



## Jewel McKay

July 23, 1938 - December 7, 2020

McKay, Jewel, age 82, of Columbiana, passed away on December 7, 2020. She was born July 23, 1938, in Holland, Michigan and died December 7, 2020, in Chelsea, Alabama at 82 years old.

Services will be Monday, December 14, 2020 at the Bolton Funeral Home in Columbiana, Alabama. Visitation will begin at 10AM with the service following at 11:00 AM. Dr. Danny Lovett officiating.

Jewel is preceded in death by her brother, Terry Monroe. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Bob McKay; daughter Shannon Fye (Brian); granddaughters Kaana and Stormi Fye; sister, Judy Neeter (Ron); brother-in-law, Bill McKay (Justine), sisters-in-law, Barbara Sullivan (Rich) and Sherry Gray (Jim), and many nieces and nephews.

After earning her nursing and teaching licenses, Jewel taught nursing at Michigan State University. She then traveled to South Africa, where she taught nursing for three years.

After returning to the United States, Jewel was instrumental in starting the nursing program at Olivet Nazarene University. Once the program gained traction, she moved to Birmingham and taught Geriatric nursing at UAB for several years.

Jewel married Bob McKay in 1982, and acquired a daughter. She then became the director of discharge planning at Baptist Montclair Hospital. Geriatric nursing has always been a big part of Jewel's life. She became a very active member of the Alzheimer's of Central Alabama Association. Jewel

joined her husband in renovating homes with an emphasis on Aging in Place. Jewel has won many awards through the years, including Remodeler of the Year for the Greater Birmingham Association of Homebuilders in 2013.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Jewel's name to the Alzheimer's of Central Alabama at [www.alzca.org](http://www.alzca.org).

Please sign online condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bolton Funeral Home  
207 Hwy 47 South  
PO Box 4  
Columbiana, AL 35051  
(205) 669-3179

## Funeral Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Such wonderful memories of Jewel! She and Bob meant so much to us when we lived in Pelham. She was kind hearted, giving, gracious, a wonderful friend and mentor. I remember when I was pregnant with my youngest, Cole, in difficult circumstances she was right there with me, even throwing a baby shower. Oh, Jewel, it has been many years since I last saw you, but you will always stay on my heart. Enjoy heaven with our Lord Jesus and those that have gone before! Love always, Dona and Brack Barnes*

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**Dona Barnes** - December 14, 2020 at 11:11 AM

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“ *Many Many patients and their families were helped by this kind compassionate woman though out her career and indeed her life. She was always teaching and guiding those of us that knew her and called her "friend". She was my friend and I will miss her. Carol*

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**Carol Ann Womack** - December 11, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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“ It just doesn't seem possible that Jewel McCay was ever 82 years old or that she has passed away. Next to the word "integrity" in the dictionary there is probably a picture of Jewel. Her kindness, her character, her concern for others were all memorable. Her quiet wisdom was a treasure to any of us who ever knew her.

Carole and I knew her through church, and were always impressed with her love for God and her willingness to be of practical help to others. She really lived up to her name in every sense of the word as she served God by investing in people.

Carole and I send our respect and condolence to Bob and Shannon. God bless you both. Skip and Carole Coulter

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**Skip and Carole Coulter** - December 11, 2020 at 01:04 AM

CP

“ It would be my prayer that everyone could have a friend like Jewel. She had so many qualities that made a true friend. She was loyal, honest, trustworthy and based her whole life and work upon her passionate faith in Jesus Christ and His word. Yes she will be missed so much but Bob and family great grief means there was and is great love.

Sincerely ,Carol Pearce

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**Carol Pearce** - December 10, 2020 at 02:24 PM