



## Melissa Walker Appleyard

February 20, 1947 - July 17, 2025

Mrs. Melissa Walker Appleyard , 78, of Marietta Georgia, formerly of Newnan, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 17th, 2025 surrounded by her family . She was born on February 20th, 1947 in Newnan, Georgia to the late Jerry Olin Walker and Velma Lee Walker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Joesph Appleyard and sister Marsha Walker Hawk.

Melissa grew up in Newnan, Georgia and was a 1965 graduate of Newnan High School. She was a proud graduate of the University of West Georgia and Georgia State University - to which she completed both degrees while working and caring for her family. Melissa contributed her skills in leadership and business at Playtex and later on at Coca-Cola Enterprises. After her husband's death in 2018, she continued her adventures with her family and spent every moment living life. She was an independent, strong-willed, and ambitious woman and a loving mother, grandmother, wife, and friend to all. Melissa is survived by her children Karen Hamby Gray (Ed), Cathy Hamby Gregg (Steve), Marty Hamby (Jessica), Jessica Appleyard, Katie Appleyard Varner (Jeremy), her grandchildren Wil Gray, Payton Gray, Catherine Gregg, Stephen Gregg, Jr., Madison Hamby, Stella Hamby, Charlie Hamby, Atticus Varner, Christine Hampton, Samantha Hughes, Jennifer Chandler along with four great-grandchildren.

The family will welcome friends for the visitation at McKoon Funeral Home on

Tuesday, July 22nd, from 11:00 am until service time at 1:00 pm in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, Georgia. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan.

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

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

JUL 22. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Melissa Walker Appleyard*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 22, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Melissa Walker Appleyard*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 21, 2025 at 05:43 PM

PS

“ *Pamela Sweeney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Walker Appleyard.*

Pamela Sweeney - July 21, 2025 at 03:59 PM

TH

“ *The Hamptons purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melissa Walker Appleyard.*



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**The Hamptons** - July 21, 2025 at 03:02 PM

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“ *Condolences & prayers for healing for the family.*

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**Stephen Mallory** - July 21, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ . *purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Melissa Walker Appleyard.*



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. - July 21, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ . *planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Walker Appleyard.*

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. - July 21, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melissa Walker Appleyard.*



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July 21, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melissa Walker Appleyard.

July 21, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ MICHAEL & VICKI LEJA & FAMILY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melissa Walker Appleyard.



MICHAEL & VICKI LEJA & FAMILY - July 21, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ Enza And Bob Hay lit a candle in memory of Melissa Walker Appleyard

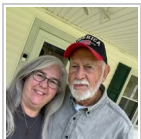


Enza and Bob Hay - July 20, 2025 at 01:54 PM



RIP Melissa, you leave behind a beautiful legacy of children, grandchildren, and great great children. You will forever be in their hearts . Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this sad time.

Enza and Bob Hay - July 20, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I'm sorry for your loss.

Lorri Hammond - July 20, 2025 at 01:25 PM

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“ Anne Marie Lista purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Melissa Walker Appleyard.



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**Anne Marie Lista** - July 20, 2025 at 10:19 AM

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“ Bettina purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Melissa Walker Appleyard.



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**Bettina** - July 20, 2025 at 09:02 AM

GW

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on Melissa’s passing. She was a student of mine at Newnan High School in the early 1960’s. I remember her fondly and am so pleased to read of her family and her successes in life. I know she will be sorely missed by all whose path she crossed. May she rest in eternal peace.



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**Geraldine Welch** - July 20, 2025 at 07:33 AM

RM

“ RIP sweet Melissa. ❤️ Thoughts and prayers for her family. Love, Robin Barron Mann



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**Robin Mann** - July 20, 2025 at 12:37 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Melissa Walker Appleyard.*



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July 19, 2025 at 11:56 PM



“ *Condolences from Cheryl Bahamas TAXI and Tours*

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**Cheryl Cambridge** - July 19, 2025 at 10:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melissa Walker Appleyard.*



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July 19, 2025 at 06:12 PM