



## Ms. Annie Ruth Snelling

October 8, 1920 - July 26, 2018

Ms. Annie Ruth Snelling, 97, of Commerce, Georgia died July 26, 2018. Ms. Snelling was born in Tignall, GA on October 8, 1920. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dora Brooks Snelling and Edwin David Snelling, and by her siblings, Edna Snelling Thigpen, Minnie Lee Snelling Biddix, Mary Frances Snelling Bowan, Rudolph Snelling, Harold Snelling and Thomas J. Snelling. She was also preceded in death by her niece, Kay Hart Blalock, and nephew, Richard Lee Snelling.

Ms. Snelling graduated from the University of Georgia, and after graduation, she served our country proudly through her career with the United States Government. At a time when most women were not working outside the home, Ms. Snelling became a trailblazer for women in diplomatic service. Beginning her career in 1942, she served as a civilian employee with both the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Army.

In the 1950's, Ms. Snelling joined the United States Agency for International Development where she served as a Foreign Service Officer. Her distinguished career included two tours of duty in Saigon during the Vietnam Conflict, as well as posts throughout Europe and Asia. After over thirty years of service, she retired in 1985. For her service, Ms. Snelling was awarded the Outstanding Career Achievement medal.

After her retirement, Ms. Snelling moved to Commerce, Georgia where she was a member and Elder of Commerce Presbyterian Church. She was active in the Commerce Garden Club and worked tirelessly for a number of other civic organizations in the community. Her love of the fine arts, painting and travelling continued to inspire her throughout her life, and she enjoyed sharing her passions with friends and family.

Throughout her life, no matter where her travels took her, Annie Ruth's love of family was always evident. Her greatest pleasure came from spending time with her beloved sisters and brothers, her nieces and nephews, and all the great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Services for Annie Ruth Snelling will be held at Commerce Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Jeffrey Cain officiating. Interment will follow in Grey Hill Cemetery. The family will receive visitors at Little-Ward Funeral Home, 115 State Street, Commerce, GA 30529 on Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 3 to 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to Commerce Presbyterian Church.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Grey Hill Cemetery

Clayton St.  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home  
115 State Street  
Commerce, GA 30529  
(706) 335-3175  
lwfh@windstream.net  
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

JUL 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

Commerce Presbyterian Church  
89 Lakeview Dr.  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Annie Ruth Snelling*

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