



Yvonne Sobel

September 25, 1938 - November 13, 2020

Mooreville, NC: Yvonne Betts Sobel, 82, formerly of North Augusta, SC, passed away at home on November 13, 2020.

Yvonne was born in Valdosta, GA, on September 25, 1938, to Eber Lessie Betts and Myrtice Vickers Betts and grew up in the tiny town of Willacoochee, GA. Her family moved “into town” to Douglas, GA, when she was in high school. Yvonne showed musical talent early and was recruited by Shorter College (now Shorter University) in Rome, GA, as a piano performance major, where she studied with the Hungarian pianist Elizabeth Buday. After graduating with a B.Mus. from Shorter, Yvonne pursued graduate studies in piano and music education at both the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and Florida State University. At Florida State, she met her future husband Robert Sobel. Following Robert while he worked on his Ph.D., she was a secretary at Associated Music Publishers in New York City, where she was able to correspond with major composers of the day, and then at Guiliani Associates Architecture in Washington, D.C., who designed a new terminal for the airport in Washington, now Reagan National Airport. In 1970, Yvonne settled in North Augusta, SC, where she raised two children and lived until just three years ago. There she combined her musical excellence with her passion for worship by serving as the Music Assistant at First Baptist Church of North Augusta for 24 years, leading the children's music programs, creating a respected summer music camp, speaking and leading at statewide music conferences, and

enriching the lives of many hundreds of children. After retiring from her church position, Yvonne turned to painting as her new passion, working mainly in watercolors, with some works also in acrylics and oils. She became the president of the North Augusta Artists Guild and continued to be remarkably active in the community, all while battling cancer in the last nine years of her life. She spent her last three years in Mooresville, North Carolina, living near her daughter and continuing to be active in her local church and as an artist in her new community. Throughout her professional and personal life she shared her passion for music, art, literature, travel, conversation, and living well with her family, colleagues, and many friends.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her parents, is survived by her two children, Jonathan Mayer Sobel (Kathryn) of Cary, NC, and Rebekah Sobel Meier (David), of Mooresville, NC; her four grandchildren, Joshua, Elizabeth, and Christopher Sobel of Cary, NC, and Spencer Meier of Mooresville, NC; her sister Marsha Betts Dowling of McRae, GA; and her former husband Robert Edward Sobel of Hohenwald, TN. The family of Yvonne Sobel offers deeply felt gratitude to the staff of Home Instead, Hospice Care of Cabarrus County, and Dr. Brigitte Miller of Levine Cancer Institute for their compassionate care.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 249 W. McLelland Ave., Mooresville, NC, with Rev. Eddie Hicks of First Baptist Church, officiating. For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/>

There will be a drive-by reception in her honor on Friday, November 27, 2020, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m under the portico at First Baptist Church, North Augusta, SC.

Yvonne and her family would be honored by memorial donations to First

Baptist Church, Mooresville, or to the arts organization of your choice.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Sobel family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **18**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
249 W. McLelland Ave.
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Receiving Friends

NOV **27**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of North Augusta, GA
625 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ *Yvonne Sobel*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Yvonne Sobel*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Yvonne Sobel*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Garcia Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Yvonne Sobel.*



Garcia Family - November 17, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ *I send my deepest sympathy to both you and Jonathan and your families in the loss of your Mother. Your Mother was such an inspiration to many a child, at FBC of North Augusta in leading choir and working alongside Mr. Jerry Matthews. I am so glad I was able to sing under you Mother's leadership and know her personally. To be absent in body is to be present with our Lord. Sending condolences and heartfelt comfort to you and your families. Again, Ms. Yvonne will be greatly missed!!*

Heather Cheek - November 17, 2020 at 09:42 AM

JD

“ James Dowling purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Yvonne Sobel.



James Dowling - November 17, 2020 at 01:53 AM

JD

“ James Dowling purchased the Graceful Wreath for the family of Yvonne Sobel.



James Dowling - November 17, 2020 at 12:39 AM

VB

“ Rebekah, you have my deepest sympathy - it's very hard to lose a parent, but in your situation, there's got to be relief that she is no longer suffering. She was a wonderful, friendly, talented lady. You will miss your Mother, but you know where her soul is . Maybe she will run into my Bill as she tries our her Angel wings. I love you, Rebekah, am praying for your immediate family as well as Jonathan's. Special love, Vivian Bishop

Vivian H Bishop - November 16, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Yvonne Sobel.



November 15, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *Precious Moments - Praying Angel*” Resin Music Box was purchased for the family of Yvonne Sobel.



November 15, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Yvonne Sobel.



November 15, 2020 at 03:23 PM