



## Martha Tatum Newsom

June 13, 1943 - February 3, 2015

Martha Tatum Newsom, 71, of Newnan passed away Tuesday, February 3, 2015. She was born June 13, 1943 in LaGrange, GA to the late Seth Newsom & Mary Lou "Sue" Gilreath Newsom. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Seth Newsom, Jr.

Martha was a 1961 graduate of LaGrange High School. She graduated from Auburn University with a degree in education. She remained an avid Auburn fan throughout her life and considered herself their number one fan. Ms. Newsom taught elementary school in Coweta County for 30 years. She began her teaching career at Howard Warner School and spent the majority of her career teaching at Elm Street Elementary School and retired after teaching several years at Newnan Crossing Elementary. She was an avid doll collector who was well known for her collection.

The memorial service is Thursday, February 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, the family will greet friends beginning at 4:00 p.m.

A private family interment will be at Shadowlawn Cemetery in LaGrange.

Rather than flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 301 Kelly Drive, Suite 3, Peachtree City, GA 30269 or the American Heart Association, 1101 Northchase Parkway, Suite 1, Marietta, GA 30067.

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

She is survived by her sister, Mary N. Estes of LaGrange, nieces, nephews and many friends.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Shadow Lawn Cemetery

LaGrange, GA 30240

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **5**. 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
[care@mckoon.com](mailto:care@mckoon.com)

## Service

FEB **5**. 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *I am so sad to learn of Martha's death. We used to play together . We went from elementary school to high school together. My condolences to her family.*

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**Martha Anne Wright Greene** - April 25, 2015 at 12:36 PM

MP

“ *My sympathies for the loss of Martha. She was a lovely person and I was glad to have know her!*

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**Merle Perch** - February 09, 2015 at 04:56 PM

KN

“ *We miss you already dear Friend! We loved reading your emails in which you always expressed your big heart and sense of humor. You were our rock! You gave us motivation and inspiration to create new outfits. We loved seeing the pictures of your dolls that you sent us. Rest in peace dear Martha, we will never forget you ? Maggie & Kate*

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**Kate Naegele** - February 09, 2015 at 01:07 PM

CS

“ *Martha and I have been friends for years and have so enjoyed knowing her. I had nor heard from her in a few days and that was unusual so I researched and found that she had died. She was always kind and shared her love of dolls and the many that made her so happy. She had a thing for having them look just right. Out most recent talk on the 2nd was about perfect eyelashes, her love of the sun, and how she was looking forward to enjoying her pool. I will miss her alot...*

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**Charlene Smith** - February 09, 2015 at 11:19 AM

JW

“ Mary, I was saddened to hear of Martha's passing. I was just thinking of her the other day. We always told everyone that we were so tall in 5th grade that they used us for the flag poles on May Day. We had so many great times in the band together. I will never forget what a great Drum Majorette she was. She had the strut down pat. My best to you and yours in this sad time. Joy Shepherd Ward

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**Joy Shepherd Ward** - February 07, 2015 at 04:50 PM

LE

“ I am saddened to hear of Martha's passing. She and I were colleagues at Elm Street for many years and I am glad to have seen her this past July. She'll be truly missed but is in a much better place. May she rest in peace.

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**Leroyce** - February 05, 2015 at 01:35 PM

SW

“ I had the opportunity of sub teaching along side Mrs. Newsom several times when she taught at Elm St. and Newnan Crossing Elementary schools. She was one of the kindest and most dedicated teachers who I have ever observed. Your entire family has my deepest sympathy.

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**Susan Weegar** - February 05, 2015 at 08:36 AM

NS

“ Mary, I am so sorry for your loss of your sister. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sorry I can't be with you.

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**Nancy Smith** - February 04, 2015 at 08:51 PM

JM

“ Mary, I am thinking of you and your family. Martha and I shared wonderful times and memories, and I am grateful. So sorry I will not be able to be present tomorrow. You will be in my prayers.

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**Joyce Johnson Morgan** - February 04, 2015 at 07:54 PM

BW

“ I am so saddened to hear the news of Martha's passing. She was a fine neighbor for many years. I had many good conversations with Martha and enjoyed living next to her on Christian Drive. My prayers to her entire family.

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**Brad West** - February 04, 2015 at 01:46 PM