



Mrs. Frances Chambers Dawson

June 4, 1942 - January 27, 2025

Frances Manning Chambers Dawson, 82, departed this life on January 27, 2025.

A service to celebrate the life of Frances Manning Chambers Dawson will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Scottsboro Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be held the evening before from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2025, at Scottsboro Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dawson was born June 4, 1942, in Athens, Alabama. Her parents were James Wellington Chambers, Jr., and Martha Manning Chambers.

She attended Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida from September 1959 to June 1960, before entering Athens College (now Athens University) in Athens, Alabama, from which she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in June 1963. In September 1963, she was admitted to the graduate school of the University of Miami. From September 1964 to March 1965, she spent long periods in the Everglades studying parasites in sunfish which became the subject of her master's thesis. She was granted the degree of Master of Science from the University on June 8, 1965.

She then returned to Athens and held an associate professorship in biology at Athens College where she met her husband of more than 57 years, Charles Cook Dawson, Sr. While Charles was in law school in Birmingham, Alabama, she worked at University Hospital in various positions including the pathology lab. The Dawsons came to Scottsboro in 1969, where Charles practiced law for 50 years.

She was best known as a piano instructor, organ and piano accompanist at various churches and groups, and office manager in her husband's law office. She was a member of the Scottsboro Music Study Club. A voracious reader, she completed advanced foreign language (including several terms of classical Greek) and international cultural studies during summer programs at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

Mrs. Dawson was, for a number of years, the guiding force behind many of the social aspects of the Jackson County Bar, serving as its treasurer and secretary and first non-lawyer ever named to those positions. She also was the Stated Clerk of the Robert Donnell Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for many years, a position which she performed with great care and from which she derived even greater joy. She devoted herself to supporting her husband's civic activities, including The Gideons International, Kiwanis International (where she routinely sold the most pancake breakfast tickets year-after-year), and the Boy Scouts of America. Her love of all animals was well-known, but cats were first in her heart among the animal kingdom. She particularly delighted in christening them with great names - literary, classical and biblical - such as Dorian Gray, Agamemnon, Antigone and Manoah.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Cook Dawson, Sr.; her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter; one sister, Gene Chambers (Mrs. F. Joseph) Hayes of Englewood, Colorado; one brother, James Wellington "Jim" Chambers, III, and his wife Merewyn Macy Chambers of Louisville, Kentucky; a nephew; three nieces; two grand-nieces and two grand-nephews; and many other family members and friends.

Mrs. Dawson was preceded in death by her parents and by her stepfather, Marvin Wooten Stuart, who married her mother after her father's death in 1958.

Her family wish to express their deepest gratitude to her caregivers at Cloverdale Nursing and Rehabilitation, Highlands Medical Center and Southern Care/New Beacon Hospice for their tireless, expert and

compassionate care over the last months.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Robert Donnell Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at P O Box 1097, Trussville, AL 35173, The Gideon's International at <https://www.gideons.org/donate> or to Southern Care/New Beacon Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home
1502 County Park Road
Scottsboro, AL 35769
(256) 574-3965
scottsbороfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.scottsbороfuneralhome.com>

Celebration of Life

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Scottsboro Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Scottsboro, AL

Tribute Wall

MS

“ On behalf of our Church Street CPCA Church Family and my family, I extend our condolences and prayers to Charles Dawson and family. We have eternally fond memories of Frances for all the times of worship and fellowship together for our two congregations (Church Street CPCA & Christ Presbyterian Church, CPC). She was such a blessing in so many wonderful ways that were memorable to us as individuals and to our congregational relationship. The Lord bless, comfort, strengthen, and keep you all!

*Dr. Mitchell M. & Mrs. Mary Elaine Walker
Church Street CPCA, Huntsville, AL*

Mitchell M. Walker, Sr. - February 07, 2025 at 01:54 PM

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“ She was always so nice

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JG

“ I'd like to take a moment to extend my heartfelt condolences to Mr. Charles & family, on behalf of my late parents, Billy & Glenda Sanders. (Mr. Green thumb Lawn Care Inc.) They always held you in high regard, professionally & as a dear friend for many years. I know they would have shared in your sorrow during this difficult time. Please accept my deepest sympathies, and know that my thoughts are with you.
Jessica Sanders Gass



Jessica Gass - January 31, 2025 at 01:37 PM

BB

I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to Frances's family in behalf of myself and of my parents Morris and Ruth Pepper and of my brother John C. Pepper, all of whom are deceased. Frances was a long-time friend of theirs, both in her position in Charles' law office and as long-time organist at the Scottsboro Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We all valued her friendship and benefitted from her accomplishments. I am amazed as I read her obituary, at all her talents. May God grant her family comfort knowing that she left her world a better place.

Beverly Pepper Brown

Beverly Pepper Brown - February 03, 2025 at 10:25 AM

RS

Frances was a dear friends from our Athens Collage days. I and others spent great times at her house where her mother,Martha, feed us many, many times When a friendship lives in my soul few words are needed.

Ray Stonicher - March 30, 2025 at 08:13 AM

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Jessica S. Gass - January 31, 2025 at 01:31 PM