



Martha Todd Bradbury

April 19, 1946 - December 8, 2019

Martha Elaine Todd Bradbury was born in Rome, Georgia on April 19, 1946. She was the younger of two children born to the late Ray Upshaw Todd and Maline Howard Todd. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, James Ray “Jimmy” Todd. Her dad, Ray Todd, was a printer by trade and had worked for a publishing company in Rome. As an opportunity with The Newnan Times-Herald presented itself, Ray moved his family to Newnan. Martha graduated Newnan High School in 1964 and would attain her degree in English from, what was then, West Georgia College. She taught advanced English in the Coweta County Schools at Arnco-Sargent Elementary, O. P. Evans Middle School, Newnan High School and Madras Middle School. She was known for her strict, no nonsense style of teaching, and at the same time was always fair and open to listening to her student’s side of any situation. It was Martha’s belief that it was not her purpose to create students in her own image, but to help those students develop their own image of who they wanted to become. Her community involvement included her membership in the Newnan Pilot Club; having served one year as president of that organization. Martha was a published author. Some years ago, she was deeply touched by an incident in which the child of a friend was tragically killed in a car and bike accident. She came to realize that there was precious little literature to help children understand the emotions that came into play when another friend dies. After much thought and preparation, she published “My Friend Christopher is Dead”. While the basic thought to be conveyed is based roughly on that accident, she wrote the book in a style that would be classified as fiction with a moral purpose in an attempt to help children deal with the dynamics of the emotions surrounding death. Martha loved animals and books. She enjoyed socializing with her fellow teachers. She was a part of a group, the priority being the card game Bunko, but it often dissolved into gales of laughter and sharing favorite foods and maybe a little Bunko. Her family and friends will cherish their memories of her as a dedicated teacher, an engaged parent, a loyal wife and always being someone up for a good laugh. Martha is survived by her husband, Loy R. Bradbury, Jr. Her children are Jennifer Kupfer and her husband Steve; Loy R. Bradbury, III and his wife Beverly. She was a wonderful grandmother to Heather (and Mike) Alley, Erin (and PJ) Holloway, Drew (and Allison) Kupfer, Emily Kupfer, Daniel Kupfer, Zachary Bradbury and Hunter Bradbury. The more always being merrier, Martha

considered her young neighbor, Sealy Dreyer, just another one of the grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, December 13th between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Her life will be remembered and celebrated in a service in The Chapel at McKoon on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 11:00 AM to be led by Reverend Joe Strickland. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The jovial nature that was Martha's would disdain the notion of the little black dress and suit for funerals, so put that back in the closet and select something more in keeping with her lifestyle— red is an excellent choice! Martha's love for animals trumped her love for flowers, so it is requested that in lieu of flowers, those who might wish to honor her memory might do so by a gift to The Newnan Coweta Humane Society 608 Highway 29 North Newnan GA 30263. Online condolences may be expressed at <http://www.mckoon.com>. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road

Newnan, GA, 30263

Events

DEC **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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McKoon Funeral Home

38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA, US, 30263

DEC **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 14, 2019 at 08:39 AM



“ We are so sad to hear about the loss of this fine lady and great teacher. Her family is in our prayers.

Sincerely,
Jeff, Camille, and Jake Morgan

Jeff Morgan - December 14, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ We are so sad to hear of the lost of this fine person. Martha was a great teacher and and person. We will be out of town Friday and Saturday and will not be able to attend the services. We are praying for all the family for courage and strength. Martha's humor was used for the good purpose of bolstering the spirits of the NHS staff and her students. Additionally, she was flexible and possessed true integrity. Her dual motto was speak with good purpose and take responsibility for your actions and treatment of others. Truly Martha was a master teacher and person!

Alan and Kay Wood

Alan and Kay Wood - December 12, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ Vivien Ellis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martha Todd Bradbury.



Vivien Ellis - December 12, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ Shared many hours at Newnan High School. My heart goes out to the family.

Andy Peryam - December 11, 2019 at 04:03 PM



“ Ms. Martha was such a sweet lady. I never got to personally meet her but, had a few spirited phone conversations with her regarding her pest needs. Each time I spoke to her she would make me laugh with her descriptions of the issues and then when hanging up be left with a smile. I am so very sorry for your loss. She was indeed a great lady. Sending you all much love, prayers and hugs.

Angela
Rider Pest Control, Co.

Angela Smith - December 11, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ Martha, I can't believe how many years it has been since you took that bundle of black and white Malamute fur home from my house in 1978. It was the start of a wonderful and long lasting friendship. I remember the day my "Harry" and I gave a program to your class on the survival characteristics of sled dogs when you were studying The Call of the Wild. Everybody in the class wanted to take home a handful of dog hair, as "Harry" was blowing his coat, and we both thought that was so funny. You've always been a treasured friend and I will remember and miss you always.
Vicky and Frank Jones

Vicky Jones - December 11, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ Mrs. Bradbury was a wonderful English teacher with a great sense of humor.



Trellis - December 11, 2019 at 06:42 AM



“ Love, Your Chick-Fil-a Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Martha Todd Bradbury.



Love, Your Chick-Fil-a Family - December 10, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ Joan S Exner lit a candle in memory of Martha Todd Bradbury



Joan S Exner - December 09, 2019 at 04:36 PM



“ Martha was one of my most favorite friends for more than 40 years. I worked with her and played with her. I am going to miss her so much.

Joan S Exner - December 09, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ Miss Martha, what great memories we have a time long ago. We shared good times, sad time and watching our girls grow up, The Brag and "Cracker Jack boxes " for Erni & Jennifer. I thank GOD for your time in my life. Always, Ann

Ann Scott (Williams) Garner - December 11, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ Karen Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Martha Todd Bradbury



Karen Hubbard - December 09, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ I had Mrs. Bradbury at Newnan High School for homeroom she was always very nice to me enjoyed being in her class

Karen Hubbard - December 09, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ Mr & Mrs. Larry Richardson lit a candle in memory of Martha Todd Bradbury



Mr & Mrs. Larry Richardson - December 09, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ Martha was a wonderful lady a great neighbor. She will be sorely missed by our neighborhood.

Mr Mrs Larry Richardson - December 09, 2019 at 03:49 PM