 2020 at 09:01 AM

KB

“ Sincere Sympathy from the Bailey family.

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Karen Bailey - December 27, 2020 at 04:47 AM

PM

“ Pat Mathis lit a candle in memory of Marjo  
Shepherd Baisden



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Pat Mathis - December 26, 2020 at 10:43 PM

RS

“ I recall meeting her the first time when she intervene to help my youngest son. MARJO as an Educator was one of the very best. That meeting and intervention began a 25 year friendship. My condolences go out to the family and friends. She will truly be missed.

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Reggie Smith - December 26, 2020 at 09:55 PM

CK

“ Mrs. Marjo made quite an impression on me in 1990 when my friend Brad Prosser introduced me to her. Her house was the first house I went to in Gordon with Brad. It was the place all the friends of Doug wanted to hang out at. When I left in '94 I didn't see her but a few times after that but she always had a word of encouragement for me on Facebook. Thanks Mrs. Marjo for showing me the love that obviously so many were blessed to receive. Family you were truly blessed. My prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Chris Kirksey/ Thomaston Ga.

Chris Kirksey - December 26, 2020 at 09:40 PM

KC

“ Prayers for your family during this difficult time. Charlotte Grimes and Kathy Christman

Kathy G Christman - December 26, 2020 at 02:58 PM

BH

“ Kelli, my heart breaks for you! Your mom was one of those very special people who became a caring friend to whomever she met. She is today in a much better place with her Lord and Savior where she will never have any sadness or pain again! God's peace and comfort to you, Kelli and your family.

Barbara Hester - December 26, 2020 at 12:25 PM

SA

“ Marjo was a friend's friend.... I will always remember our times together at Gordon First Baptist.... we laughed, cried, and celebrated as friends and there was no judgement. Rest in peace, dear Marjo!



seralyn andrews - December 26, 2020 at 10:44 AM

PK

“ Paula Kimble lit a candle in memory of Marjo Shepherd Baisden



Paula Kimble - December 26, 2020 at 09:00 AM

EB

“ Marjo was a special lady and she will be missed by many people. She was an expert in "Special Ed" and did a lot for special needs students. As a teacher; and later as an administrator, I knew I could depend on her to guide me through the maze of rules and regulations in dealing with the education of special needs students. I enjoyed working with her and I treasured her friendship that continued after we retired. (For those that remember the two musicals that we did at the WC Primary and WC Elementary Schools in 1999, Marjo was principal then and those musicals were her "dream" that we all worked together to make happen. Great memories!) We are praying for all of her family and friends during this difficult time. May God grant each one comfort, strength and peace.



Ethel Beck - December 25, 2020 at 10:55 PM

LW

Marjorie will always live in my heart and mind as lovely, smart LADY whom I met after marrying her cousin Moyce. I was blessed to have known her for a long time. I'll always remember her & will miss her a lot ..She was a very SPECIAL LADY  
La Verne Woodard

LaVerne Woodard - December 26, 2020 at 07:41 PM

CV

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Mrs. Marjos passing. She had a heart of gold and was such a sweet soul. May God comfort you all during this difficult time. Rest easy sweet lady! 💔🙏



Candace Burke Vinson - December 25, 2020 at 08:56 AM

GW

“ Marjo service to young people in education was a calling and not a job. She was one of the truest and best friends a person could ever hope for. We spent many hours talking about our children and the children we were blessed to have served. Many people do not realize what an exceptional athlete she was while attending WCHS. A true sportsman but left nothing on the court. That is the way she lived her life. My heart breaks with her passing but by faith we will meet again. Continued healing for the family.

george weaver - December 25, 2020 at 08:33 AM

CH

“ Please accept our deepest condolences.  
Charles Jackson and family

Celeste J Harkins - December 25, 2020 at 04:50 AM

GA

“ Kelly and Family Praying that God gives you Peace and Comfort during this time.

Greg Adams - December 25, 2020 at 03:44 AM

Brandi Aldana

“ *Brandi Aldana lit a candle in memory of Marjo Shepherd Baisden*



Brandi Aldana - December 25, 2020 at 02:51 AM

MF

“ *Prayers to her family. She was a friend of many years. We shared laughs and wonderful memories ,*

Mullis Faye - December 24, 2020 at 10:16 PM

BS

“ *Marjo was a great friend and a special person. She loved children and worked for all children.*  
*Bill Sampson*

Bill Sampson - December 24, 2020 at 08:28 PM

TC

“ *A sweet lady!! Her love for children was her calling from God!!*

Tamara C Callaway - December 24, 2020 at 06:13 PM

SH

“ *Marjo was very sweet and thoughtful person. She will be missed by all. Prayers to the family during this difficult time.*



Sjirley Minter Hatfield - December 24, 2020 at 05:44 PM

JD

“ *Judy Fountain And Austin Durden lit a candle in memory of Marjo Shepherd Baisden*



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**Judy Fountain and Austin Durden** - December 24, 2020 at 12:57 PM

LY

“ *Lois Youngblood lit a candle in memory of Marjo Shepherd Baisden*



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**Lois Youngblood** - December 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM

LY

“ *Mario you will be missed. Garvis said you were a wonderful lady. Now you are resting in the arms of our Lord R I P . We love you.*

*Garvis and Lois Youngblood*

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**Lois Youngblood** - December 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ I remember Mrs.Marjo teaching lessons at VBS and being so knowledgeable about the Bible! She will be missed but what a comfort it is to know she will be with our Savior this Christmas and in paradise for eternity. There is no doubt she heard Jesus say “Well done, good and faithful servant”  
-Bonnie Brooks

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**Bonnie Brooks** - December 24, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Marjo was one of a kind. Kelli, my heart goes out to you and your kids. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the coming days.



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**Susie McAbee** - December 24, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Marjo was such an inspiration to me! My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family, but most especially to her beloved grandchildren. They were her world! Kay DeFore

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**Kay DeFore** - December 24, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ She’s was the SWEETEST 😭 may you Rest In Peace you will be missed by me & many more🕊️



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**Moneshia Bullock** - December 24, 2020 at 06:57 AM

SM

“ *Sheri Marchman lit a candle in memory of Marjo Shepherd Baisden*



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**Sheri Marchman** - December 24, 2020 at 03:00 AM

BH

“ *So sorry to hear this loss. Went to school with Marjo many years ago. She was a fine person. Condolences to the families. May the Creator keep and comfort you during this hurtful time of grief.*

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**Bill Hoover** - December 24, 2020 at 01:46 AM

 John-Gina Stanley

“ *Kelli and family, I am so saddened to hear of Marjo's passing. She will be sadly missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*John & Gina Stanley*

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**John-Gina Stanley** - December 23, 2020 at 11:23 PM

PG

“ *Marjo will be missed by so many, she was loved by so many. She was a sweet soul. Condolences to the family 🙏🙏*



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**Phyllis Nelson, McIntyre, Ga** - December 23, 2020 at 10:30 PM

AF

“ Mrs. Margo will be missed, I will missed the many conversations me and her had on life and situations and she love those grandbabies. But I know she is with Doug and happy. You will be missed. My sincere condolences and prayers.



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**Alicia Floyd** - December 23, 2020 at 09:45 PM

AN

“ Marjo was a jewel. I really respected her. She will be missed. My deepest sympathy to the family.

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**Angela** - December 23, 2020 at 09:43 PM

MH

“ I don't believe I've met a more fun loving, kind hearted, charismatic soul than Ms. Marjo. Besides her son, Doug, who I thought the world of. I will be praying for peace and comfort for the family as y'all navigate through this tough time. -Misty Harris

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**Misty Harris** - December 23, 2020 at 08:51 PM

LY

“ I am proud to say I'm one of JoJo's kids but not by birth. Kelli, I am truly sorry and she will be missed by so many. She loved everyone!! I'll continue to pray for you and your family. Hugs

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**Laura Youngblood** - December 23, 2020 at 08:44 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Frazier Hearn lit a candle in memory of Marjo Shepherd Baisden*



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**Wanda Frazier Hearn** - December 23, 2020 at 08:14 PM