



## Cathy Wyrick Miller

February 1, 1947 - February 10, 2021

Cathy Sue Wyrick Miller, born in New Orleans, LA, 74 years old, passed away on Feb 10, 2021, In her hometown of over 40 years, Newnan, GA.

Cathy had an unmatched spirit and passion for life and Christ and as a member of Cornerstone United Methodist Church- she illuminated everything and everyone she encountered.

Cathy truly always had a smile and an open heart and door for everyone she met. She touched countless lives and hearts and spent a lifetime educating children as a teacher and driver of excellence within her classrooms, most recently in the Coweta County School System. In her retirement, she became extremely active in Kiwanis and K-kids.

She is no longer in pain and for that we are thankful. We are not sure how any of us will move forward without her, but commend the exceptional efforts and care of the team at Piedmont Newnan.

She has always been and still is a warrior. A warrior in her ability to prevail through just about anything, including COVID. A warrior through pain. A warrior through loss. A warrior through success. A warrior in her own strength. A warrior in fighting for her children and family. A warrior in her unmatched love of her 12 grandchildren. A warrior in every single thing she did. And

above all a warrior in Christ. She did ALL of this with grace and kindness and inner and outer beauty. Fly high, our sweet angel. Fly high.

Cathy is survived by her beloved family - husband, John E. Miller, daughter, Melissa Polly (Misty Howell), son, Eric Polly (Tammy) and their kids - Rex, Chase, Heath and Kason, stepson Scott Miller (Sharla) and their children, Zach, Nick, MacKenzie and Abby, stepson Robert Miller (Sheryl) and their children, Spencer, Jack, Sarah and Emma. She is also survived by her three siblings, Beth (Mike) Respass, Eddie (Pat) Wyrick, Charles (LeeAnn) Wyrick and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins and other extended family.

She is preceded in death by her devoted parents, Ed & Lois Wyrick and nephew Jonathan Respass.

The family has chosen to hold formal services at a time when more people will be able to join in the celebration of her life well lived and well loved.

In lieu of flowers, please send all donations in memory of Cathy to the Kiwanis Club of Coweta County to support their continued efforts within the community she loved so dearly. Please send to:

online at: <https://gofund.me/bdb5d00e>

Kiwanis Club of Coweta County

P.O. Box 2305

Newnan GA 30264

Re: In memory of Cathy Miller

Condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory | 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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# Tribute Wall

AC

“ You don't know me, but I met Cathy through the Georgia District Kiwanis Conventions and I was always so inspired by her passion and her drive and her dedication to the children of not only her community, but of Georgia. I know that Georgia District Kiwanis will not be the same without her! Thoughts and prayers are with you from myself and the Kiwanis Club of Statesboro!

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**Ashlee Corbin** - March 02, 2021 at 04:14 PM

DG

“ John, Missy, and Eric,

*I had been praying for Cathy and appreciated how Missy kept everyone informed through her entire hospital stay. Missy and Eric, I don't if you remember or not, but I babysat you all some after your mom and John married and you all moved up on the street near Winfield Drive. That has been many years ago, and it has been a long time since I have seen any of you, but I remember you all well and your dear grandparents. Your family is definitely a part of my memories in the church in Newnan. I am really sorry for the intense grief which I also experienced when my dad died when I was 13. Lean into God fully during this time. You are never alone.*

*Debra Hawk Gourley*

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**Debra Hawk Gourley** - February 26, 2021 at 01:04 AM

JF

“ Jason Fleischmann lit a candle in memory of Cathy Wyrick Miller



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**jason fleischmann** - February 23, 2021 at 09:22 AM

AC

“ I worked for Dr. Swords at Coweta Dentistry. I will always treasure the recipes she gave me.

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**Amanda Hutto Castro** - February 22, 2021 at 10:08 AM

JA

“ Dear Melissa,

*I wanted to send my condolences to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know your Mother, but I know you and how wonderful of a woman you are, as they say the apple does not fall far from the tree. Please take care of yourself during this difficult time and know that I am here if you need anything. Your grieving heart is in my thoughts and prayers.*



*Jessica Anderson*

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**Jessica Anderson** - February 19, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ *Glenda Viverette lit a candle in memory of Cathy Wyrick Miller*



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**Glenda Viverette** - February 19, 2021 at 12:41 AM



“ *Extreme sorrow and deepest condolences to your family. As a teacher at TCE, I know Mrs. Miller made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many children, including her precious grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.*

*Bev Reichman*

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**Beverley Reichman** - February 18, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Cathy Wyrick Miller.*



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February 18, 2021 at 01:01 PM

MT

“ My deepest sympathy go out to all of Cathy's family. I am part of her extended family, (second cousin) on Cathy's Father's side. The Wyrick's were so much a part of my childhood, I always looked forward to visits either as they came to California, or as my family made trips to Missouri and later Newnan. Cathy's Grandmother, Lilian Wyrick and my Mother (Helen Cooper) were sisters. Although Cathy and myself were close in age, the miles across country made it difficult to keep in touch as we grew older. I know she had a great faith and I am happy to say that our Mother's/Grandmothers on the Corley side of the family were also deeply devoted to Christ. For this heritage, I am eternally grateful. May our Lord grant all of you peace in your time of loss.

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**Mary Cooper Thomas-Bowe** - February 17, 2021 at 07:57 PM

CB

“ My heart greaves for your loss, Cathy will be missed.



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**Cherie Bell** - February 17, 2021 at 06:25 PM

BB

“ John,  
I have just learned about Cathy. I am so sorry. She was a delight as were her parents.  
With a sad heart.  
Bonnie (Crosby) Burgess

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**Bonnie (Crosby) Burgess** - February 17, 2021 at 01:27 PM

CW

“ Cathy will surely be missed. She has the sweetest spirit and heaven is lucky to have her there. I know Cathy through Kiwanis and have always been awed by her passion for K-Kids. She loved the children and had such a passion for improving the lives of all children. She loved her wonderful Newnan Kiwanis Club and was so proud of her fellow members who did so much for Coweta County. Cathy helped me start the Georgia Online Kiwanis Club and became a charter member, serving as our first secretary/treasurer. Beyond her Kiwanis involvement, she was a wonderful friend. My heart is absolutely broken to hear of her passing. The family and friends will surely remain in my prayer in the coming days. - Carol Wisdom, Past GA District Kiwanis Governor

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**carol wisdom** - February 15, 2021 at 07:58 PM

BW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on Cathy’s passing. We have been friends with her mother and dad as neighbors for many years and her as a teacher in the Coweta County Schools since the 1970’s. Our thoughts are with you as you mourn your loss.



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**Bobby and Geraldine Welch** - February 12, 2021 at 08:24 PM

PC

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. Cathy and I have been friends since meeting at Atkinson Elementary School almost 40 years ago. I use to ride with her from time to time to go do Kiwanis business. I loved our trip down to St. Mary’s to present an award to a K-Kids club. Long trip, but the conversation never stopped. So thankful she invited me to go. Loved her dearly.

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**Peggy Covey** - February 12, 2021 at 07:57 PM

DH

“ Damon, Julie, Avery, Holden & Harper purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Cathy Wyrick Miller.



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**Damon, Julie, Avery, Holden & Harper** - February 12, 2021 at 06:21 PM

AB

“ When I became involved in K kids for my own Kiwanis club Cathy called me up and said “ we need to schedule a time to get you acquainted from top to bottom!” And she meant it. She had her hip troubles and I sensed she was uncomfortable but the download began. Then came dinner because so much time had gone by. No pretense- no formality- just one sister to another trying to further the efforts of K kids. I also had several very momentous moments with Ed and Lois over the years and it’s just not hard to tell WHO came first in that household. I will miss that beautiful smile and hilarious laugh until we meet again. Soar with all you’ve got my friend.

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**Amy Byars** - February 12, 2021 at 04:52 PM



Thank you, Amy. ❤️🙏

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February 12, 2021 at 05:31 PM



Thank you, Amy. 🙏❤️

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February 12, 2021 at 05:31 PM

BB

*Praying for you John, and your family.*

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**Bob Blackburn** - February 20, 2021 at 05:24 AM