

ANNE SAYRE

Anne Sayre, born on June 22, 1934, in Asheville North Carolina, passed peacefully at home February 1, 2026. A longtime resident of [Atlanta, Georgia](#), Anne lived a life of deep purpose, guided by her unwavering commitment to social justice, equality, and service to others.

After attending Marietta High School, Anne studied at Agnes Scott College in Decatur and earned her Master's degree in Nursing from Emory University. She briefly taught nursing at Vanderbilt before starting a family.

Anne became an ordained Presbyterian minister after her children were grown, answering a lifelong call to faith rooted in action. Her ministry extended far beyond the walls of a church. She worked extensively in Central America, where she helped build schools and medical clinics in the Dominican Republic and led cultural exchange trips and established a Casa Materna in Guatemala. She tirelessly worked for justice, peace, and women's rights and equality throughout her life.

She embodied her belief in faith through action. Dedicated to hands-on service, cross-cultural partnership, and a steadfast dedication to uplifting marginalized communities, her life's work touched countless individuals across borders and generations.

Anne Sayre will be remembered for her intellect, courage, joy, and compassion, and for a life devoted to making the world more just and humane. Her legacy lives on in the communities she served, the students she taught, and all those inspired by her example. "May her light and clarity continue to illuminate minds and hearts for justice in the world."

She is survived by her children, Dan Callison, Cathey Callison Nicol, Scott Callison (Soraia), and Elizabeth Callison Hosp (Michael); grandchildren, Shannon Sayre Nicol and Heather Elizabeth Nicol; and great-grandchildren, James Connor Nicol and Frances Sayre Hatch.

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

ANNE SAYRE

June 22, 1934 – February 1, 2026



March 21, 2026

2 p.m.

NORTH DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
611 Medlock Road
Decatur, Georgia

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE ~A SLIDESHOW OF CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Betsey Moe

Beloved in Christ, we have been drawn together by the love of God that crosses every border and every distance.

God's love gathers us into one family.

Like a weaver, God our creator knits each life together and, with patience and determination, weaves our stories into a single tela, or tapestry.

God's love gathers us in wonder and humility.

Today we remember and celebrate our sister, Anne Sayre, whose baptism is now complete in death. Anne's life made a way for others to experience life, as a midwife accompanies a mother in labor. We trust that for Anne, death is not the end, but a passage—like birth—into the fullness of God's presence.

God's love gathers us in hope.

We come with hearts that ache, yet we come trusting the God of life and resurrection. The One who began creation in breath and travail is still bringing forth a new world.

God's hope is being born among us! We come to remember, to grieve, to give thanks, and to worship God.

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

GATHERING PRAYER

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

* HYMN 69

Here I am Lord

REMEMBRANCES

CEDEPCA STAFF
Corazón de Mujer
Jill Jacques and Pam Joyce
Dan, Cathey, Liz, and Scott

MUSICAL OFFERING

We'll Meet Again

Johnny Cash

READINGS

Micah 6:6-8
Matthew 5:1-12
James 1:22-25; 2:14-18

HOMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our [Divine Parent] in heaven, holy is your name. Your kin-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Seed & Feed Marching Abominable Band

The family invites you to join them as they follow the band to the Fellowship Hall for a reception.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Bobbie Wrenn Banks
Rev. Steve Bullington, Green Bough House of Prayer
Rev. David Lewicki, Pastor, North Decatur Presbyterian Church
Rev. Mary Anona Stoops, Pastor, North Decatur Presbyterian Church
Huu Mai, Music Director, Pastor, North Decatur Presbyterian Church